



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday of Lent - B

18th February 2018

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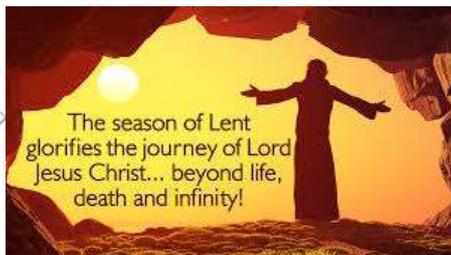
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Pastors Desk

In most book shops you'll find a selection of titles written by a wide range of authors who have taken time off or left their career behind to go in search of something that has been missing from life until then. The Camino de Santiago (The way of Saint James) which has become very popular in recent years, is full of walkers who are journeying in search of a new direction or meaning in their lives. The 'Way' or walk is taken by people of all faiths and none alike.

In scripture, there are many stories of Jesus leaving the disciples and taking time to go away to be alone. Today we hear how soon after his own baptism he is led by the Spirit out into the wilderness and remains there for forty days. In that time, we learn how he is tempted and tested by Satan but protected by the angels. When he enters Galilee after John has been arrested his message is clear for all. 'The time has come'. That time is now.

On Wednesday we were all invited to begin our Lenten journey in preparation for our forthcoming celebration of Easter. The priest placed the ashes on our foreheads and used words like those in today's gospel 'repent and believe in the Gospel' or 'good news'. That call challenges each of us to make use of this time wisely and draw closer to God perhaps by time spent each day in prayer and quiet reflection.

Today's readings all challenge us, to firstly turn towards God and then towards others with renewed faith and courage.

Fr. Gerry

You Shall Be My Witnesses – Confirmation 2018



You Shall Be My Witnesses is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation continues for all children this week for all children being Confirmed this year.

The programme for the children continues in the Pastoral Centre on the following dates:

- Monday 19th February 2018 8 pm - 9 pm
- Monday 26th March 2018 8 pm - 9 pm
- Monday 5th March 8 pm - 9 pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all again, and remember you will get much more from this than you will ever give!

We are very grateful to Lee Redmond who is co-ordinating this programme. If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact Lee at 086 159 8294.

Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day –

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make-A-Wish Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, to bring hope, strength and happiness.

Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on Friday 9th March 2018.

There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

- ☆ select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our bands there for the day
- ☆ hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- ☆ hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

By volunteering on Wish Day, you play an essential part in granting wishes and creating positive memories for children battling life-threatening illnesses.

If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our bands, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online at one of our collection points.

Alternatively, for more details contact Emma Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052011.



On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.

Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil

Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am

Service of Word with Communion : Tuesday 10 am

Spring Edition of Ayrwaves

Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the next edition of Ayrwaves is **Friday 23rd Feb.**

Email: ayrwaves@gmail.com

or contact the parish office on **01- 8160984.**



The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the **17th & 18th February 2018.**

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual *Share* Collection.

Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in schools

**ACCORD Dublin needs your support:
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON 17th & 18th FEBRUARY**

Season of Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday 14th February to Easter Monday 2nd April.

Lent is a time for us to review our lives and to prepare to commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

To assist us in our journey through Lent, the Archdiocese of Dublin commissioned a Lenten Calendar (in scratch card form) which, for each day, a quotation from the readings of the day reveals to us a personal challenge. There is a scripture quotation or suggested task for each day. You simply scratch off the date to find out what it is.

Inspired by the Gospel of Ash Wednesday, we are invited to GIVE, PRAY and FAST.

From Ash Wednesday onwards, copies of the Calendar will be available at the church doors.

God so loved the world: the readings of Lent for prayer and preaching.

For six Wednesdays of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral from 11.15am to 12.30pm. Mass will be available at 10.30am and 12.45pm.

Presenter: Kieran O'Mahony, OSA.

Protect the 8th North Dublin talk and training workshop on Wednesday February 21st at Le Cheile Donnellycarney Community & Youth Centre, Collins Ave East, Donnellycarney at 7:30pm. All welcome!

We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us



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| Saturday 17 th | (Vigil Mass) | 6:00 pm |
| Veronica Okeke | | Anniversary |
| Adolphus Chendo | | Anniversary |
| Boniface Omesuh | | Anniversary |
| Hycinth Ikwukeme | | Anniversary |
| Michael Keyes | | Anniversary |

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| Sunday 18 th | | 10:30 am |
| Denis & Elizabeth Lyons | | Anniversary |

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| Sunday 18 th | | 12:30 pm |
| Peter Perdue | | Months Mind |
| Thea-Ann Waters | | Rec. Deceased |

May they rest in peace

Thursday 22nd is the Feast of **The Chair of St. Peter.**

Trócaire and Lent 2018

This is the 45th year of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. **Trócaire Boxes** are available on the stands at both doors of the church.

Mass Schedule For Lent:

There is **no change** in the Mass Schedule in St. Paul's parish, Ayrfield for Lent.

- Weekday Mass is at the usual time of 10am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.
- Service of Word with Communion is held on Tuesday at 10 am.
- Weekend Mass is at 6:30pm on Saturday (vigil Mass) and at 10:30am & 12:30 pm on Sunday.

For those who wish to attend mass every day during Lent, Fr. Gerry will be celebrating mass on **Saturday morning at 10am** in **Holy Trinity, Donaghmede** and weekday mass is held there at 10am on Tuesdays

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018 Follow the footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Take the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land, June 6th-16th 2018. Group Leader Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork. Contact Mícheál at 0868337681 or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

Notice to Coeliacs: *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.*