



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday of Lent - B

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Pastors Desk

"We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."



The familiar Gospel story of the Transfiguration is a beautiful, moving encounter with the things of heaven. It's a dramatic moment when Jesus encounters Moses and Elijah and the voice of God the Father is heard.

Jesus brings his inner circle comprising Peter, James and John with him to Mount Tabor for this remarkable event. The transfiguration is recounted in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

In addition, 2 Peter 1:18 also refers to it, where it says: *"We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."*

There is a tremendous authenticity and witness about this description of the transfiguration. It was an event which clearly remained fresh in St Peter's mind and one that he no doubt often recalled, especially in times of difficulty. He was literally an eye witness to Christ's glory.

There is something very touching about Jesus engaging Moses and Elijah. It's as if these two major historic figures from the Hebrew scriptures are giving Jesus strength and advice for his difficult journey to come. An encounter with God in prayer, can give us strength and support as well but how often do we allow time for this in our busy lives? Jesus is encouraging us today to take time out for prayer and reflection this Lent.

And we hear the great invitation from God the Father to each and every one of us in our lives when we have felt particularly close to God. It may have been during a retreat or when walking in the countryside. Or perhaps a time when someone we love said something special to us.

Let us pray in the coming week that we may recognise these moments of grace in our lives when God is giving us encouragement and refreshment. Because God is always present in our lives even when we are unable to recognise it.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil

Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

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

Service of the Word with Communion : Tuesday 10 am

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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 26th March 2018 8 pm - 9 pm**
- **Monday 5th March 8 pm - 9 pm**

St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Swim



The annual Sponsored swim will take place at Portmarnock Strand on St. Patrick's Day at **12 noon** in aid of the Children's Cancer Fund in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

As in previous years, all funds raised goes to help the sick children. Sponsorship cards are available in the Sacristy, the Parish Office, from Shay O'Reilly, Margaret Maher & Irene Killeen. Swimmers will be seeking sponsorship from family, friends, neighbours and workmates.

Last year's swim raised €7,000 and all this money went in support of the Julie Wren Foundation associated with St. John's Cancer Ward in Crumlin.



Emmanuel 2018

Next Week is Emmanuel Week at the Helix – all persons are invited to attend – it's a great event with 70 schools involved over the four days.

Our biggest Emmanuel concerts to date in the Helix, on 26th / 27th / 28th February and 1st March. 2,400 secondary school students, 600 each concert, will participate in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra.

Tickets €12 at www.helix.ie or 01-700 7000. Please come along and support your local school. A full list of participating schools is available on litmus.dublindiocese.ie

Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of March, will take place on **Tuesday 27th** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



Coffee Weekend

We are hosting a Coffee/Tea weekend after all the Masses **next weekend 3rd & 4th March**.

All proceeds will go to the **Infant Jesus Sisters' Mission in Nigeria**.

The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to € 825.

ACCORD Dublin thanks you for your generosity.

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 the Word with Communion is held on Tuesday at 10 am.
- Weekend Mass is at 6pm 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.

St. Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Travelling as part of The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. **7th- 12th September 2018**. Staying in the Agena Hotel.

Cost € 739 Deposit €200 required, non refundable.

Insurance can be added at an additional cost of €29 for under 85 years and €58 for 85 years or over.

Bookings and enquiries to the Parish Office 01 8160984

Spring Edition of Ayrwaves

Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the next edition of Ayrwaves was **last Friday 23rd February**.

Please submit your articles as soon as possible to

Email: ayrwaves@gmail.com

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

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



Saturday 24th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Hugh Keenan 7th Anniversary
Eddie Clarke 3rd Anniversary
Jerry Meredith Anniversary

Sunday 25th 10:30 am

James & Esther Evans Anniversary
Billy Jennings Anniversary
James, Mary & Margaret Clancy Anniversary
Lucy & Gerry Meyler 3rd Anniversary

Sunday 25th 12:30 pm

Derek Dillon Birthday Remembrance
Sr. Nuala Tierney 2nd Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of*  
**Fintan Hickey recently deceased**  
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Monday 26th 10:00am

Deceased Members of the Carr Family

Wednesday 28th 10:00am

Acknowledgement & thanksgiving for all those who supported the family of The Late Audrey Kane

May they rest in peace

Friday 2nd is the 1st Friday
10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead



Third National Collection for the WMOF2018

Please support the third National Collection for WOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish this weekend 24th & 25th February.

Reminder:

The next mass in the **"You Shall Be My Witnesses"** programme in preparation for Confirmation takes place **next weekend on Saturday 3rd March** at the **6pm** Mass.

The next mass in the **"Do this in Memory"** programme in preparation for First Holy Communion takes place **next weekend on Sunday 4th** at the **12:30pm** Family Mass.

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.*