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**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent - B**  
**18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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**Ayrwaves**

The Spring / Easter edition of Ayrwaves is now in circulation throughout the parish. There are spare copies available on the church stands.

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers involved in the production of this edition, our contributors, proof reader, distributors and all on the Ayrwaves Team who help to prepare each edition for circulation and distribution. Wishing you all a safe St. Patrick's Bank Holiday Weekend and a Happy & Holy Easter.



**Pastors Desk**

As we enter the final weeks of our Lenten journey we hear Jesus indicate that the time has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Jesus was trying to explain to his apostles that it is by his suffering and death that he is bringing life and liberation to the world.



At our annual November Mass for all who have died and been buried from our parish in the previous 12 months we encourage everyone to take home a daffodil bulb and plant it in memory of their loved one. Over time something that now appears to be dead will start to come to life once more and bring forth a beautiful flower for us to admire and enjoy in the spring. Today Jesus reminds us that a seed is unless it is planted so that it can bring forth a harvest. He used this image to predict the fate that was awaiting him.

Sacrifice is an important part of daily living on many levels. For example, a candle can only give light by burning the wick and melting the wax. Loving parent's sacrifice lots so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves had,

In Lent and particularly Holy Week we are given the opportunity to focus on Jesus ultimate sacrifice for us all, his passion, the message of the cross and most importantly his triumph over death.

Today's Gospel challenges us to sacrifice our security, success and choose the service of God and others even if it hurts.

Fr. Gerry

*Timetable for Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies*

<b>Palm Sunday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Palm Sunday of The Passion of Our Lord</b> Mass at usual times Sat 6pm vigil, Sun 10:30am & 12:30pm
<b>Holy Thursday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Mass of The Lord's Supper 7:30 pm</b> followed by <b>Watch &amp; Pray Vigil until 9:30 pm</b>
<b>Good Friday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon</b> - Led by the Children of the Parish <b>Passion of Christ 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Confessions 11:30 am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Easter Vigil Mass 9:00pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Celebrating Mass with the Risen Lord</b> <b>Masses 10:30am &amp; 12:30pm</b>

There will be no 10 am Mass on Holy Thursday.

**Good Friday** - Penance Service in Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede on Good Friday at 7:30pm.

**Holy Saturday** - Blessing of Easter Baskets in **Holy Trinity Donaghmede** 11:30am – 12:30 pm sharp



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**Parish Chaplains:**

**Fr. Ubaldo Mvhindo & Fr. Dominic Kwinkinza**  
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Dear St. Patrick, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.



**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**



## Youth Work

The Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE Youth Services** - Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all masses **this** weekend the **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March**. This will replace the normal **SHARE** collection.

**CROSSCARE** provide a wide range of focused supports and programmes aimed at empowering people to achieve their own potential. Their work is person centred, rights based and supports peer led initiatives that give people the power to make changes in their own lives.

### Lenten Evening in Artane Parish.

Looking Ahead – Preparing for the Pope’s Visit.  
Ronan Barry, School Chaplain. **Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm**.in Our Lady of Mercy Church.

### Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March** at **8pm** in St Gabriel’s Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny. You are most cordially invited to join with us in this hour of prayer and do please encourage your friends to come along.

### 2018 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**, with the main celebration of the Eucharist in the Basilica at 3pm.



**This year’s theme:**  
*“We are Pilgrims”  
Knock invites us to  
healing and Peace.*  
For more information see:

[www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock)



**The annual Advocate collection** for the Sunshine Fund takes place on Saturday **24<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Emmanuel 2018** The remaining Emmanuel concerts originally scheduled for the Helix on 28<sup>th</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March will be rescheduled after Easter. It’s a great event with many secondary schools involved in participating in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra. Tickets €12 at [www.helix.ie](http://www.helix.ie) or 01-700 7000. on [litmus.dublindiocese.ie](http://litmus.dublindiocese.ie)

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



Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**Regina Ugezu** Anniversary

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**James Treacy** Anniversary

**Patricia Hennessy** 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

**Shay O’Hare** 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Monty Lonergan** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the soul of  
**Stuart Preston** recently deceased*  
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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

**Liam Doherty** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Con Maura & Breeda Ryan** Anniversary

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am

**Lisa Murphy** Birthday Remembrance

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am

**John & Eileen Walker** Anniversary

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am

**Mary Byrne** Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March** is the Feast of  
St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Congratulations to all the boys & girls who received the **Sacrament of First Penance** during the week in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May.



**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.*