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*Timetable for
Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies*

Holy Thursday 29 th March	Mass of The Lord's Supper 7:30 pm followed by Watch & Pray Vigil until 9:30 pm
Good Friday 30 th March	Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon - Led by the Children of the Parish Passion of Christ 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday 31 st March	Confessions 11:30 am – 12:30pm Easter Vigil Mass 9:00pm
Easter Sunday 1 st April	Celebrating Mass with the Risen Lord Masses 10:30am & 12:30pm

Holy Thursday - There will be **no 10 am Mass.**

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

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

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

Lourdes Fund

The parish Lourdes Fund was set up to enable someone from our community to travel with the parish pilgrimage to Lourdes as part of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage which takes place from 7th-12th September each year. For more info contact The Parish Office.

St. Paul's Parish - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
23rd - 31st October 2018

Highlights : • Walking in the footsteps of Jesus • Cana • Visit to the Holy Sepulchre • Birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem • Visit Tiberias • Nazareth village • Mount of Beatitudes • Mount Tabor • Capernaum • Boat trip on the Sea of Galilee • Dip in the Dead Sea

Cost €1,575 Deposit €250 (Non Refundable)

Early booking recommended as Map Travel will be operating a direct flight from Dublin - Tel Aviv.

Copy of envisaged day to day Programme & Booking Forms available From The Parish Office: 8160984

Parish Chaplins:

Fr. Ubaldo Mvhindo & Fr. Dominic Kwinkinza

Parish Office:
01 - 8160984

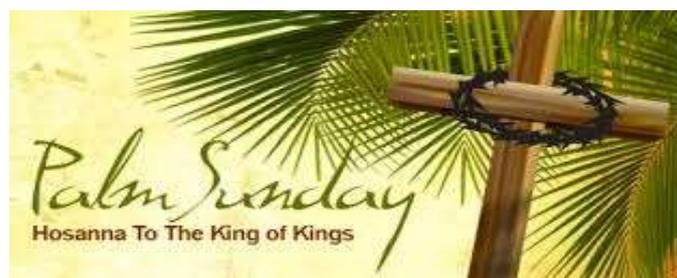
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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Palm Sunday of Lent - B
25th March 2018

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Pastors Desk

Today we begin our Solemn journey through Holy Week. We celebrate both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is a day of glory and impending tragedy.

At the beginning of mass today we first hear of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and how he was welcomed by his admirers and followers. This is then contrasted by our Gospel reading of The Passion which culminates in Jesus crucifixion.

The week ahead can challenge us to remember and relive those decisive events in the life of Christians. They allow us to experience here and now what Jesus went through and hopefully help us to appreciate the enormous price that Jesus paid for our salvation.

By looking at the different characters or players we can be challenged to examine our lives. Do we identify with Peter who denied ever knowing Jesus, Judas who betrayed him, Pilot who went against his own conscience, are we sometimes like Herod who mocked and treated Jesus with scorn or one of the leaders in the wider community who conspired to get rid of Jesus by inciting some members of the crowd in order to protect their privileged position.

Suffering is part of the human condition. This week provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the difficulties that life has sent our way and any cross we may have to bear personally. We ask the Lord to help us to carry those crosses with dignity and never lose sight that he is always with us during our suffering and pain.

May we always remain faithful to the cross in our daily lives.

Fr. Gerry



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

2018 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday 21st 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



The annual **Advocate collection** for the Sunshine Fund takes place **this weekend, 24th and 25th 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.



Youth Work

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to € 770 .

Thank you for your generosity.

Baptism Preparation

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



Devine Mercy Novena

The Novena commences on Good Friday and will continue until Devine Mercy Sunday, 8th April.

Blessing of Homes with Easter Water.

At the Easter Vigil each year, holy water is blessed. It is a tradition in Ireland that families bring this Easter water home with them to bless themselves, their homes, vehicles and also the graves of loved ones.

Small containers of Blessed Water will be available to take away after the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night.

This initiative seeks to recover a traditional religious practice that meant a lot to Irish families. The faithful have always been encouraged to take holy water home and use it as part of their daily lives. They have also been encouraged to regularly seek God's blessing on themselves, their families and on their homes, vehicles, religious objects and other items. In Ireland the great affection that people have for deceased loved ones has been shown by the tradition of blessing graves.

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



Saturday 24th (Vigil Mass) **6:00 pm**

Brendan Sinnott	Birthday Remembrance
William Whitford	21 st Anniversary
Jimmy Eiffe	Months Mind

Sunday 25th **10:30 am**

Peter Sweeney	Recently Deceased
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Sunday 25th **12:30 pm**

Patrick & May Keogh & Daughter Marie Simpson	Anniversaries
Frank Rock	Anniversary

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 Your prayers are also requested for the  
 happy repose of the soul of  
**James Kirwan** recently deceased  
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Wednesday 28th **10:00am**

John Henderson	16 th Anniversary
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May they rest in peace

Do This In Memory

This Sunday at the 12 noon Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families.



World Meeting of Families

will include a Papal Visit to Dublin

- Its Time to Get Ready!



We are delighted to hear the news this week that Pope Francis will be coming to Dublin in August to participate in the World Meeting of Families. In order to help parishioners to learn more about what going to be happening, we have invited **Hannah Evans, Outreach Officer for the World Meeting of Families**, to address a joint meeting of Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes on **Thursday April 12th at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church.**

Deacon Gerard Reilly

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.*