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## World Meeting of Families will include a Papal Visit to Dublin



– Its Time to Get Ready! –  
Information Evening on  
Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

We are delighted to hear the news that Pope Francis will be coming to Dublin in August to participate in the World Meeting of Families. Many of us will recall the excitement of attending the Papal Mass with Saint John Paul II in the Phoenix Park back in 1979 and it's wonderful to hear that a similar mass is planned with Pope Francis. The preparations have been somewhat low key so far but, with only five months to go, we can expect to hear a lot more about this event in the coming weeks.

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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church.**

The format will include a workshop and discussion with plenty of opportunity for questions. Hannah is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker, so it will be a great opportunity to hear more from her about how we can participate in the World Meeting of Families as a faith community and to benefit from Hannah's experience about what is happening in other parishes in the Archdiocese.

We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Trinity Church on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for this important occasion.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

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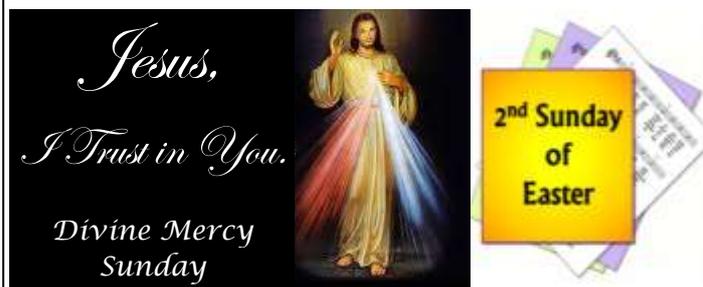


## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield Second Sunday of Easter – B ( Divine Mercy Sunday )

8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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### Pastors Desk

Today the disciples are locked in the room for fear that the Jews would find them, and they might suffer a fate like Jesus. After Jesus death they were disheartened and unsure of the future. They had thought he would always be with them and now he was gone. Their vision for the future had been shattered.

Then, something amazing happens. Jesus comes and stands among them. His reassuring greeting is 'Peace be with you' and they are immediately filled with joy. You can imagine how their hearts must have felt at that moment. A combination of amazement and perhaps fear surely.

At that point he commissions or challenges them to leave this place of safety and go out to bring his message of forgiveness of sins to all they meet. To help them in their ministry he gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thomas, we hear is not there when Jesus initially appears to them and he does not believe the others when they tell him they have seen him. He lays down the conditions under which he will accept that Jesus is risen. Some days later Jesus reappears and finally Thomas believes.

Thomas surely felt that way because of his life experiences. Sometimes life can do the same to us. We may lose faith that God exists or that he is listening to our prayer when we experience health problems or have lost a loved one.

Today we pray that the Spirit of the Risen Christ may strengthen our hearts and minds to follow him in faith each day.

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 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)

Living God, we worship you today with joy in our hearts and thanksgivings on our lips.

When the powers of evil had done their worst, crucifying your Son, and burying him in death, you raised him to life again: an act of power giving hope to the world.

Lord Jesus, we rejoice that death could not keep you in its grip; that you were raised to life, alive for evermore.

You greeted your friends and now you stand among us in your risen power.

Spirit of God, you are always giving life to the people of God, giving birth to children of God.

Remodel us in the image of Jesus, fill us with his love and enable us with his risen power, that we might be faithful to this way, used by you in the redeeming of your world.

Amen.



**Reminder:**

The next mass in the **"You Shall Be My Witnesses"** programme in preparation for Confirmation takes place **next weekend on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at the **6pm** Mass. The Ceremony of Light, this is the final celebration in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

The next mass in the **"Do this in Memory"** programme in preparation for First Holy Communion takes place **next weekend on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** at the **12:30pm** Family Mass. This is also The final preparation mass before the First Holy Communion Ceremony on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.



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



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

**Eileen Brown**  
17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Jerry Delaney**  
Months Mind

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am

**Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke**  
Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

12:30 pm

**Margaret Behan**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Easter Dues.**

Easter Dues Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your Outdoor collector.

**Coffee Weekend**

We are hosting a Coffee/Tea weekend after all the Masses **next weekend 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

**Thank You**

Sincere Thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparation and participation of the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies and all who prepared the church.

**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.*