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**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Third Sunday of Easter – B**  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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### Easter Dues.

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



### You Shall Be My Witness - Confirmation Preparation Mass

This Saturday at the 6:00pm Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for Confirmation and their families. This is the final celebration in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Ceremony of Light symbolises the passing on of the Christian faith. As we remember the days of preparation, we thank God for all the blessings bestowed on the children during the months of preparation and we thank him for choosing these young people and offering them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### 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.



### Meals on Wheels

St Anthony's House has been providing a Meals on Wheels Service since 1997.

The catchment area for this service is Clontarf, the meal is delivered between 11.30am and 12 on a daily basis Monday to Friday. If clients require a meal for the weekend we can deliver this on a Friday.

The Meal consists of Meal of the Day and a dessert. If the client has any dietary requirements we can facilitate that i.e. Diabetic/ Cholesterol all our meals are low salt. We are looking to expand our services and are inquiring if any of your parishioners would like to avail of this service.

The **contribution** towards the meal is **€4.50 per day** and this can be collected by the driver or whatever arrangements are suitable to the clients. (Each parish would need to have voluntary drivers to delivery all meals).

We also have an In House Service where clients can avail of a Meal on a casual basis or a daily basis in St Anthony's Parish community house.

If you require any more information please email [info@stanthonysclontarf.ie](mailto:info@stanthonysclontarf.ie) or contact 01-8335300

## Pastors Desk



As the disciples are telling their story about what had happened to them on the road Jesus appears among them and greets them with the words 'Peace be with you'. Although this greeting is one of peace they are still alarmed and frightened. Their confusion was understandable as it was only Easter night. Jesus realises what they are thinking and asks them why they are doubting that it is he standing there. He invites them to feel his wounds by offering his hands and feet. Still they are not sure. He asks for some food to eat so that he can offer further proof.

Then, Jesus tries to open their minds to what the scriptures had foretold and which he had often referred to while he was with them. They had failed to understand fully the significance of what they saw and what he was trying to tell them. He explains why he had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Now he tells them that they are to be his witnesses and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all they meet.

The disciples immediately wanted to share their experiences with others. Likewise, today we are all called to be his witnesses to him and testifying to his passion and death and show forth the significance of the resurrection in our own lives.

Today we pray that our lives will be characterised by a peace and joy that is real and active so that others will recognise Jesus within us.

Fr. Gerry

### Parish Chaplains:

Fr. Ubaldo Mvhindo & Fr. Dominic Kwinkinza  
Parish Office: 01 - 8160984  
Sacristy: 01 - 8160981

### 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.

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. A full programme is planned for the day with something for all ages including a workshop on the spirituality of Knock, a programme in the Youth Hub for children and young adults. In addition, there will be a pilgrimage walk around the stations of the cross. There will also be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Sick and the pilgrimage will conclude with mass at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in the Basilica.

Holy Trinity Parish are organising a bus (at a cost of €20) and has been a tremendous response so far. The bus will leave Holy Trinity Church at 7am on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> and will stop on the way down. It will leave Knock at 4:30pm and will stop again on the way back. Please bring a packed lunch for a picnic in Knock.

For more information see:

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

Please leave your name in the parish office or email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie) if you would like to attend.

An enjoyable and reflective day is promised for all!

### St. Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Travelling as part of The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

**7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### St. Paul's Parish - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**Veronica Okeke**

Anniversary

**Steward Preston**

Months Mind

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am

**Jim Daly**

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

12:30 pm

**James Kirwan**

Months Mind

**Mary, Delores & Esther Cross**

Remembrance

**Rose O'Neill**

Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the soul of  
**Elizabeth Joyce** recently deceased*

*May they rest in peace*

### Share Appeal Sunday

**The Common Fund** collection supports the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priest in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout the Diocese.

**The Share** collection provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes. Share also provides support to low-income parishes and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference.

*"We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who support our mission. I thank those who continue to contribute to the Sunday collections because it is your generosity that makes our ministry possible."*

– **Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.**

### Coffee Weekend

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

All proceeds will go to the

**Infant Jesus Sisters' Mission in Nigeria.**

**St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council** are holding their third meeting with Church Volunteers on Monday next 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. All volunteers who were **not** at either of the first two meetings are welcome. This includes Ministers of the Eucharist, All Choirs, Cleaners, Finance Committee and Liturgy Group. The meeting will discuss present and future needs of our Parish Community. Your views will enable us plan for our Parish for the coming years.

**Oliver Smith, Chairman**

**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.*