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### Easter Dues.

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

### Trocaire Boxes.

Trocaire Boxes can be returned to the church and handed into the Parish Office or Sacristy.



**FAMILY ALBUM-for World Meeting of Families.** Here in St Pauls in the coming weeks we invite you to create your own piece of art for inclusion in the WMOF Family Album, we will also **display the artwork in the church in the run up to the WMOF in August 2018.**

### **What do you do to be included?**

Draw, paint or create a piece of art representing **'What family mean to me'** on either a4 or a3 size paper and bring it along to the church and place in the folder provided near the Icon for WMOF outside the sacristy door.

**Alternatively** you and some of your family members may come to the church on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 11.30 to 12.30, after 10.30 Mass and before 12.30 Mass**, where our art group will facilitate your family artwork by providing paper, colours etc and your family will have the opportunity of creating its own work of art for digital display at the World Meeting of Families in August.

The Parish Pastoral Council encourage as many as possible to take part.

**More Information call Noreen Kelly 0863999969**

### **Parish Chaplains:**

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



## **St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – B**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

**www.stpaulsparishayrfield.com**

**Email : parishofficeayrfield@eircom.net**

## **Pastors Desk**



Today the Fourth Sunday of Easter we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection.

It is Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday. The worldwide church is asked to foster and pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and religious life.

The Gospel this morning uses the image of the shepherd. But, everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. So not just priests or religious but also parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, community leaders, politicians etc are all shepherds trying to lead or direct others in a context or setting.

It's increasing fact that the fall off in vocations to priesthood and religious life has begun to show an impact not just on parish life here in Dublin but throughout the country. Many parishes in rural towns and cities have had to consolidate mass times and priests have begun to travel from one church to another some distance away for the next mass. It would be easy to become disheartened or disillusioned for the future life of the church. We should never underestimate the power of prayer and how we all have a responsibility to foster vocations in our own families and communities. Pope John Paul II's visit to Ireland in 1979 resulted in marked increase in vocations. We can only pray that Pope Francis visit in August for World Meeting of Families will have a similar effect.

So, we continue to pray for vocations. That women and men will be inspired to respond to the Lords call to Priesthood or religious life and choose to devote their lives in his service.

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**



## Mission Coffee Weekend

The Infant Jesus Sisters are deeply grateful for your extremely generous response to their request for support for their Nigerian mission. The amount raised at the Coffee Weekend amounted to **€2,135**. There was also **€300** raised in the sale of Easter Chickens locally. The Sisters will certainly use these funds to educate young people and help those with health problems. May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity.

## Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of May, will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



## Emmanuel 2018

**Rescheduled Dates – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30 pm.** 30 schools comprising 1200 students (600 students per night) from different parts of the Diocese are participating in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra.

Tickets €12.00 [www.helix.ie](http://www.helix.ie) Tel: 01 700 7000.

## 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**

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



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

**Ellen, Frank & Desmond Gurrin**

Anniversary

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am

**Peter Kavanagh**

Anniversary

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

12:30 pm

**Jimmy & Lilly O'Reilly**

Anniversary

**Bridie Grehan**

Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** is  
the Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist.

## Vocation Sunday

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A collection will be taken up at all masses **this weekend 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April** to help fund the Formation of Students for the Priesthood. It replaces the usual *Share* collection.

## Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** of April at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

**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.*