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The annual cemetery masses in our area will take place on the following dates:

Old Balgriffin Cemetery	Sunday 1 st July	12pm
Dardistown Cemetery	Sunday 1 st July	3pm

St. Paul's Senior School

On Wednesday 27th June, St. Paul's 6th class boys and girls completed their graduation from Primary School with a celebration mass held in St. Paul's church. This marked the end of one chapter in their lives and the beginning of another.

The 6th class boys and girls chose "A Million Dreams", as their theme for their graduation and their appreciation for family and friends. They also sang "This is me" at the end of the graduation ceremony, which they performed at their graduation variety show held in the Senior School on the evening of Friday 15th June.

Special thanks and appreciation was expressed towards the children's parents, teachers, especially their class teachers Ms. Hackett & Ms. Cahill, Principal Mr. Brougham, Fr. Gerry and parish staff and all the 6th class friends for their help to bring them towards this milestone. Many words of encouragement were given as inspiration for their future. It was a great celebration.

We wish everyone who completed exams this year an enjoyable and relaxing Summer and all the best wishes for your future.

For all the young children on Summer break, we wish you a great summer filled with fun and adventure and always remember to keep safe especially near water in this glorious warm weather that we are experiencing.

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B
1st July 2018

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Pastors Desk

Today's Gospel has two stories. One of them is sandwiched between the beginning of another. We have the unusual combination of two miracle stories, a healing and a restoration to life.

Jairus, one of the synagogue officials comes to Jesus and falls at his feet and pleading him to come to his home and lay his hands on his sick daughter to make her better and save her life. Jesus is moved by his plight and immediately sets off towards the man's home.

But then our Gospel switches to the story of the Woman who has suffered from a haemorrhage for 12 years and despite expensive and painful treatments her condition has worsened. The woman comes and touches Jesus cloak declaring 'If I can touch even his clothes'. The moment she does, her ailment is miraculously cured. Jesus is immediately aware that something has happened and asks, 'who touched me'. The woman comes forward, aware of the miracle that has just taken place and declares it was her. Jesus replies 'My daughter – your faith has restored your health. He instructs her to go in peace and be free.



Now our Gospel returns to our original story. Officials from Jairus house come with the sad news that his daughter has died. Jesus tells them 'Do not be afraid – only have faith'. Dismissing the commotion when he arrives, Jesus takes the child's mother, father and some of his own company into the room and taking the child by the arm he tells her 'Get up'. Immediately she gets up and begins to walk around.

Both healings teach us that Jesus wills life, full life for all of God's children.

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

The 6pm Vigil mass on **Saturday 30th June** is a **memorial mass dedicated to**

Fr. Pádraig O'Saorai R.I.P.,

former Parish Priest of Ayrfield, who passed away in Woodlands Nursing Home, Navan on 3rd June 2018.

Fr. O'Saorai was Parish Priest in Ayrfield from 1980 – 1997.

Light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre afterwards.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

On behalf of the family of the late Fr. Paddy Seery, a note of appreciation to all of you who sent their support during our sad time by means of Mass cards, flowers and phone calls, your kindness was a great comfort. For all of you who sacrificed your time to travel to St Michael's Church, Athy, for the removal and funeral, and to Mount Jerome Cemetery, Harolds Cross, for the burial, your presence was uplifting. Thank you all so much for honouring the passing of our dear Uncle.

From Máire (niece of Fr Paddy).

Infant Jesus Sisters

A message of thank you to everyone who contributed in anyway to the wonderful collection made at the Coffee Weekend held in St. Paul's, to help with the Sisters mission in Nigeria. Ever thanks and continued blessings on you all.

Sr. Kitty I.J.S.

P.S.

Sr. Anne and Sr. Antoinette have just arrived home from Nigeria, I'm sure they will make contact.

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On a sad note for the Parish, Sr. Pauline moved to Mallow on Sunday last, 24<sup>th</sup> July, after spending 27 delightful years with us in Ayrfield. As this announcement came at short notice, light refreshments were organised in the Pastoral Centre after 6pm mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> for Sr. Pauline and friends. We wish her every blessing on her new venture and she has promised to come back and visit.

### Ordination to the Priesthood

Please keep in your prayers at this time, Robert Smyth from the Parish of Knocklyon. Archbishop Martin ordained Robert a deacon in April of 2017. He was ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Dublin on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June (Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul) at 3pm in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral.

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



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**Fr. Pádraig O'Saorai** Recently Deceased

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

**Bridget Kelly** Birthday Remembrance

**Peter, Margaret & Michael Nolan**  
Anniversaries

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Mass Bouquet List.

The Miraculous Medal Novena will be said at the 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. Service of Word with Eucharist and devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** is the Feast of **St. Thomas, Apostle.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is cancelled for the months of July & August and will resume again on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

### Peter's Pence Collection

The annual collection for the Pope and Pontifical Charities "**Peter's Pence**" collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend. **This replaces the Share collection.**

*Today we take up the "Peter's Pence Collection", one of the oldest collections in the Church history, a tradition in which the Church worldwide supports the charitable and evangelical work of the Bishop of Rome. Hopefully you will give generously to this collection as a sign of gratitude and recognition of the work of Pope Francis.*

### St. Vincent De Paul

The Society will be taking up their monthly collection after all Masses next weekend.

**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.*