St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – B

15th July 2018

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Pastors Desk

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus emphasises the concept of freewill. We are free to either accept or reject the message of the Gospel. He sets the following criteria for accepting the message of the Gospel: "If any place" (i) Does not welcome you OR (ii) People refuse to listen to you, then he advises his disciples to move on elsewhere and shake the dust from their feet as they do so.

Jesus wants people to show an openness to the message of the Gospel. Crucially, he asks that they *listen* to what the disciples have to say. In our busy lives (not least my own!) how often do we allow time to *listen* to Jesus whether this is by reading his word, listening to people of faith or through prayer. Often the words of Jesus can become obscured by the noise and busyness of the soundtrack of our lives.

Many people associate the ministry of the apostles as commencing in the time after Pentecost. But, from this gospel reading, we can see that it commenced a lot earlier than that. We are told that Jesus sent them out "in pairs" and "gave them authority". The disciples responded positively to this request from Jesus.

Often the response that we make to the call of Jesus can lead us off in unexpected directions. The disciples can never have imagined where this call would lead them but they were prepared to trust Jesus and go ahead with their mission.

And so it is with us. When we set out on a journey we are not absolutely sure where it will lead us. There may be surprises along the way. We may end up taking diversions. Some roads may be smooth and straight, others narrow and full of potholes. But we need to be confident that the journey is worthwhile and that the ultimate destination will be well worth the effort.

Let us pray that, as we reflect on our own calling as Christians, we will be enlightened to take the path that God has chosen for us by the grace of the Holy Spirit as we continue our own journey of faith.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

Mass Times

Saturday	**:**	**6 pm Vigil**	
Sundays	**:**	**10:30 am & 12:30 pm**	
Weekdays	**:**	**Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri.**	**10:00 am**
Tuesday	**-**	**Service of the Word with Communion :**	**10:00 am**

Rose Festival 2018

Dublin City Council invites you to come along and join in the fun at the annual **St. Anne's Park Rose Festival** which takes place on **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July, 2018 from 10.00am to 6.00pm each day.**

St. Anne's Park is one of the jewels of Dublin's northside where the public can enjoy woodland walks, recreational facilities and, of course, the beautiful Rose Garden. We invite everyone to come along over the weekend and enjoy a great day of family fun in this beautiful setting.

Prayer for a sick friend

O Holy Spirit please come like a dove, shield and protect now the one that I love. Cover their wounds with Your grace feathered wings, shield them from sorrow, breathe hope songs within.

Tend with Your goodness the pain that they bear, heal now their sickness with miracle care. Carry them high far above till they see Your rainbow of promise, real hope lies ahead.

I love them so dearly, so help me to be All that you, Jesus, would give out through me.

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

Saturday 14th — *6:00 pm*
(Vigil Mass)

Francis Okeke Anniversary

Brian Caffrey 1st Anniversary

Sunday 15th — *12:30 pm*

Garrett Gorman 24th Anniversary

Seán Guiney 9th Anniversary

Roisín O'Neill 2nd Anniversary

Monday 16th — *10:00 am*

Winnie & Jack Delaney Anniversary

May they rest in peace

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.*

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