



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
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Pastors Desk

Back in 2015 at the end of the last World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia Pope Francis announced that the 2018 meeting would take place here in Ireland.

During the last months the final preparations have been taking place. In the last week many have finally been put into practice as parishes being to mark this special event. Details of Pope Francis itinerary during his visit have been released and participants have arrived from all parts of the world. The Congress has taken place over three days with guest speakers sharing their thoughts on a wide range of topics related to issues of faith.

Much has been written and commented on in the media about the need for Pope Francis to address the awful crimes that have been committed against children, vulnerable adults and women in the dark history of the church. We expect that he will address these issues during his visit to Ireland.

The World Meeting of Families gathering is ultimately about celebrating Families. The shape, structure and make-up of the family unit has changed much over time. Ultimately, it's within any loving family structure that we are nourished, nurtured, cherished, shown security, we learn what it means to be loved and to love, to forgive and be forgiven. Its within our family that we learn how to be fair, to give and take, to have and to share.

Today, we also remember families who are experiencing homeless and parents who are striving to create that safe and stable environment for their children. We think of families where there is uncertainty and division, that there will be healing and reconciliation among them.

Fr. Gerry

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

Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of **September**, will take place on **Tuesday 28th at 7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



The World Meeting of Families will conclude on Sunday with the Celebration of Mass in the Phoenix Park, led by Pope Francis at 3pm.

The Mass will be broadcast on tv. For those not attending the Mass in the Phoenix Park, you are welcome to view it on a big screen in the Church of Divine Grace, Raheny. It will start at 1:30pm; the Pope is due to arrive at the Park at 2:30pm, with Mass scheduled to start at 3pm. It is suggested that you bring a cushion – as it may be a long time sitting in the pews! Contact the **Raheny Parish office** on **01-831 32 32** to inform them of your attendance.

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



Saturday 25th 6:00 pm

(Vigil Mass)

Carl Kenworthy
 Anniversary

Sunday 26th 10:30 am

Stanley O'Brien
 Months Mind

William & Katie Reilly
 Anniversary
& Deceased members of the Reilly Family

Sunday 26th 12:30 pm

Ann & Christy Kearney
 Anniversary

Timmy Horgan
 24th Anniversary

Gerard O'Byrne
 Recently deceased

May they rest in peace