



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B 30th September 2018



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Pastors Desk



Today's readings give us a stern warning against jealousy, intolerance and scandal.

In today's Gospel John is eager to tell Jesus that they have seen a stranger who was not one of the disciples casting out devils in his name. They tried to stop his efforts. They expected Jesus to condemn the man but instead Jesus quickly tells them that they had no right to stop him because he was doing something that was essentially good and life giving.

But why would the disciples want to condemn a man who was essentially doing something that was good and that brought healing to others? Well perhaps they may have been jealous of this stranger. Maybe their own efforts to bring about healing in others had not been as successful? Jesus is quick to reprimand the disciples for their jealousy and suspicion and tells them that they should not be so narrow minded and to recognise God's power wherever it was found.

He wanted the disciples to rejoice in the good that all others did for their fellow women and men with the words "Anyone who is not against us is for us". In other words why condemn the man when he was doing something good.

None of us has the monopoly on God's work, love or the power to heal. Intolerance from fear of other faiths or envy can prevent us from responding to Jesus primary command to love of our neighbour irrespective of their beliefs or position in life. It is through mutual respect that we find common ground with others and discover strengths in the different beliefs. Whenever or wherever we see God's work being done we should give it our support and be ready to work together with those doing the work irrespective of their faith or not.

Fr. Gerry

Three Day Festival of Prayer to St Thérèse

A triduum in honour of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus will be held in St. Brendan's Church, Coolock Village, on **Saturday 29th September at 6.30pm**, on **Sunday 30th September at 6.30pm**, and on **Monday 1st October (her Feast Day) at 7.30pm**.

A relic of St Thérèse will be available each evening during the triduum and roses will be blessed on the final night.

Annual Triduum to St. Therese of Liseaux (The little flower) running from Sat 29th Sept-Mon 1st October in **St. Teresa's Church, 78A Donore Avenue, Dublin 8**.

Mass times are as follows: **Sat 29th Sept at 6.30pm** with guest speaker Ms. Mags O'Shea.

Sun 30th Sept at 11am with guest speaker Mr. Brian Dooney

Mon 1st Oct at 7.30pm with guest speaker Fr. Sean McArdle SM (Followed by refreshments)

Included in these Masses will be the blessing of the Roses and also a blessing with the relic of St. Therese.



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

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Fr. Dominic Kwikinza & Fr. Ubaldo Mvhindo

Fr. Dominic & Fr. Ubaldo have served the people of St. Paul's Parish over the past year while also pursuing their studies at DCU.

As you may know, they have completed their studies and will be returning to Uganda on Monday, 1st October 2018.

As a Parish Community we thank them for their involvement in our parish and hope they have many enjoyable memories of their time spent in Ayrfield. We wish them every success in their future.

**St. John the Evangelist
Church of Ireland
Harvest Home Festival
13th & 14th October**

On behalf of the clergy and parishioners, I wish to extend a warm invitation to you and your fellow parishioners to join us in *St. John the Evangelist Church of Ireland* on Tonlegee Road (in front of old Smurfit factory) to celebrate the arrival of this year's Harvest.

Traditionally, the church is decorated with fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers which are distributed after the service to the sick and needy. This year all fruit and vegetables (and any tinned or dry foods) will be donated to **Brother Kevin Crowley's Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People.**

This historic church (with its 9/10th century artifacts and its stained glass windows with work by Childes, Purser, Burne-Jones. Morris and Meyers) will be open for 2 hours on Sunday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, giving all an opportunity to see inside and to bring an optional donation for Brother Kevin. Then, at 3.30pm, there will be a half-hour Songs of Praise with a harvest theme. You are very welcome at any event, but we would especially appeal to those who like to sing to lend their voices to make this a moving experience for all who come.

See the notice board for more information.

Scripture Study and Faith Enrichment Course

A Scripture Study and Faith Enrichment Course for adults begins in the Good Shepherd Parish Centre, Churchtown. The course will continue each Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, concluding on Thursday 6th December. The focus will be on the Acts of the Apostles. This follows on from the very well-attended and insightful 12 week course on the Gospel of St. John which took place earlier this year. There is **no charge** for participation in the course. You will need to bring a Navarre copy of the Bible. All are welcome. Please contact **Liam** at **086 807 6555** or **Mary** at **086 357 6581** to reserve a place on the course as numbers are limited.

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



Saturday 29th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm
Annie Kemmy Anniversary
Moira Hardiman 1st Anniversary

Sunday 30th 12:30 pm
Michael Brophy Months Mind
Mary Townsend 19th Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Yvonne Murphy** recently deceased.*  
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Wednesday 3^d 10:00 am
Brian Graytrox Anniversary

Thursday 4th 10:00 am
Paddy Cass Birthday Remembrance

May they rest in peace

Monday 1st October is the 1st Monday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Mass Bouquet List. The Miraculous Medal Novena will be said at the 10am Mass.

The memorial of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Tuesday 2nd October is the 1st Tuesday. Service of Word with Eucharist and devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am.

The memorial of The Guardian Angles

Thursday 4th Oct, is ***The memorial St. Francis of Assisi.***

Friday 5th October is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

St. Francis Hospice Coffee Weekend

Firstly, We would like to thank all the ladies who organised this very worthy event in aid of St. Francis Hospice, last weekend. The amount raised was **€1,035**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



On **Sunday 7th October** starting at **2.30pm**, join with tens of thousands of people at different locations around Ireland and the world, in the first simultaneous global Coastal Rosary initiative, invoking our Lady's powerful intercession. Please do come and make a special effort to pray to God for mercy & blessings for our Church, Ireland and the world.

Your nearest Coastal Rosary will be at 2.30pm at:
Dollymount Strand: Meet at the Interpretive centre.
Malahide Estuary: Meet at Swords Club house.

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.*