



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B 7th October 2018

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Pastors Desk



Through my work with ACCORD I get to meet many couples at pre-marriage courses. Many have been living together for some time but have now decided to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage. As part of my presentation I ask the couple's to focus

a little on why they have chosen a sacramental marriage over a simple civil

ceremony. Do they really recognise the part that God have played in bringing them together and now want to enter into a Sacramental celebration or is it simply down to pressure from parents or some other reason?

I then ask them to focus on the marriage vows that they will exchange during the ceremony and try to illustrate how intrinsic they are to the celebration of the Sacrament. What exactly does it mean to say 'for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of our lives'. For most of them it's the first time they have ever thought or spoken to each other about the true mean of the vows they will make on their wedding day.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees try to catch Jesus out by a question on the lawfulness of divorce. It's clear that the Law of Moses allowed some form of divorce. It's also worth noting that the Pharisees said the law gave the man the right to drop his wife whenever he wished but that his wife had no corresponding right. Jesus is quick to point out that the man had no more right to divorce and marry another than had his wife.

Living out the sacrament of marriage is not always easy or plain sailing. God's ideal is not always achieved. It's only God's love that can embrace the failure as tenderly as the success.

Fr. Gerry.



Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 17th** of October at **7:20pm** in the **Carnegie Court Hotel**, Swords, Co. Dublin.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

St. Vincent De Paul

The Society will be taking up their monthly collection after all Masses next weekend. 13th & 14th October.

Day for Life 2018

We pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through. Amen.

Leaflets available in the church stands.

Fr. Dominic Kwizinza & Fr. Ubaldo Mvhindo

On Saturday evening, 29th September, light refreshments were had and a presentation was made to Fr. Dominic & Fr. Ubaldo in the Pastoral Centre from the parishioners of Ayrfield. The Fathers have expressed their sincere gratitude to the parishioners for welcoming them into the life of the parish community and for the surprising presentation made to them before they returned to Uganda.

You will always be remembered in their prayers.

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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

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.

Confirmation Meeting

In preparation for Confirmation, a meeting for parents/guardians of the girls and boys who are making their confirmation in 2019 will take place on **Thursday, 11th October 2018** at **7:30pm** in the **Parish Church**.



Fr. Gerry Corcoran will facilitate this meeting. This is a very important meeting and we would ask all parents/guardians to attend.

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 Tonleegge 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.

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



<i>Saturday 6th</i>	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
Helen Whelan		14 th Anniversary
George Stephens		1 st Anniversary
William Kelly		Months Mind
Maureen O'Donnell		10 th Anniversary

<i>Sunday 7th</i>		<i>10:30 pm</i>
Mary & Robert McGran		Anniversary

<i>Sunday 7th</i>		<i>12:30 pm</i>
Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke		Anniversary
Una & Michael Kelleher		Anniversary
Tom Connolly		Anniversary & Birthday Rem.
Tuiren Rodha O'Toole		2 nd Anniversary

<i>Thursday 11th</i>		<i>10:00 am</i>
Thomas Brodigan		Recently Deceased

<i>Friday 12th</i>		<i>10:00 am</i>
Deceased Members of the Roche & Kenworthy Families		Anniversary

May they rest in peace

An Evening of Prayer, Music & Reflection

Join us on **Monday 15th October** at **8.00pm** in the **Monastery of St. Alphonsus** for an evening of prayer, music and reflection which will explore the call to holiness of Pope Francis - *Rejoice and be Glad*. The Prayer Service will be prepared by the part-time Chaplaincy students of DCU with music by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group or view on www.rednuns.com

Volunteer Recruitment Fair 2018

Join us for the biggest volunteer recruitment event in Dublin on **Tuesday, October 16th between 6.30pm - 8.00pm** at **St Patrick's Cathedral**. This **FREE** event will host over 30 Dublin city-based charities where information will be provided about what they do and how you can get involved. For more information please contact Dublin City Volunteer Centre at 01-4737482 or visit www.volunteerdublincity.ie

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.*