



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B 14th October 2018



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Pastors Desk



The Word of God is **living and powerful!**

You only have to check the glossy magazines in the Dentist or Doctors waiting room to see how preoccupied many of us are with the lives of the rich and famous. Many stars receive enormous sums of money by allowing these publications exclusive access to their weddings or their homes etc. Magazines like this are big business and make handsome profits from sales to anyone who likes to keep up to date with these so called 'stars'. From time to time newspapers print lists of the Wealthiest people in the world whose collective fortunes run into Billions. For some it's a huge status symbol to be included on the list. A person's success or status is often judged by the amount of money they have made over time.

In today's gospel the young man who was essentially a good living and kind person asks Jesus what he has to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus knows he is a good individual but challenges him even further by telling him that he needs to give up everything he has in order to achieve his goal. Sadly, the man is unable to give up his great wealth and he leaves feeling disheartened and empty handed. It's worth noting here that two other well-known rich men, St. Francis and St. Ignatius of Loyola were prompted by the Lord to abandon their wealth in order to answer God's call.

None of us are wealthy like this man was or the rich and famous are today. We may be struggling to keep on top of bills and other day to day living expenses. But we are wealthy in the knowledge that God is with us throughout our lives. In good times and in bad. So we are on a different type of 'Rich list'. To share in that richness we need to recognise that all the other material wealth is transitory and of no use to us in the next world.

Fr. Gerry.



Anam Cara is committed to continue offering all our services at no charge to bereaved parents and families throughout Ireland. Anam Cara's main fundraising event for 2018 is our national bag pack, once again in conjunction with the lovely people at Dunnes Stores. We are looking for some supportive volunteers who would consider helping us for a couple of hours on **Saturday 3rd November at Dunnes Stores, Donaghmede between 10am - 6pm.**

While bag packing may not be the most exciting venture in the world, the income raised on these days helps us to keep our services up and running for those suffering the ultimate loss.

If who are interested in helping out, please email **Pam** at p.gaffney@anamcara.ie.

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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"Do This In Memory"
First Holy Communion Programme

At the 12:30pm Family Mass next Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families for their enrolment ceremony. We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus Calls us to.

If your child is participating in the **First Holy Communion programme** and require a stamp for their 'Passport', please call to the **Sacristy** after Mass.

**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 13th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

John Usher
4th Anniversary

Patrick Geraghty
5th Anniversary

Sunday 14th 10:30 am

Evelyn & Thomas Reilly
20th Anniversary

Sunday 14th 12:30 pm

George Byrne
Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose  
of the soul of **Gerry Haugh** recently deceased.*  
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May they rest in peace

**Thursday 18th Oct, is
The Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist.**

St. Vincent De Paul

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



Sacrament of Marriage



Congratulations to
Joan Markey and **David Weldon**
on the occasion of their marriage
in our Church this week.

Mission Sunday

The Annual Collection in aid of **World Missions** will be taken up at all masses next weekend the **20th & 21st**.

This will replace the normal SHARE collection.

**MISSION
MONTH
OCTOBER 2018**

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. Our prayer service will be prepared by the students of DCU with music by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group or view the **rednuns.com**

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.*