



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Christ the King – B 25th November 2018



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Today we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. It was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925 because he felt that a rise in secularism at that time was a denial of Christ's authority in the world.

When you think of a King the first image or thought that may come to mind is one of someone in fine clothes who lives in a beautiful building and whose every need is taken care of by their servants perhaps. They have no financial worries and only have to request something and it will be granted in no time. But in contrast to modern day kings Jesus was one who came to serve and not be served. Pilate tries to catch him out in today's gospel perhaps because he had recognised something in Jesus himself and sensed his 'kingship'. For someone like Pilate, a person's kingship or power was judged by the might of his army, their success in battle and how feared they were by their subjects. Maybe he felt threatened by Jesus with his example of self-giving love and respect for his fellow human beings.

As the modern day followers or disciples of Jesus that example of self-giving love is what we must all aspire to each day. Today, each of us is invited to make him King of our hearts and our lives.

Fr. Gerry.

Do This In Memory Programme

At 12:30pm Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families for the "Do This In Memory" programme. During the month of November we have been remembering those who have gone before us. The leaves that the children will bring with them to this Mass serve to remind us of death and more importantly, of the promise of new life.

Note: We remind children who have not made their First Holy Communion yet to come up to the priest for a blessing at communion time with their hands crossed in front of their chest to signify this.



Learning About The Mass With Kath And Qumen

WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS? At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs 'ministries'. Let's look at some more of them:

MINISTER OF THE WORD: Even though we sometimes call this person the reader, the proper name is 'Minister of the Word'. The readings of Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.

THE COLLECTORS: The people who collect our gift of money during Mass.

THE MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST: The person who helps to give out communion at Mass. They sometimes bring communion to those who are unable to come to Mass because they are sick.

MUSIC: Many parishes have choirs – groups of people who sing at Mass. Their singing helps the whole assembly to pray and we are all encouraged to join with the choir.

ARRIVING IN THE CHURCH

Usually when we come into God's house we bow our heads or go down on one knee. This is called '**genuflection**'. It shows respect and love for Jesus. We genuflect or bow in front of the tabernacle, the special place where Jesus is present at all times. There will be a red light near the tabernacle, called the Sanctuary Lamp. This light tells us that Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is present inside. The Blessed Sacrament is another name for Jesus.



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 10am

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Share Newsletter available on the church stands.

Welcome Fr. Matthias Jiooga

We welcome Fr. Matthias Jiooga who arrived in Ireland for his first time on Thursday 8th November. Fr. Matthias will be assisting the priests of the parish here in Ayrfield and Donaghmede. We hope that his stay here will be memorable.

Church Gate Collection – Manor Merry Christmas

The 6th Year Prefect Team from Manor House along with members of the Garda Síochána is taking on a challenge of feeding 200 elderly people in the local community who will spend Christmas alone.

The 6th Year Prefect Team will hold a church gate collection at all masses this weekend **24th & 25th November** to help raise funds for this event. It will take place on the 8th December and will involve singing, dancing, chatting and loads of fun. They aim to feed the guests a three course meal and give them a goodie bag on their way home. Any contribution big or small would be greatly appreciated. Your support and donations to Manor Merry Christmas could truly make someone's Christmas.



Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal

Archbishop Martin is once again seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal next weekend **December 1st & 2nd** to support the work of the Crosscare Foodbanks.

The generosity of parishioners in last year's food appeal meant that 10,000 emergency hampers were distributed to those most in need before Christmas. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items.

Items that are most needed at this time are:

- A. Toiletries and cleaning products
- B. Non-perishable food
- C. Festive foods

Suggested Items for donation • pasta/rice • fruit juice • tea/coffee • soup • sugar • biscuits • tinned meat/fish • tinned veg/fruit • powdered milk • hygiene products.

Dates For Your Diary :

The Capuchin Day Centre Carol Singing for the

Homeless will take place outside the G.P.O. on **Saturday 8th December** from 9am – 6pm.

Ayrfield singers will be there from **11am – 12pm**. See notice board for more info.

St. Paul's Annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on **Wednesday, 12th December** at **7:30pm**

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



Saturday 24th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Kathleen (Kay) Walsh 5th Anniversary

Paul Martin 2nd Anniversary

Sunday 25th 10:30 am

Gerry Haugh Recently Deceased

Brayden Blaney Recently Deceased

Sunday 25th 12:30 pm

Gerard Boyle Recently Deceased
(Brother of Fr. Paddy Boyle)

Monday 26th 10:00 am

Annie Brodogan Anniversary

May they rest in peace

**Friday 30th November, is
The Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle.**

Note for Ministers of the Eucharist:

There is a letter to be collected from the sacristy and a form to be returned as soon as possible. For those who have returned the form, we thank you and to those who have not collected their letter we remind you to collect and return the form before the end of November.



Reminder: The enrolment ceremony for children who will be receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in 2019, takes place next **Saturday 1st December at the 6pm mass.**

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group - Portmarnock Monthly Mass & Rosary in honour of St. Padre Pio takes place on **Friday 30th November at 7:30pm** in St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock. **Fr. Pat Gayer OSA** will be celebrating the monthly mass including the **Sacrament of Anointing for Healing**. Confessions after mass and blessing with Padre Pio First Class Relic. All are most welcome.

Ayrfield Parish Grand Christmas Hamper Draw

Lots of Turkey & Ham Prizes

Draw Takes Place on Sunday 16th December



Tickets €5 each or Book of 5 for €20, available from the sacristy and Parish Office.

Please take a book between family and friends.

All Proceeds go to our Local St. Vincent De Paul.

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.*