



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

The Baptism of the Lord – C 13th January 2019



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Pastors Desk

In recent days and weeks, we have seen and heard many stories on television, radio and in newspapers about the devastation caused by the tsunami in Indonesia following the volcano eruption there. Water, something that is essential to life for all of us also has the potential to cause damage, destruction and take innocent lives.

On today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we see how the use of water in Baptism provides a powerful symbol of the Holy Spirit at work. Water cleanses, and washes away dirt. Water is vital for life. Without it we will dehydrate and become ill. And, like the Holy Spirit, water is a God-given resource that cannot be destroyed. In the world it is estimated that there are about 320 million cubic miles of water. The water-cycle brings us the evaporation of sea water through the heat of the sun. The water condenses as clouds and then falls back to earth as rain. Then it either flows in rivers back into the sea or eventually sinks into the ground.

So ever since the creation of the world that water has been recycled, re-used, countless millions of times. If God loves us enough to give us free life through water, how much more will he provide for us spiritually? The waters of Baptism use that never-ending water supply to welcome us into the never ending life in the spirit.

Fr. Gerry.

Sr. Kathleen Day will be leaving us and returning to her native Cork around mid-January, 2019.

Sr. Kathleen's leaving was marked with a small celebration in the Pastoral Centre, on Thursday, 10th January, after the 10 o'clock Mass. We thank her for her great contribution to our Parish since she arrived in the 70's to teach in Malahide. She was away in Nigeria with the missions for a period of 15 years and on her return was delighted to be back in the parish. Sr. Kathleen was involved with singing with the Voices of Ayrfield and in her time here contributed to the First Communion with the Do This In Memory team and preparation for Baptisms. Sr. Kathleen's message to the parishioners is that you will always be in her heart. ***"Faith for today, Hope for tomorrow and Love always."***



The Church will always exist as long as there is someone who has been baptised.
Where is your Baptism?
Let us not hide the talent that God gave us on the day of our Baptism.

Saint Oscar Romero

Knowing in my heart that I am God's beloved I pray, Spirit of God, inspire me to gracious living today.



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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Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration returns to normal times from **Monday, 14th January.**

Mon-Thur 9:30 am – 10:00 am

**Mon & Wed 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
& 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**



You Shall Be My Witnesses

You Shall Be My Witnesses is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation.

For those of you who have volunteered to be Leaders in the programme, we say a big thank you. This programme will give you the opportunity to get more actively involved with your child's preparation for Confirmation.

The following are the important dates for your diary. The first two meetings will be facilitated by Rosemary Lavelle, who will explain the course to you. These will take place in Clonliffe College on **Wednesday 16th** and **Wednesday 23rd of January** from **7:30pm – 9:30pm**. You will be picked up from the church car park at 7pm on both nights.

The programme for the children will take place in the Pastoral Centre over four weeks, on the following dates.

- **Monday 28th January 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 4th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 11th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 18th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**

If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact Freda in the Parish Office at 01-8160984.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness.

This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 6th February 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2

For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie

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



Saturday 12th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Bernard Rose Birthday Remembrance
& Deceased Members of the Rose Family
Pat Malone 1st Anniversary

Sunday 13th 12:30 pm

Peter Perdue 1st Anniversary
Gerry Kane Months Mind
& Deceased Members of the Kane Family
Emily O'Rourke 6th Anniversary

Monday 14th 10:00 am

Paddy Fitzsimons Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday 16th 10:00 am

John, Bridie & Fr. Martin Farragher
Anniversaries

May they rest in peace

St. Vincent De Paul

The Society will be taking up their monthly collection after all Masses this weekend. They would like to thank all parishioners for their continued generosity throughout the year and especially at Christmas time.

Christmas Dues

Sincere thanks to all who have subscribed to our Christmas Dues. Envelopes can be placed in the boxes provided in the church or given to your outdoor collector.

Christmas Dues are an annual diocesan collection, part of the Common Fund for the support of priests. This collection does not stay in the parish, it is an income that supports all the priests of the diocese including sick and retired priests.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 16th of January 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.

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.*