



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

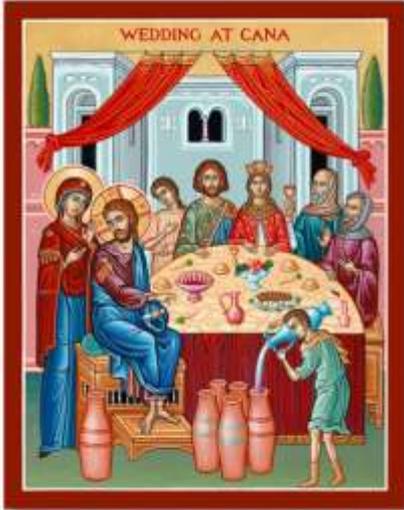
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019



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## Pastors Desk



There are currently several advertising campaigns being run this month to encourage us to give up alcohol for the month of January. Some are to raise funds for charities and others are simply for the health benefits we get from abstaining from alcohol for one month. Perhaps it's rather ironic that wine forms a central theme in today's gospel.

John tells us that the changing of water into wine was 'one of the first signs given by Jesus' but what does that mean? Well scripture scholars tell us that by changing the six jars of water into wine Jesus confirmed the goodness of wine. So, like many good things in life it's not the wine that is evil but the abuse of it.

The changing of the water into wine also helps us to understand Jesus role and purpose in coming to earth. Christ came on earth to change people and to make all things new. He came to change us just as he changed water into wine. His presence among us is an invitation to change our ways and a call to new life in him so that our lives are changed for the better.

In countries where wine is produced the arrival of the new wine from the annual harvest is eagerly awaited. Will it be a vintage crop? Will the wine taste good? In this new year, we drink the wine of the New Covenant and are filled with the joy and mercy of Christ.

Fr. Gerry.

**Sr. Kathleen Day IJS** will be leaving us and returning to her native Cork on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Sr. Kathleen's leaving was marked with a small celebration in the Pastoral Centre, on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, after the 10am mass. We thank her for her great contribution to our Parish since she arrived in the 70's.

*Over the years I have been in many parishes at home and abroad. I can honestly say that in my years in St. Paul's Ayrfield, I have experienced a very caring, prayerful and devoted community. In good times and bad, I've seen families and individuals experience what it means to be supported in times of need. I take the liberty to quote Pope Francis:*



***"I remember the past with gratitude. I live the present with enthusiasm. I look forward to the future with confidence."*** This is my wish and prayer for each one.

*Let us pray for one another and for **Faith** for today, **Hope** for tomorrow and **Love** always.*

***In gratitude; Sr. Kathleen Day IJS***

### 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

Mon - Thur 9:30 am – 10:00 am

Mon & Wed 10:30 am – 12:00 noon  
& 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm



## You Shall Be My Witnesses

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

*We welcome the children and their families preparing for confirmation to the 6pm Saturday mass this weekend.*

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 meetings facilitated by Rosemary Lavelle, who will explain the course to you, continues this week in Clonliffe College on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January** from **7:30pm – 9:30pm**. You will be picked up from the church car park at 7pm.

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

- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **St. Pauls and Holy Trinity Parishes Pilgrimage to Fatima and Estoril**

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – 7 nights**

**Cost: €859.00 per person sharing**

(Includes flights, accommodation and all transfers etc)

4 nights **Fatima** – Hotel Cinquentenario  
~ **Full Board** in Fatima

3 nights **Estoril** – Hotel Eden  
~ **Half Board** in Estoril

**Spiritual Director:**  
**Fr. Gerry**



*For bookings or further details  
please contact: Tel: 01 847 9822*

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



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

12:30 pm

**Mark Valente**

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for  
the happy repose of the soul of*

**Denis Lonergan & Rose Byrne**

*recently deceased.*

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Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am

**Tim & Nora Murphy**

Anniversary Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

## Catholic Schools Week 2019

Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools week which takes place from 27<sup>th</sup> January - 2nd February.

## Laudate 2019

50 Primary Schools are gearing up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Laudate Festival of Liturgical Music which will take place during Catholic Schools Week. It is a joyful evening of music and reflection.

The festival nights are:

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm in St. Pius X, Templeogue;
- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road;**
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm in Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion.

All welcome.

## Emmanuel 2019 at the Helix

Join 70 Second Level Schools who will participate in Emmanuel 2019 on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30pm** each evening. Come along and as a choir / music group to listen to young people praising God with energy. A list of participating schools and their days are on: [www.litmus@dublindiocese.ie](http://www.litmus@dublindiocese.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.*