



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 10th February 2019



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Pastors Desk

When we buy fresh fish in the shop or pick it up from the frozen section in the supermarket we rarely, if ever, think about the hard work that's gone into catching and processing it, so that we can enjoy it at mealtime.

I discovered recently that fish don't come to the surface during daylight – preferring instead to stay on the bottom of the ocean.

As a seasoned fisherman Simon knew this but against his better judgement he decides to follow Jesus request and he 'pays out the nets'. We hear of his reaction when the nets are full, and the two boats are filled almost to sinking point. He is astounded because they had been fishing all day and caught nothing until now.

However, this time his faith and perseverance are rewarded with this bumper catch. He is overcome and begins to feel that he is unworthy. He tells Jesus 'Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man'.

What happened to Simon is what happens to us. When we recognise our own sinfulness Christ's power becomes available to us and it helps to make us stronger individuals so that we can offer ourselves to others in his service with all our faults and failings. We can become ambassadors of God's mercy to others. There are times when we are called to change direction in life and often journey into the unknown. To meet that challenge we need to have that trust and faith that Simon had.

Fr. Gerry.



28th Divine Mercy Conference

Divine Mercy Conference Committee wish to invite you to their annual conference on the **23rd, 24th February** in the **RDS, Ballsbridge**. On Friday night, 22nd

February, we are continuing our very successful addition to the programme which includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confessions and which is aimed specially for our young people.

This year's theme is:

Let Us Not Be Put to the Test (Mt.6:13).

See our notice board for more details.



The board, staff and volunteers of **St Francis Hospice Dublin** are pleased to announce the celebration of our **30th Anniversary on 13th February 2019.**

It has been our privilege to care for the people of North Dublin over the past 30 years. We could not have delivered our values based compassionate care without the support of the North Dublin parishes. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support that ensures patients and their families receive care in a dignified, respectful and compassionate way.

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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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 programme for the children continues this Monday and will take place in the Pastoral Centre over the following weeks:

- **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.

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

19th 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

Deposit of €200 required, non refundable.

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



Spring in Your Step Walk in aid of St Francis Hospice.

Why not put a spring in your step and join us for a Family Walk in St. Anne's Park at 1pm on Saturday 9th March. Refreshments and fun activities for children will follow the walk. Entry Fee €20 per adult and children free.

To register for the walk: Online www.sfh.ie
Telephone: 01-8327535 or drop into St Francis Hospice Reception. Thank you for your support.



The Alzheimer Café is a safe and relaxed place where people with dementia, their families, and health and social care professionals can come together to talk, share and learn. Alzheimer Café evenings are free and everyone is welcome.

The Alzheimer Café takes place on the **last Tuesday of every month between 7pm and 9pm** in Clareville Centre, Clareville Court, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, the **16th & 17th February.**

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



Saturday 9th

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

Boniface Omesuh

Anniversary

Veronica Okeke

Anniversary

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

**Anthony "Tony" O'Neill** recently deceased.

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Friday 15th

10:00 am

Keith Fitzsimons

Birthday Remembrance

May they rest in peace

Monday 11th February, World Day of the Sick
Memorial to **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Wednesday 13th February, Reconciliation Service for St. Paul's Confirmation Classes at 11am for children making their Confirmation on 1st March.

2019 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage

Join the Pilgrimage to Celebrate 140 years since the apparition in 1879. Dublin Pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.



The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday 27th April 2019**, with the main celebration of the Eucharist in the Basilica at 3pm.

St. Paul's Week of Guided Prayer 24th – 30th March.

During this week of guided prayer you will have the opportunity to meet a prayer guide on a daily basis who will help to direct and deepen your prayer life. This week is also a time where we will encourage a spirit of prayer in which everyone can participate.

The week of Guided Prayer begins in our Parish on **Sunday evening 24th March, 2019** with a group session to introduce participants to the format of the week, to give some explanation of Praying with Scripture and to spend some time in prayer together.

Further information, including registration forms and times, will be available as the weeks go by.

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.*