



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 17th February 2019

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Today the core message in our readings is that our true happiness lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Father in heaven and that our happiness will only grow when we share our blessings with our Sisters and Brothers. Another word for 'beatitude' could be 'blessedness in that we both enjoy God's favour and true happiness as a result of all our actions done in his name.

In Luke's account in today's gospel what Jesus was trying to do is contradict the idea of real happiness found in Jewish culture at that time and indeed in our modern society, where wealth, health, power and influence are seen by many as the true beatitudes. The trouble with this reliance on such material resources to bring happiness is that, in the final analysis, it does not work. Jesus warns that putting our trust in material comforts alone will lead to a misplaced confidence.

The message of hope today is that despite the failure of society to share the good things of this world more fairly, God loves each one equally and cares for each uniquely. We are all created to share Gods joy with others by responding to their needs as best we can in a variety of situations each day.

Of course, all of this requires courage on our part. Today, and every Sunday we pray that it will be nourished by listening to Gods word and by receiving the Eucharist.

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 Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the **16th & 17th February 2019**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual *Share* Collection. **Accord Dublin offers:**

- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programmes for primary and secondary Schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support, please give generously.

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. The programme for the children finishes up this Monday in the Pastoral Centre:

- **Monday 18th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
Parents and guardians are invited to join us for the final prayer at 8:50pm in the church.

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

Burning Hearts (Free Event)

What else would you be at on a Friday night?

March 1, 2019 7pm to 9pm

The Emmaus Centre is getting Young Adults (18 years - 45 years) together for Worship, Teaching and Fellowship on the First Friday of every Month. We'll begin with Mass at 7pm.



For more information contact Gerard:
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Week of Guided Prayer 24th - 30th March.

What is it? The week of Guided Prayer is a way of making a retreat in the midst of our busy day. In this way the retreat is for everyone and the structure is simple and can be adapted to the needs of each.

The Week of Guided prayer begins 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; to spend some time in prayer together; to introduce retreatants to their personal guide for the week; to give any other information that people may need at the start of their retreat ... and to share some light refreshments together!.

The retreat is Scripture-based, but prior knowledge of Scripture is not required, and the format is based on praying for a half hour each day reflecting on a particular Scripture passage, letting it speak to your present life situation, and then coming to the parish each day to talk about your prayer experience with a trained Prayer Guide.

These one-to-one session run from Monday to Friday at a time convenient to each retreatant. On the closing evening, Saturday, 30th March, everyone comes together again to share their experience and to bring the week to a prayerful closing.

Further details will be announced later.

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



Saturday 16th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Ann-Marie Rooney 4th Anniversary

Denis Lonergan Months Mind & Birthday Rem.

Michael Keyes Anniversary

Sunday 17th 12:30 pm

Rose Byrne Months Mind

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

**John O'Brien** recently deceased.

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Wednesday 20th 10:00 am

Yvonne Keogh Anniversary

Ellen McMahon 2nd Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Friday 22nd February;

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle.

The feast celebrates Peter as bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

Diocesan online survey on the Sacraments of Initiation

The diocese has just launched an online survey, as part of the work of the Sacraments Review Group set up by the Archbishop. The brief of the Review Group is to consult widely and deeply and to make recommendations on how we prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in the future.

The hope is that as many as possible will reply to the questions and make their views part of the process.

The survey is open to all. It can be accessed on the Diocesan Website, homepage, under 'Latest News', where there are also a video message and a letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

www.dublindiocese.ie/survey-on-sacraments

The survey can also be accessed via the Diocesan Facebook and Twitter. **The survey is open until 25th February.**

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.*