



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 24th February 2019

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Pastors Desk



Around this time each year we have a lot of final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the weeks ahead. The candidates are instructed in the meaning of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit which they will receive on Confirmation day. They are helped to understand the important role that the Holy Spirit plays in helping them to always make the right choices that leads us to God and the wrong ones which break our relationship with him and with one another.

Our readings today are all linked together by one main theme: the true power of Christian love, when it is practiced in unconditional forgiveness. They also teach us about the right and wrong choices we all make. In our first reading we see how David made the right choice by respecting the King and forgiving him his failures. St. Paul refers in the second reading to Jesus correct choice of fulfilling his Fathers saving plan.

Today's gospel challenges us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. If someone should strike us Jesus tells us to offer the other cheek. Here he is simply challenging us not to seek vengeance but rather to love everyone, even our enemies. It is of course morally legitimate to defend ourselves from an unjust aggressor. To forgive others as we have been forgiven so that others will know we are his disciples.

We can't attain this level of love and forgiveness by ourselves. We need the power of God working through us by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within us.

Fr. Gerry.

Emmanuel 2019

The countdown is on to this fantastic annual music festival of faith for young people! This year, 66 schools and over 2500 students have been busy rehearsing. Emmanuel gets underway in the Helix on **Monday 25th February** and runs **until Thursday 28th (inclusive) 7:30pm nightly**.

Each concert will participate in a massed choir accompanied by a full orchestra.

You are invited to come and support your local school in what is always an uplifting and energising experience. Lists of schools for each night available on litmus.dublindiocese.ie Tickets €12.50 at www.helix.ie or 01-700 7000.



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 final evening in the programme for the children was rescheduled to this Monday in the Pastoral Centre:

- **Monday 25th 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.

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 has been cancelled for Monday & Wednesday mornings, 25th & 27th February.

Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of March, will take place on **Tuesday 26th** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



The Annual Collection for **ACCORD** the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to € 655.

ACCORD Dublin thanks you for your generosity.

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:
gerard.hanley@emmauscentre.ie

Helping Hand Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

The Annual Helping Hand Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from **5th June to the 10th June**. It is for five night's full board at the Hotel Padoue and the cost is **€749**. Single room supplement of €180 per person applies. Spiritual Director – Fr. Gerry.

For more information please contact :

Sr. Margaret 086-8359276, Brigid Ryan 8475305,
Alice Kennerney 8476176, Thelma Curtis 8473260



Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th of February at 8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

Week of Guided Prayer 24th - 30th March, 2019.

A representative from the Office of Evangelisation of the Archdiocese will speak at all Masses next weekend, **3rd & 4th March**, to talk about the forthcoming Week of Guided Prayer in our Parish. Registration for participation in the retreat will also commence next weekend.

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



Saturday 23^d (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Hugh Keenan 8th Anniversary
Jimmy Eiffe 1st Anniversary

Sunday 24th 10:30 am

Annie, Paddy & Michael Lynch Anniversaries
Stephen Morgan Anniversary

Sunday 24th 12:30 pm

Derek Dillon Birthday Remembrance
Eddie Clarke 4th Anniversary

Monday 25th 10:00 am

Sr. Joan Tierney 3rd Anniversary

Thursday 28th 10:00 am

Matthew Killeen Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Friday 1st is the 1st Friday, Mass at **9:30am** will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead

Sacrament of Confirmation



On **Friday 1st March** the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered to the boys and girls from St. Paul's Senior School, commencing at **11:00am**.

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.*