



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 3rd March 2019



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Pastors Desk



In today's readings, Jesus offers us several practical points for Christian living and challenges us to use our words as he used his in his preaching and healing ministry.

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus teaches that a person's true character is revealed through their speech and so we should listen carefully to what they say before we praise them. It tells us that the quality of the fruit from the tree in the orchard will depend on the care it has had. So, to become a good tree in Gods garden we must produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

In today's gospel Jesus asks the disciples if one blind man can lead another safely. Surely, they will both fall into the pit together he declares. Or what about the man with log in his eye trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. Surely, he won't have much success?

We all find it so easy to point out each other's faults and failings and neglect to see the plank in our own. Just how dangerous it is to pass judgement on others stands at the heart of the gospel message. Jesus was never judgemental but always used words to heal, restore and bring back life, joy and hope to people. When we try to imitate Jesus example of good living, we are often hampered by the judgemental attitudes that can take root in our lives.

We should always remember that when we point the finger at someone there are three fingers pointing towards ourselves!

Fr. Gerry.



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.

As this year is the 140th anniversary of the apparition in Knock, we are organizing a bus from Ayrfield for the pilgrimage. It is a first come first served basis as places are limited. For those interested please contact **Meg Offiah** on **087 9521048**. We need numbers soon to secure a bus.

St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Swim

The annual Sponsored swim will take place at Portmarnock Strand on St. Patrick's Day at **12 noon** in aid of the Children's Cancer Fund in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

As in previous years, all funds raised goes to help the sick children. Sponsorship cards are available in the Sacristy, the Parish Office, from Shay O'Reilly, Margaret Maher & Irene Killeen. Swimmers will be seeking sponsorship from family, friends, neighbours and workmates.

Last year's swim raised €7,000 and all this money went in support of the Julie Wren Foundation associated with St. John's Cancer Ward in Crumlin.

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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NOVENA OF GRACE 4th – 12th March

Novena prayers to Saint Francis Xavier will be recited at all masses.



PRAYERS FOR THE NOVENA Prayer to Saint Francis Xavier

O most kind and loving Saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to Him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech of you to secure for me the special favor I ask in this novena. (*Here you may mention the favour you wish to obtain*), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen

Let us Pray

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we, who honor his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father*)



Confirmation 2019

On **Friday 1st March**, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Rev. Gerard Corcoran to the boys and girls of St. Paul's Senior School and was assisted by Fr. Matthias Jjooga & Fr. Paddy Boyle. We congratulate the children and we pray that we will continue to nourish the seed sown at Confirmation and help our young people to become strong and proud witnesses to their faith.

A lot of time and dedication went into the preparation for this special day in the life of our parish and we sincerely thank all those who made this day possible.

Firstly we thank the class teachers, Ms. Moriarty and Mr. O'Shea, Principal Mr. Brougham, the school 5th class choir under the careful direction of Ms. Hackett and Mr. Malone, and organist Stephen Ruane. We thank the support from the staff of St. Pauls Senior School and our own Parish Team.

We also thank the Parents Association and the members of the Confirmation Team who facilitated the programme **You Shall Be My Witnesses**. The Team members were Catherine Brennan, Michelle Brennan, Frances Flood, Beverleigh Fly, Caroline Flynn, Sheila Keegan, Sandra Matthews, Stephanie Murphy, & Jackie O'Loughlin. Rosemary Lavelle from the office of Evangelisation & Ecumenism, facilitated the first two meetings and Fr. Gerry co-ordinated the following meetings which were held over four weeks. Many thanks too, to all who cleaned and prepared the church for this special occasion.

Communion shop in Edenmore All dresses, veils etc. in immaculate condition. From veil, umbrella, bag etc. inc dress €50. If unable to pay donations are acceptable. All monies raised will go to Fr Kevin food bank.

A small amount of money was found close to the church. Contact Mai in the Sacristy **01 8160981**

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



Saturday 2nd (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Adolphus Chendo Anniversary
Hycienth Ikwukeme Anniversary
Tony O'Neill Months Mind

Sunday 3rd 10:30 am

James Treacy Anniversary
Kathleen & James Delaney Anniversary
Frank & Evelyn Pettigrew Anniversary

Sunday 3rd 12:30 pm

James & Esther Evans Anniversary
Billy Jennings Anniversary
Mary, Margaret & James Clancy Anniversary
Lucy & Gerry Meyler Anniversary
Joseph Forbes Months Mind

Monday 4th 10:00 am

Stella Phillips Recently Deceased
Alice Dardis Recently Deceased

Wednesday 6th 10:00 am

Gerard Boyle Recently Deceased

May they rest in peace

Wednesday 6th March is Ash Wednesday.
Blessed ashes will be distributed during 10am mass.

Trócaire and Lent 2019 Trócaire Boxes are available on the stands at both doors of the church.

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

We welcome our speakers at Masses this weekend, Sr. Éibhlís NicUaithuas & Eliza Hopkins from the Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism to explain further about the Week of Guided Prayer. They will also answer any questions you may have. Information leaflets and Registration Forms will be distributed. **Completed Registration Forms should be returned by Tuesday 12 March.**

St. Vincent De Paul

The society will be taking up their monthly collection after all masses next weekend.

Irish Catholic on sale on the church stands €2 each

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.*