



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday of Lent – C 10th March 2019



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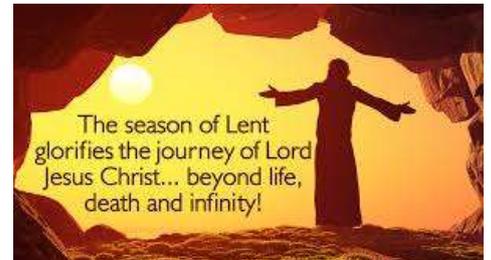
As we begin our Lenten journey our thoughts turn towards what we might either give up or do during the season. We start off with good intentions but often fall soon at the first hurdle. We are tempted in so many ways to abandon our quest.

In today's gospel we hear how the Devil tried to tempt Jesus as he fasted for 40 days and nights in the wilderness. Jesus rebukes him with the words 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test' and the 'Devil left to return at another time' we are told.

Life is full of temptations for us too. One the things that God gives us is free will. In other words, the ability to freely make choices for ourselves. Each day in many different situations we are forced into making decisions. They can range from the simple 'will I have that piece of cake or another biscuit' or the more serious one to begin a new friendship or relationship that we know is not going to have a positive outcome from the outset. Very often the choices we make are the ones that fulfil a need here and now without thinking ahead to the future and how they might affect not just me but those around me. The people who matter most in my life.

During this season of Lent, we pray that the Lord may open our hearts and minds so that we don't always act on impulse but out of real discernment and with a clearer vision of what God is guiding us towards.

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*)



Trócaire and Lent 2019

"So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; But the greatest of these is Love."

– 1 Corinthians 13:13

Theme: Hold them in your heart this Lent.

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

Age Action is running beginner computer classes for over 55's in



Holyfaith School Clontarf
starting **Wednesday 20th March**

We train people on laptops, iPads or Tablets

The classes are for senior people who have little or no computer experience (or for the absolutely terrified!). The aim of the Getting Started programme is to introduce people to the basics of computers, internet and email. Classes are taught by trained volunteer tutors on a one to one basis with small groups of learners in a relaxed, non-formal setting.

For more information contact Age Action on: **01 475 6989** or by email to gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Holy Land – Trip of a Lifetime with Clontarf Parishes

The Clontarf Parishes are organising a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of October this year. This is a good time to visit as the weather is good but not too hot. Dates: **31st October - 8th November 2019** (8 nights) Cost **€1,685 per person (sharing)** with Joe Walsh Tours. More information & Booking Forms are available from the Three Parish offices of St Anthony's: **01 - 833 3459**, St John's : **01 - 833 4606** and St Gabriel's: **01 - 833 3602**.

The Irish Catholic is on sale on the church stands €2 each.

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



Saturday 9th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Annie O'Sullivan & Anniversary
Deceased Members of the O'Sullivan Family

Madge Bould Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 10th 10:30 am

Kathleen Redmond 21st Anniversary

Nola Collins 19th Anniversary

Brian O'Keeffe Anniversary

Michael & Mary Hardiman Anniversaries

Sunday 10th 12:30 pm

Pat Stanley Anniversary

Joseph Fitzpatrick Anniversary

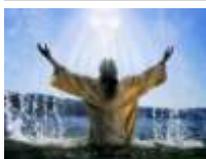
Stuart Preston 1st Anniversary

Gerry Delaney 1st Anniversary

Monday 11th 10:00 am

Mary Byrne Anniversary

May they rest in peace



'THIS LENT – OUR BAPTISM'

"This Lent, I invite you to a renewed appreciation of what it means to be baptised, many of us will move from thinking that 'I was baptised' to realising that 'I am baptised'. I hope that this will be a time for many of us to reconnect with our own Baptism and to reawaken its power."

With prayerful good wishes,

+Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin



St. Vincent De Paul The society will be taking up their monthly collection after all masses this weekend.

Week of Guided Prayer 24 - 30 March 2019

Thank you to the speakers who came last weekend and explained the Week of Guided Prayer. Their invitation to take part has been well received. All forms will be handed over to the organising team and they will be in touch to give each participant more details. There is still time if you have not sent in your completed Registration Form. **The closing date for completed forms to be returned is Tuesday 12th March.**

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.*