



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday of Lent – C 24th March 2019



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Pastors Desk



The theme running through today's readings is that a disaster is usually connected or associated with punishment for sin for those caught up in the tragedy.

For example, in today's gospel the construction accident at Siloam where 18 people died is attributed to their sin. This strange and misleading attitude is still prevalent today. Many natural disasters are seen as a judgement of God on the unfortunate innocent victims who just happen to be in the wrong place at the time. Sometimes terrorist attacks are seen by some to be God's righteous judgement.

Jesus was quick to point out that this way of thinking was wrong. He asked those listening to him if they really thought these innocent victims were guiltier than everyone else living in Jerusalem. "I tell you no", he quickly adds.

When people die in tragic events it does not reflect God's judgement in any way. But they are a stark reminder for us to always be prepared for that moment when our earthly journey comes to an end. Keeping on the straight and narrow is a daily challenge for all of us.

This season of Lent affords us the opportunity to take a closer look at our lives and perhaps ask ourselves just how we stand before God right now. It's also a good time to do some 'weeding' around our hearts in the hope that these actions will produce good fruit.

Fr. Gerry.

Coffee Weekend



We are hosting a Coffee/Tea weekend after all the Masses **this weekend 23rd & 24th March.**



We welcome Sr. Anne-Marie from the Infant Jesus Sisters, who will speak on Saturday evening about the work of their missions.

All proceeds will go to the **Infant Jesus Sisters' Mission in Nigeria.**

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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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.

Easter Mass Bouquets are available in the Sacristy.

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.

Baptism Preparation

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



St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Swim



A reminder that the 2019 St. Patrick's Day sponsored swim, took place at 12 noon at Portmarnock Strand on Sunday last.

Many thanks to all who participated and supported the swim. All funds go to the Children's Cancer Support Centre, of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

Sponsorship can still be given to any of the committee members **Shay O'Reilly - 8482068, Irene Killeen - 8479629, Margaret Maher - 8472251** or can be given in to the Parish office or Sacristy.

CAD (Community Awareness of Drugs)

in partnership with the HSE are running a



SafeTALK Suicide Prevention



Training Workshop in the

Pastoral Centre, St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield

Date: 3rd April 2019 **Time:** 9.30am to 1pm

Training is open to all and is free

To reserve a place visit the CAD website on

www.cadaboutdrugs.ie

and follow the links to the relevant page.

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



Saturday 16th	(Vigil Mass)	6:00 pm
Shay O'Hare		9th Anniversary
Patty McMahon		20th Anniversary
Sheila McMahon		Remembrance
Liam Doherty		2nd Anniversary
Madge Bould		Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 24th	10:30 am
Deceased Members of the Cass Family	
Remembrance	

Sunday 24th	12:30 pm
Brendan Sinnott	Birthday Remembrance
William Whithford	Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of  
**Eugene Donoghue, Gerard Keogh,  
Brendan Raynor & James McGill**  
recently deceased.*  
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May they rest in peace



Monday 25th March
is the solemnity of
The Annunciation of the Lord

Mary learns from the Angel Gabriel that God wishes her to be the mother of God and she humbly accepts.

Week of Guided Prayer 24th - 30th March 2019

The Week of Guided Prayer begins this Sunday 24th March at 3pm.

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.*