



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fourth Sunday in Lent – C 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



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## Pastors Desk

Today we have the familiar story of the two Sons and the forgiving father. One of the sons decided to get what he can from his father so that he can go off and enjoy life now. The kind and loving father who does not want to stand in the way of his Sons happiness or interfere in his life gives him the money and so he heads off. All seems to go well for the Man who is surrounded by his new found friends who help him to squander all his money very quickly and it is soon gone. He is now penniless and taking care pigs who have more to eat than he does. He eventually comes to his senses and decides to go back to his father and ask his forgiveness.

When he arrives home the father sees him and welcomes him with open arms and is overjoyed that the son he thought he had lost forever has now returned. He decides to hold a banquet in his honour much to the dismay of the son who stayed loyal and continued to help his father with the work on their land. The father is quick to point out to this faithful Son that he loves him just as much and is grateful for his all his hard work and loyalty.

There are be lots of similarities between this story and our own lives. In this year of mercy, God our loving father invites each one of us to recognise our sinfulness and return to ask his forgiveness so that he can embrace us with the same joy that the father did in today's gospel story.

This gospel tells us what coming home to God is really like.

*Fr. Gerry.*

## A Mother's Prayer For You

I say a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tender hearted love.

I thank God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!

*~ Anon*



*Wishing all families and their mothers;  
A Mother's Day that is filled with every pleasure;  
And a future that's as happy as the memories you treasure!*

### 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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## Mission Coffee Weekend

The Infant Jesus Sisters are deeply grateful for your extremely generous response to the coffee weekend in support for their Nigerian mission. The amount raised at the Coffee Weekend amounted to **€2,435**. "The Sisters will certainly use these funds to help build the school in Nigeria which they are calling St. Paul's in appreciation of the support given by our Parishioners. May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity."

### Week of Guided Prayer.

This very successful Retreat has just concluded in our Parish. Thanks to all who participated in it and a special thanks to the team of volunteer prayer guides from the Diocesan Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism who facilitated the Retreat over the past week.

### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.cadaboutdrugs.ie)**  
and follow the links to the relevant page.

SafeTALK is a training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. Following a safeTALK workshop you will be more willing and able to perform an important helping role for persons with thoughts of suicide.

The aim of this programme is to increase the ability to promote the immediate safety of someone who may be at risk of suicide and provide links to further help.

### How does safeTALK help prevent suicide?

SafeTALK suicide alert helpers are trained to:

- Move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid signs of suicide.
- Identify people who have thoughts of suicide.
- Apply the TALK steps to connect a person with suicidal thoughts to people and agencies that can help.



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



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**Sean Eaton** 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
**Peggy Eaton** 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Colin Eaton** 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Larry Thormey & Deceased Members of the Thormey Family** Anniversary

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am

**Sandra Purcell** Birthday Remembrance  
**May & Matt McCarthy** Anniversaries

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 12:30 pm

**May & Paddy Keogh** Anniversaries  
**Marie Simpson** Remembrance  
**Anthony Walsh** 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Frank Rock** Anniversary  
**Hugh & Nell McGuinley** Birthday Rem.

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday.  
10am mass will be offered for all on the **Mass Bouquet** List. The **Miraculous Medal Novena** will be said at the 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.  
Service of Word with Eucharist and devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday.  
10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

**Pro Life Church Gate Collection** this Weekend

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

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are available in the Sacristy.

### SVP Volunteer Recruitment Evening



**6pm on 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**Hilton Hotel, Northern Cross**

Volunteers required to help those in need in the community. Contact : Nuala Gallagher (01) 819-8411

**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.*