



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fifth Sunday in Lent – C 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019



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## Pastors Desk



Today we hear how the Scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman who was caught committing adultery. It's worth noting that there is no mention of the man who must surely have been caught too. We can only assume that he was

allowed to walk freely away. They claim that the law of Moses allowed them to stone the woman to death. Their main interest is hearing what Jesus has to say in the hope they can catch him out in some way and find him guilty.

In the middle of their persistent questioning Jesus looks up and challenges the one who has not sinned to cast the first stone at this unfortunate Lady whose sin was now public knowledge. Soon its very obvious that none of them is sinless and free to throw a stone at the woman or indeed criticise her brokenness any more.

We can all be like the scribes and Pharisees from time to time. Often the sins of others, our parents, children, sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, partners, colleagues, neighbours etc. are known to us and we can criticise or constantly remind them of their faults and failings. However, we also need to remind ourselves that we are never in a position to criticise or throw stones at them.

The words of Jesus are striking when he says to the woman "has no one condemned you" ..."no one sir" is her reply and he adds "neither do I condemn you...go and sin no more". Jesus restores her to peace and friendship with God.

In this season of Lent, we all have the opportunity to draw closer to the Lord and be healed or relieved of the burden of our own sin and brokenness.

*Fr. Gerry.*

## "Do This In Memory" – First Holy Communion Programme.

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the **12:30pm Family Mass this Sunday**. We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus Calls us to. If your child is participating in the **First Holy Communion programme** and require a stamp for their 'Passport', please call to the **Sacristy** after Mass.



### 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

### Contact:

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*Timetable for  
Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies*

Palm Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday of The Passion of Our Lord Mass at usual times Sat 6pm vigil, Sun 10:30am & 12:30pm
Holy Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Service of Reconciliation in Holy Trinity Church 7:30pm for the Parishes of Donaghmede, Ayrfield, Edenmore & Grange Park
Holy Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of The Lord's Supper 7:30 pm followed by Watch & Pray Vigil
Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon - Led by the Children of the Parish Passion of Christ 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Confessions 11 am – 12 noon Easter Vigil Mass 9:00pm
Easter Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Celebrating Mass with the Risen Lord Masses 10:30am & 12:30pm

**Holy Thursday** - There will be no 10 am Mass.

**Holy Saturday** - Blessing of Easter Baskets in  
**Holy Trinity Donaghmede** 11:30am – 12:30 pm sharp  
**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.



## Volunteers Required

**SVP Volunteer Recruitment Evening**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April – Hilton Hotel,**  
**Northern Cross**

To help those in need in the community  
Contact us: **Nuala Gallagher (01) 819-8411**  
6pm: For light refreshments & finger food  
6:30pm: Welcome from St Vincent De Paul members  
and overview of what we do Please come along and see  
if SVP is for you. Time needed: 3 hours per week

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



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

**Ellen, Frank & Desmond Gurrin**  
Anniversaries

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**Thanksgiving Mass for Special Intentions**

*May they rest in peace*

### Teaching and Healing Through the Scriptures

St. John the Evangelist Church, Greendale Road, Kilbarrack, D.5., will host an evening with Br. Johnson on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, commencing with **Mass at 7pm**.

Br. Johnson returns to Ireland with his mission to help Catholics gain a deeper understanding of God's Holy Scripture. He guides those looking to strengthen or reignite their faith. His teaching helps the faithful reconnect with Christ by demonstrating the power of God's Word and how it can be unlocked and used in our daily lives. His preaching is accompanied by healing.

**Contact Yvonne on 087 230 4010. All welcome.**



The annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place **next weekend on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**.

The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **ONLINE HOLY WEEK RETREAT**

Reflect on the Gospels of Holy Week in a way that helps shine God's Light on your life. Watch one online talk each day following the format of Lectio Divina.

**Free of Charge**  
**Register Now !**

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