



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

## Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord – C

### 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019



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### Pastors Desk

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. It's on Palm Sunday that we begin our journey through Holy week and welcome Jesus into our lives asking him to allow us to share in his suffering, death and resurrection.

Before his triumphant resurrection Jesus will have to endure great suffering and death. While he is in the Garden of Gethsemane he prays to the Father asking him to take this chalice of suffering and death from him. He is mocked and spat upon and a convicted murderer is set free. Peter denies that he knows him and the apostles forsake him. He must surely have felt a great sense of abandonment by those he loved. It is his mother Mary who stands alone at the foot of the cross faithful to the end.

I was listening to radio during the week. The interviewee recalled how they had to live with daily pain from an unprovoked physical attack they received some years ago. The perpetrator got off lightly but they are left coping with the emotional and physical scars. But that started me thinking. Their condition was not life threatening. What about someone who is living with cancer or having treatment? Someone coping with the pain of bereavement? Surely this person could gain some comfort from that fact?

But all suffering is relative. We all have to bear 'crosses' from time to time in life. What may be a cross to one of us may be a slight inconvenience to another. In this solemn week ahead we are asked to journey along the road with Mary and the few who remained faithful to him. We are invited to carry our own sufferings and hurts along the road too remembering the words of scripture 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest'.

*Fr. Gerry.*

### 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 @ 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 **this 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.

**This replaces the Share collection**

### 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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*Timetable for  
Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies*

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

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

**Holy Saturday** - Święconka: Blessing of Easter Baskets  
in **Holy Trinity Donaghmede** 11:30am – 12noon

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



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**Maureen Woodroffe &** Anniversary  
**Deceased members of the Woodroffe Family**  
**Eileen Browne** 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Aidan Keane** Anniversary

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke**  
Anniversary

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

**Marie James & Rita Land** Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of*  
**Martin Slevin Snr., Peter Kelly,**  
**Charlotte Ellis & Carmel Fahey**  
*recently deceased.*  
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*May they rest in peace*



**Devine Mercy Novena**

The Novena commences on Good Friday  
and will continue until Devine Mercy  
Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**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.

**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.

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**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.*



**Anam Cara North Dublin,**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is  
holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:20pm in the Carnegie  
Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin.** This event is free  
and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the  
age your child died, the circumstances of their  
death, or whether their death was recent or not.



**Blessing for Expectant Mothers**

will take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** in Our  
Lady of Mercy Church, Artane at **8pm.**



**The LoveBoth Project**

are currently  
looking for any women who would be  
interested in running, jogging or walking  
the **VHI Women's Mini Marathon on 2<sup>nd</sup> June** on  
behalf of **LoveBoth.** All money raised will go directly  
to the Show Your Love Initiative which helps  
vulnerable women and their children in real and  
practical ways.

**The deadline for registering is 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**