



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Easter Sunday – C 21st April 2019

Celebrating Mass with the Risen Lord

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Pastors Desk

It was one of those shops you go into browse the knick-knacks, bits of pottery, books etc. to pass the time on holidays. Full of curious items or gadgets that you can't always figure out what they are intended for. Often we buy on impulse the strangest of items that are of no use whatsoever.

In the corner of this shop there was a model which was made of matchsticks. It was a church. It must have taken months of hard work by someone to build it but now their creation was sitting forlorn and unloved gathering dust in the corner of the shop. No one admired their handiwork or gave it a second look.

The person who owned the shop decided one day to do a stocktake, rearrange and do some tidying. When they came to the model they wondered what to do with it. It had been there so long maybe it would be better to take it all apart and then get someone to use the matchsticks to make a different model. After some thought they decided to give it one more chance and they placed a small battery operated lamp inside the Model.

The next day the matchstick model of the church was still in the darkened corner of the shop. But now it looked different with the lamp inside giving a warm glow that shone out through the windows. The model that no one had noticed before had been turned into an item of beauty. Everyone who walked into the shop began to notice it and comment on it. Very soon it was sold for a very good price which made the shop owner very happy.

Light had transformed that model. **The** light has transformed our world. The light of Christ has come into our world and all of us are changed as a result. Today, He is Risen.

May your heart be filled with the joy of the risen Lord on this Easter day.

Fr. Gerry.

Blessing of Homes with Easter Water.



At the Easter Vigil each year, holy water is blessed. It is a tradition in Ireland that families bring this Easter water home with them to bless themselves, their homes, vehicles and also the graves of loved ones.

Small containers of Blessed Water will be available to take away after the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night, together with an instruction and prayers of intercession and blessing.

This initiative seeks to recover a traditional religious practice that meant a lot to Irish families. The faithful have always been encouraged to take holy water home and use it as part of their daily lives. They have also been encouraged to regularly seek God's blessing on themselves, their families and on their homes, vehicles, religious objects and other items. In Ireland the great affection that people have for deceased loved ones has been shown by the tradition of blessing graves.

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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Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena commenced on Good Friday and will continue until Divine Mercy Sunday, 28th April.

Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group



Meeting will take place on **Thursday 25th of April at 8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

Easter Mass Bouquets are available in the Sacristy.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers



will take place on **Thursday 9th May** in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane at **8:00pm**.



Thank you for your generosity to The Annual Collection for the Advocate collection taken up at all Masses last weekend.

The amount raised amounted to € 628



Trócaire was established by the Catholic Church in 1973 as a way for Irish people to donate to development and emergency relief overseas. Our dual mandate is to support the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty in Ireland.

Please support Trócaire this Lent.

Trócaire Boxes can be returned to the Sacristy in the church.

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 24th 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.

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



Sunday 21st 10:30 am

Catherine & William Reilly Anniversary
Deceased Members of the Reilly Family
James & Mary Robinson Anniversary
Madeline & Larry Carthy Anniversary

Sunday 14th 12:30 pm

Richard & Paul McMahon Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of  
**Charlotte Ellis & Carmel Fahey**  
recently deceased.*

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am*

**John & Eileen Walker** Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Mass at 10am**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Service of Word at 10am**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass at 10am**

**Easter Dues.**

Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your Outdoor collector.

**Thank You**

Sincere Thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparation and participation of the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies and all who prepared the church.

*"We pray that this Easter,  
the Risen Christ will give us a  
quiet joy and a deep sense of peace  
May that joy and peace be with all  
our parishioners this Easter."*



**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.*