



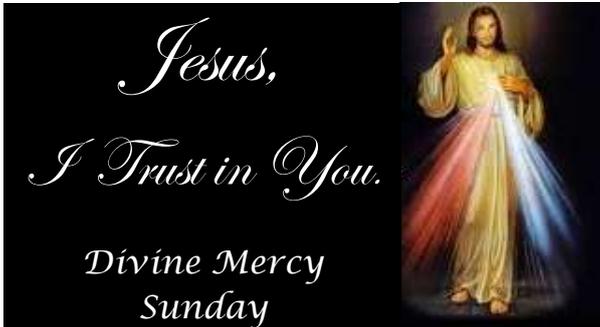
St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday of Easter – C 28th April 2019

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Pastors Desk



Today we hear how the doors were closed in the room where the disciples had gathered for fear of the Jews. Something amazing happens when Jesus appears and greets them with the words "Peace be with you". The disciples are filled with awe and are unable to respond Jesus initial greeting so he repeats it once more. He then gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissions them to go out and forgive sins.

Thomas is not present when Jesus appears and he fails to believe the other disciples when they tell him that they have "seen the Lord". Jesus death had shattered Thomas faith so he wants personal proof that Jesus is risen. It's another eight days before they are finally together again and this time Thomas is present. Jesus invites him to place his finger in his wounds in order that he will be convinced and believe.

When it comes to Gods Mercy we often fail to be convinced and believe that he forgives us our sins. We may find it easy to tell others that God forgives them but when it comes to ourselves we have yet to be convinced just as doubting Thomas is in today's gospel. Very often the problem is that we can't forgive ourselves for the sin we have committed or the hurt we have caused to others.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, like Thomas we are all a mixture of belief and unbelief when it comes to accepting Gods mercy for ourselves. We may have doubts in our minds but faith in our hearts. So today we pray: 'Lord, I believe, help my unbelief'.

Fr. Gerry.

For the Month of May St. Paul's Parish

would like to invite you to join us each

Tuesday evening at 8:30 pm

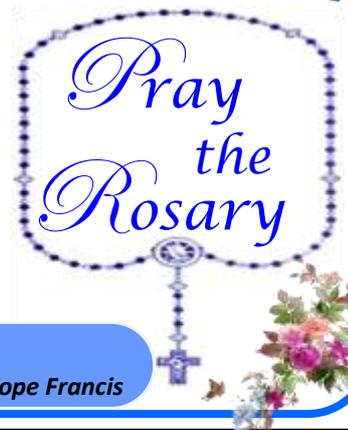
in the Parish Church to

come and pray the Rosary.

St. Paul's Community Choir

will be leading us in singing Hymns to Our Lady.

*Our Lady is always close to us,
especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems. ~ Pope Francis*



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.

Trócaire Boxes can be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristy in the church.

Baptism Preparation

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



Easter Dues.

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

Blessing for Expectant Mothers



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

Ageing with Confidence Programme

Are you over 60 years of age and interested in a programme that will help you to Age with Confidence? Please come along to our information session on **Wednesday 1st May at 2 p.m.** in **St Benedicts, Esturay Road, Malahide**.

The programme will start on **Wednesday 8th May** from **2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.** running for 8 weeks.

It is free of charge. Further information please contact Bernadette Matthews Dunne: 01 8484789

Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland.

To sign up your local Grotto, text/call [087 278 6552](tel:0872786552) or at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie



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



Saturday 27th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Margaret Offiah	Anniversary
Monica Omesuh	Anniversary
Eugene Donoghue	Months Mind
Patrick-Liam Meehan	Months Mind
Michael Proctor	9 th Anniversary

Sunday 28th 10:30 am

Peter Kavanagh	Anniversary
Jim Daly	Anniversary

Sunday 28^h 12:30 pm

Christopher Cooling	Anniversary
Rose & Joe Delaney	2 nd Anniversary

Monday 29th 10:00 am

Stella Phillips	Recently Deceased
Alice Dardis	Recently Deceased

Wednesday 1st 10:00 am

Gerard Boyle	Recently Deceased
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May they rest in peace

Monday 29th April

is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe.

Friday 3rd May is the Feast of St. Philip & St. James, Apostles.

Friday 3rd May is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

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.*