



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

The Ascension of The Lord – C 2nd June 2019

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Pastors Desk

I remember once picking up a magazine to read when I was in a waiting room. It had an article or feature about the sea and all of the creatures that can be found in it. I discovered that the favourite food of the starfish is the oyster. It's well protected by a strong shell that is hard to open. However, the way the starfish works to get at the oyster provides us with a lesson that's worth learning.

Apparently, when it finds a suitable oyster, the starfish attaches one of its feet to the top of the shell and another to the bottom or the underside. Slowly it begins to try and open the shell. The

oyster however is very aware of the pressure and it uses its own hinge muscle to stay closed. The starfish is undeterred and keeps applying gentle pressure for as long as it takes. The oyster eventually gets tired and the starfish gets its dinner.

Today, just before he ascends to heaven, Jesus tells the apostles to 'Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high'. Part of the power that the Apostles received from the Holy Spirit was perseverance. Their task was never going to be simple, and needed lots of patience, courage and faith. But the power of the spirit is immeasurable and Gods love pouring out into our world cannot be stopped. That is why the victory of good over evil is being achieved and was achieved by Jesus through his death and resurrection – and continues to be won through the power at work in the world today.

Fr. Gerry.

The annual cemetery masses in our area will take place on the following dates:



St. Fintan's Cemetery Sutton	Sunday 9 th June	12pm
Fingal Cemetery Balgriffin	Sunday 16 th June	12pm
Glasnevin Cemetery	Sunday 30 th June	3pm
Old Balgriffin Cemetery	Sunday 7 th July	12pm
Dardistown Cemetery	Sunday 7 th July	3pm

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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Welcome Fr. Emilio Bortolini

We welcome Fr. Emilio Bortolini, who is visiting us from Brazil. We are delighted to have Fr. Emilio with us until the end of June. Fr. Emilio is no stranger and his energy and friendship is a most welcome addition to our parish team.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Fr. Paddy Boyle will give a teaching on Eucharistic ministry on **Saturday June 8th June** from **10.30am to 1.00pm**. This is to facilitate New Ministers and anyone already in service who feel they would like a "refresher".

If you know someone who you think would be interested in being commissioned, please ask them to fill out an application form available from the Sacristy. For more information contact **Phil Buckley 086 851 0800**

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: 5th June 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



The Apostolate of Adoration invites Parishioners

to the **Adoremus** National Eucharistic & Marian Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Friday evening 14th June and or all-day Saturday 15th June**. There is a full programme organised for everyone; Adults, Young Adults and Children. Programmes run separately on the day, with Talks, Testimonies, Praise & Worship, Adoration, Workshops, Procession, Anointing, Holy Mass and much more. See website for more details www.eucharisticadoration.ie or email info@eucharisticadoration.ie or text **087 2478519** for full details.

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan is chief celebrant on Friday evening and Archbishop Eamon Martin is chief celebrant on the Saturday. Please spread the word.



Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Mary and the disciples after Jesus had ascended to Heaven. We would like to invite all the boys and girls who made their Confirmation this year and their families, to the **Vigil Mass on Saturday 8th June at 6:00 p.m.** It will be an opportunity to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the **children's confirmation** in a special way.

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



Saturday 1st (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Liam Carter

1st Anniversary

Thomas Windrum

6th Anniversary

Keith Fitzsimons

Anniversary

Sunday 2nd

10:30 am

Mary Lynch

Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Monday 3rd June is the 1st Monday.

10am mass will be offered for all on the **Mass Bouquet** List. The **Miraculous Medal Novena** will be said at the 10am Mass.

Feast of **St. Kevin**, Abbot.

Tuesday 4th June is the 1st Tuesday.

Service of Word with Eucharist and devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am.

Friday 7th June is the 1st Friday.

10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS

Lord, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on all students doing exams at this time.

Help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done, and the best of the teaching they have received.

When the results come out may they be satisfied that they did their best, and may whatever path they choose in life bring them happiness.

May your love be upon them, O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.

Amen.

Trócaire Boxes can be returned to the Sacristy.

Easter Dues.

Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in

St. Vincent De Paul The Society will take up their monthly collection after all masses **next** weekend, **8th & 9th June**.

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.*