



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 22nd September 2019



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What does love like?

It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

(Saint Augustine)

Pastors Desk

The rich man we hear of in today's Gospel had gone off to enjoy life and left his property in the capable hands of one of his stewards. Everything was well for some time but then the steward got lazy and wasted a lot of his time enjoying life too. To facilitate this, he took advantage of his position and began to appropriate some of the master's money coming in from the tenants for his own personal use.

Eventually the Rich man returns home, asks him to give an account of his stewardship and discovers what's been going on. He immediately sets about dismissing the Steward. Realising what was about to happen to him and declaring that he was no good for digging or begging he decides to ingratiate himself with the master's debtors by writing down the value of the debt they owed to the Master. They were all vulnerable and so they took the opportunity to pay back considerably less than they owed even though they knew the steward had no authority and was being dishonest with the master's money.

It seems strange that Jesus would use an example of dishonesty to illustrate his message, yet he says we could learn something from the dishonest steward. The Steward in today's story used all his resources to secure his future. As children of light we are challenged to have that same dedication and use all our blessings, our time, talents and health – wisely and justly so that we can all give a good account of our stewardship when we are asked by God.

Fr. Gerry.

Sunday 22nd September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day.



Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place from **September 24th - 2nd October.**

Mass times at 9:30am and 8pm in **Monastery of St Alphonsus**, St Alphonsus' Road Upper, Dublin 9.

All are welcome.

Raise a Cup and Make a Difference !

St. Paul's Parish will host a Coffee/Tea Weekend after all masses **next weekend 28th & 29th September** in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny & Blanchardstown.



Your support will help create funds so that patients and families will experience compassionate caring at a deep physical, spiritual and emotional level at a time when patients and families are most in need.



The Hospice services are delivered from their hospices in Raheny and Blanchardstown.

Based on a Christian philosophy, each person is treated with dignity, respect and compassion irrespective of their cultural or religious background. Their services are at no charge to patients.

Annually they need to raise €4.5 million to repay capital debt on St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown and to cover the shortfall in funding for St. Francis Hospice Raheny and Blanchardstown. With your support they can do it!

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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Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be **baptised during the month of October**, will take place on **Tuesday 24th** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th** of **September** at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.



Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every morning, Monday – Friday at 9:40am, before 10am mass



Excerpts from the "Letter from Archbishop Martin"

"Sunday 22 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. I wish to take this opportunity to address you on this vital matter and to thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults."

"This year marks the tenth anniversary of the publication of the Murphy report and we are reminded of that dark and pain-filled chapter in our history."

"We cannot undo the past. We can, however, honour the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse by doing all in our power to ensure a better and safer Church for the children of today and of tomorrow. As Pope Francis has instructed us in his recent Apostolic Letter, *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* we have an equal responsibility for the welfare and protection of vulnerable adults."

"I wish to acknowledge with gratitude all the work that has been done in our parishes to make the Church a safer place for children and vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank them all for this. I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time."

"It is important that we remain committed to this vital work. I ask you also to remember those who were abused and to pray for them."

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+ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

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



Sunday 22nd

10:30 am

Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke

Birthday Remembrance

Michael Kelleher

Anniversary

Sunday 22nd

12:30 pm

Lisa Kelly

6th Anniversary

Wednesday 25th

10:00 am

Keva Keogh

Anniversary

May they rest in peace. Amen



The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

are seeking applications for young people to travel to Lourdes with us next Easter.

We welcome applications from young people with

- A physical disability or illness (aged 11-30)
- A learning disability (aged 11-30)
- A serious illness up to the age of 11 accompanied by a parent or guardian

Forms and further information are available online at www.irishpilgrimagestrust.ie or through our office in Galway on 091 796 622. There is no cost for guests to travel with the Trust. All volunteer carers pay their own fare and fundraise throughout the year to cover the cost of the guests.

"**Walk while you Can**" inspired by the late Fr. Tony Coote, in support of Irish Motor Neurone Disease association, "Walk while you Can" will take place outside the church in Lusk on **Sunday October 13th** at **12.30pm** - those taking part are asked to walk 5K or less to support the Charity. Light refreshments will be provided in Parish Centre afterwards.

Are you in your 40s/50s? The Dublin 40 somethings organise spiritual and social events for people in their 40s/50s in and around Dublin who have a Catholic ethos. We invite you to come along and get involved. Our next monthly gathering is at the **Trinity City Hotel, Pearse Street, Dublin 2** at **8.30pm on Friday 4th October**. Come along or contact us on dublin40some-things@gmail.com or call **087-7608268** for more information.

Notice to Coeliacs: If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, at communion time, there will be a ciborium placed on a small table at the side of the altar containing consecrated hosts with very low traces of gluten in them. You are invited to help yourself to receive this instead of the congregation hosts.