



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 27th October 2019



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Pastors Desk

Jesus uses today's Gospel story to challenge those who may think they were better than others and who despise anyone else who may fall short of their high moral standards.



The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

We hear of the two men who were at prayer in the temple. One of them is a tax collector and the other a Pharisee. While they are there the Pharisee who is a good living man, is very quick to speak out to distance himself from the 'sinful' tax collector and his way of life. He thanks God and speaks about all the good things that he does, fasting, paying taxes, and points out the faults and failings of the other man. He has a false sense of security about himself.

In complete contrast, the tax collector is aware of his own faults and failings. He does not need reminding. We are told he stands some way off and does not even look to heaven. He asks for God's forgiveness with the powerful words 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. Thus, Jesus tells us that the man 'went home at rights with God' while the Pharisee did not.

It's so easy for all of us to become spiritually smug and think we are better than the next person and more deserving of God's mercy. We are all sinners in varying degrees. So, the next time we feel the urge to point the finger at someone else maybe we should think again and point it inwardly towards ourselves and use those amazing words in today's Gospel 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

Whenever we see our need for God we shall have mercy shown to us.

Fr. Gerry.

Do This In Memory Programme

At 12:30pm Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families for this mass in the "Do This In Memory" programme.

Note: We remind children who have not made their First Holy Communion yet to come up to the priest for a blessing at communion time with their hands crossed in front of their chest to signify this.



Learning About The Mass With Kath And Qumen

WHY GO TO MASS?

When you were baptised you became a member of God's family and we call that the Church. You might think the church is just a building but the Church is also the name we give to the people who gather in the building. Without the people, the Church would be just another building. One of the most important things we do as part of God's family is go to Mass.



WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS?

There is a special name for all the people gathered together for Mass. They are called the Assembly. Everyone in the Assembly helps to make the Mass a celebration of God's love for us by:

- Joining in the prayers
- Standing, kneeling and sitting at the right times
- Singing
- Listening carefully
- Offering our gifts to be shared
- Coming to the table to receive communion or a blessing. In other words, we are all part of the action!

In Church language this is called '**full, active and conscious participation**'.

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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St. Paul's Annual Remembrance Mass

On **Saturday 2nd November** at **6pm** we will be celebrating our annual Remembrance Mass for all those of our community who have died during the last twelve months.

It is good as a community, to gather, to pray and to remember. Light refreshments will be held in the pastoral centre afterwards.



Annual Masses for deceased Parishioners

In memory of our deceased relatives and friends, but especially for those bereaved in our parishes over the last 12 months, the annual masses will take place in

Holy Trinity Church on Friday 1st Nov at 7:30pm

St. Monica's Church on Friday 8th Nov at 7:30pm

St. Benedict's Church on Saturday 9th Nov at 7pm

O'Tooles G.A.C. on Sunday 17th Nov at 4pm

Candles will be lit, the symbol of resurrection, in memory of your loved one who died in the past year.



Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of **November**, will take place on **Tuesday 29th October** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



16th Anniversary Mass & Prayers of Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

will take place on **Thursday 31st October** commencing with Mass at 7:15pm in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

Ministers of the Word

The new rosters for the November, December 2019 and January 2020 are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website.

Ministers of the Eucharist

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We thank you for your continued dedication to both Ministries.

St Paul's Parish Pastoral Council

Patricia Carroll from the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism will speak to us at all Masses this weekend, **26th & 27th October** about **the role of the Parish Pastoral Council**. The PPC is the leadership group for the Parish, and there needs to be regular recruitment of new membership to keep it fresh. Patricia will address us on the three P's of the PPC: Prayer, Planning and Partnership. You will be invited to consider if God is calling you at this time to come forward for membership."

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



Saturday 26th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Audrey Kane 2nd Anniversary

Tom Collins 8th Anniversary

Sunday 27th 10:30 am

Paddy & Carmel Kirwan Anniversary

Nora Mahady Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 27th 12:30 pm

George Byrne Anniversary

Patrick 'Pat' Keegan 80th Birthday Rem.

Friday 1st 10:00 am

James Sutton 38th Anniversary

May they rest in peace. Amen

November List of the Dead

Spare envelopes are available on both church stands. These envelopes with completed lists and offerings can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your outdoor collector.

Mission Sunday

The Annual Collection last weekend in aid of **World Missions** amounted to **€ 810**.

Monday 28th October is a Bank Holiday and
The Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
Mass at 10am.

Due to the Bank Holiday the outdoor collections will be taken up on Tuesday evening, 29th October.

Friday 1st November is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

Friday 1st November is **The Feast of All Saints**.
Mass at 10am in St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield.
A Vigil Mass will be held on Thursday 31st
at 6:00pm in St. Paul's, Ayrfield.

Saturday 2nd November is
The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

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.*