



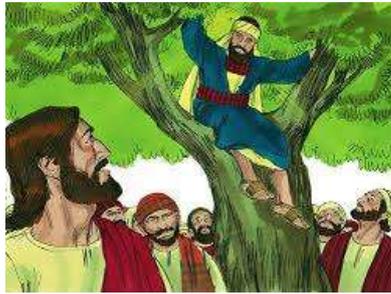
# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – C 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

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## Pastors Desk

The story of Zacchaeus is familiar to many who received their First Communion in the 1980s and 1990s. However, about 15 years ago the story was replaced by the story of the Lost Sheep. Thankfully the story of Zacchaeus has once again been returned to the schools religion programme as the best illustration of forgiveness in preparation for the children's First penance.

Something had stirred Zacchaeus to come and get a glimpse of Jesus. We are told that because he was 'short' he couldn't see him so he climbed the sycamore tree to get a better look. It's while he is up there that Jesus sees him and calls him down, declaring that 'I must stay at your house today'. The others in the crowd were not impressed that Jesus had chosen to go and stay at the home of a 'sinner'. Through this simple encounter Zacchaeus is moved to change his lifestyle and he immediately admits that he has not always been honest in his dealings with others but he vows to make restitution to those he has cheated out of their money. He didn't do this to gain Jesus approval, but rather to show gratitude for the new direction in life that he had gained.

Jesus loved Zacchaeus – a sinner, and by that love Zacchaeus's life was transformed. May each one of us be transformed by opening our hearts and minds to his salvation in our lives.

As the last line of today's gospel proclaims 'For the son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost'.

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 the first 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**'.

**Remember to collect the Grapevine for this month and to get your passport stamped in the Pastoral Centre after mass.**

### 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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## November - Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November, we remember in a special way those who have died, who have gone before us, marked with the sign of peace, the peace only God can give. We remember especially members of our own families, our friends and our neighbours and those who have no one to pray for them. May they rest in peace.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm, we celebrated 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. This year we remember:

<i>Ann Rao</i>	<i>Ann McLoughlin</i>
<i>Brigid Brown</i>	<i>Catherine Henderson</i>
<i>Vera Dolan</i>	<i>Gerry Kane</i>
<i>Bernard O'Neill</i>	<i>Denis Lonergan</i>
<i>Rose Byrne</i>	<i>Joseph Forbes</i>
<i>Alex Nowakowska</i>	<i>Anthony O'Neill</i>
<i>Eugene Donoghue</i>	<i>Gerard Keogh</i>
<i>James McGill</i>	<i>Martin Slevin</i>
<i>Peter Kelly</i>	<i>Charlotte Ellis</i>
<i>Carmel Fahey</i>	<i>Angela Kearney</i>
<i>Desmond Lennon</i>	<i>Bernadette Coleman</i>
<i>Gavin Kearns</i>	<i>Patricia Lyons</i>
<i>and Nora Mahady</i>	

Prayer:

*May He support us all the day long,  
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest and peace at the last.*

*(Saint Henry Newman)*

***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

*Amen.*

### **Parish Pastoral Council.**

Last weekend, Patricia Carroll spoke to us at Mass about the role of Pastoral Councils in Parishes. She urged each one of us to listen carefully for God's calling to serve our Parish Community. **Next Monday evening**, Patricia will be here again to conduct a workshop for prospective new and existing members of the Parish Pastoral Council. If you feel you could serve your Parish through participation in the Council's work, please come along to the Church at **8 p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

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



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

**Annual Remembrance Mass  
for all parishioners who  
died over the last 12 months**



Sunday 3<sup>d</sup>

10:30 am

**Maisa Oretaga**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 3<sup>d</sup>

12:30 pm

**Mary Bonner**

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Ann Rao**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Harry Kenny**

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Joe Carr**

Anniversary

**Gerard Kavanagh**

Anniversary

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am

**Paddy Cass**

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Audrey Kane**

Birthday Remembrance

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Service of Word with** Communion is changed from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** this week.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

Mass and devotion to St. Pio at 10am

***The Feast of St. Martin de Porres***

### **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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection** will be next weekend.

### **Annual Masses for the deceased**

**St. Monica's Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7:30pm**

**St. Benedict's Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm**

**O'Tooles G.A.C. on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 4pm**

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



**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.*