



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Second Sunday In Ordinary Time – A 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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Behold,  
the Lamb  
of God  
who takes  
away the  
sin of the  
world.

## Pastors Desk

Today we begin our week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Too often in the past, the Christian Churches have been divided on different issues instead of focussing on what unites us all as followers of Jesus Christ.

When John sees Jesus coming towards him, he is quick to proclaim, 'Look there is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. He tells them that Jesus was the one he spoke of when he said that someone was coming after him who was far greater than he was. It's almost as if John the Baptist is saying that his task is now complete and that it's up to those listening to decide for themselves if they want to become followers of 'the Chosen one of God'.

Through the sacrament of baptism, we are all called to be Jesus modern day disciples and his witnesses by the way we live our lives. That seed or gift of faith which was planted back then requires a loving personal response from us. Our faith is not something that we live out in isolation from the wider world. We are called to be ministers of his love and show compassion to those we meet daily. Bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive, lifelong task. By doing so we can also draw or invite others to 'come and see' and hopefully respond to his lifelong invitation.

May always that flame of faith we all received at baptism burn brightly in our hearts.

*Fr. Gerry Corcoran.*



### Christian Unity Week:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** on the theme

*"They showed us unusual kindness"*

*(Acts 28:2).*

**The Laudate Festival** will be celebrated in four venues in the Archdiocese of Dublin during Catholic Schools Week, in Crumlin, Ballymun, Ballyroan & Templeogue.



A large choir of children from schools in the diocese, 500-1000 in each venue, will lead in song and prayer. The festival nights are joyful and reflective gatherings celebrating the gift of faith from 7pm to 8:15pm each night. This is for everyone to enjoy and is free for all parents, families, friends and parishioners.

- Church of St Agnes, Crumlin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm - 8.15p.m.**
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan on Wed 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Pius X, Templeogue on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

### St. Paul's Snr. School Cake & Bread Sale



Annual Cake & bread Sale on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9am to 12noon in Room 1.** All Are welcome.

### 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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**Reminder :**

**You Shall Be My Witnesses:**

Mass next **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Church.

**Do This In Memory:**

Mass next **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm** in the Church.



**You Shall Be My Witnesses**

You Shall Be My Witnesses is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation.

For those of you who have volunteered to be Leaders in the programme, we say a big thank you.

The second of the two meetings for the leaders, facilitated by Rosemary Lavelle, continues in Clonliffe College this **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January** from **7:30pm – 9:30pm**. Leaders will be picked up from the church car park at 7pm.

The programme for the children will take place in the Pastoral Centre over four weeks, on the following dates.

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**

If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact Freda in the Parish Office at 01-8160984.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

on which our faith is built takes place in the Church



**Monday to Thursday**  
from **10:30am - 12noon**  
and

**Monday and Wednesday evenings**  
**7pm – 8pm.**

Jesus invites us to come before him in prayer and adoration.

Please consider devoting ½ hour or 1 hour each week to adoration and its prayer. You will find a book on the table where you can indicate the day and the time you can be present.

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



*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm*

**Boniface Omesuh** Anniversary  
**Veronica Okeke** Months Mind

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am*

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am*

**Mark Velenti** 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am*

**Dan & Ellen Barry** Anniversary

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> is the*  
**Memorial of St. Agnes,**  
Virgin & Martyr

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> is the*  
**Memorial of St. Francis De Sales,**  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> is the*  
**Feast of the conversation of St. Paul,**  
Apostle

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