



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – A 26th January 2020



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Pastors Desk

This is Catholic Schools week. Throughout the week, pupils in all our parish schools will celebrate their faith and focus a little on what it means to be a Christian and how they can put that into practice in school each day.

Catholic Schools Week 2019

Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools week which takes place from 26th January – 1st February.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus clear call to 'Repent, because the kingdom of God is close at hand'. He then invites Peter and Andrew, then James and John to 'follow me'. We are told that they left what they were doing immediately to follow him. They must have been wondering what Jesus meant when he told them he would make them into 'fishers of Men'. Can you imagine if someone was to come along to any of us today and invite us to leave all we had to do the same? Would we respond freely to their request?

In a world where contracts and conditions of employment are very important today, it is amazing that the disciples responded without questioning. They followed Jesus in the knowledge and trust that he would not abandon them. These ordinary men with no special training were given the job of bringing the knowledge and love of God to the whole world.

That responsibility to share the message of the Gospel with others is now in all our hands as the modern disciples. We are challenged to bring God's love and compassion to all we meet in our daily lives.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.



You Shall Be My Witnesses - Confirmation Programme

We welcome the children preparing for their Confirmation to our 6pm vigil mass this weekend and wish them every success in the programme beginning this **Monday 27th at 8pm.**

Do This In Memory - First Holy Communion Programme

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the **12:30pm Family Mass this Sunday.** We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus Calls us to. If your child is participating in the **First Holy Communion programme**, don't forget to collect this month's edition of **Grapevine** get your 'Passport' stamped after mass.

In preparation for your child's First Holy Communion, parent's / guardian's are invited to a meeting in the Church on Thursday 30th January at 7:30pm to reflect and discuss your child's **First Reconciliation** (First Confession), which will be held on **Tuesday 6th February at 7:30pm.**

Elaine Mahon, one of the authors of the "Grow In Love" programme, the catechism used in St. Paul's Jnr School, will be the guest speaker at this meeting.



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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The Laudate Festival will be celebrated in four venues in the Archdiocese of Dublin during Catholic Schools Week.



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.

See our notice board for more details.

Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on Tuesday 28th January at 7pm - 8.15p.m.



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. This programme will give you the opportunity to get more actively involved with your child's preparation for Confirmation.

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

- **Monday 27th January 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 3rd February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 10th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 24th 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.

Outdoor Family Offering Collections

The outdoors collection envelope boxes are available in the Parish Office for collection and distribution.

A sincere thank you to all our dedicated collectors, counters and contributors each year. Thank you also to those who contribute by standing order, this method is most convenient.

This collection, as you know, is crucial for the practical running of our Parish and its maintenance and assistance to the Schools. Spare envelopes are available on the church stands.

If any parishioner would you like to contribute regularly to the Family Offering Collection, either by a **Family Offering Envelope** or by a **Standing Order**, please contact the Parish Office on 01-8160984.

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



Saturday 25th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm
Stephen Haugh Birthday Remembrance
William Bowe Birthday Remembrance
James Kavanagh Months Mind
Sally Kavanagh Anniversary

Sunday 26th 10:30 am
Keith O'Neill 25th Anniversary

Sunday 26th 12:30 pm
Joe Forbes (& Parents) 1st Anniversary
Patrick, Nora, Molly & Sean Molloy Anniversary
Peter Mannion, Yvonne Shelly, John Fidgeon & Derek Martin 33rd Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the
happy repose of the soul of
William Johnston recently deceased.*

Saturday 1st 6:00pm
Fr. Tom Colreavy 3rd Anniversary

May they rest in peace. Amen

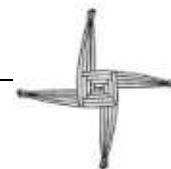
Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of **February**, will take place on **Tuesday 28th January at 7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



Friday 31st January is the Feast of St. John Bosco, Priest.

Saturday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid.



Copies of **St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2020** are available on the church stands.

Holy Trinity Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes
 8th – 13th June 2020 inclusive. Staying in the Hotel Padue. Cost is €755. For more details contact Holy Trinity Parish Office 8479822 or Fr. Gerry 087 2408428

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.*