



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A 16th February 2020

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Pastors Desk

Our readings today challenge us to make wise choices and observe the laws given by a loving and caring God.

In our first reading from Ecclesiasticus we are told that we can keep Gods commandments and to behave faithfully towards him in all matters is within our power. God never forces us to do good or evil. We are told we can choose freely to put our hand into fire or water.

Saint Paul challenges the people of Corinth that they should appreciate the wisdom of Gods saving plan for his people revealed to us through the Spirit.

Jesus tells his disciples that he has not come to abolish the law or the prophets but to complete them. The scribes and the Pharisees regarded themselves to be the greatest upholders of the law. By keeping all the outward observances, they believed that they were at one with God. Jesus was aware of that so tells those listening today that if their virtue goes not deeper than that of the Pharisees they will never get into the Kingdom of heaven.

There is a message here for each of us. We may feel that coming to mass each week is all that's required of us. We can be like the Pharisees believing that if we pray daily and give to charity we are righteous. But righteousness is not some we earn – it is something we receive through God's grace which allows us to say 'Yes' to him when we are tested in all matters of faith.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

"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 the **Grapevine** and get your '**Passport**' stamped **after the final hymn** at Mass.



MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING



The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the 15th & 16th February.

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual *Share* Collection.

Accord Dublin offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programmes for primary and secondary Schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support, please give generously.

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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Ministers of the Word & Eucharist

The new rosters for February, March & April are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website.



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 programme for the children finishes up this Monday in the Pastoral Centre:

• **Monday 17th February 2019 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
Parents and guardians are invited to join us for the final prayer at 8:50pm in the church.

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

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust will have

a Churchgate collection after all Masses **next weekend**. This group bring over 500 children and young people with special needs or life limiting illnesses to Lourdes at Easter. All monies raised will be used to cover the cost of the children to travel. All carers are volunteers and pay their own fares while fundraising throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Fun 6 week nutrition and cookery course

Cook and taste healthy recipes

Learn nutritional info

Get tips on food shopping

Certificate upon Completion

Open to all ages and abilities

Just €10 registration fee

Supported by HSE community dietitian

Dates: Thursday 27th Feb (6 Thursdays until April 2nd)

Times: 10 am-12.30 Venue: NSP, Greendale Rd, D5

Contact Linda 01 8320995



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



Saturday 15th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Michael Keyes 9th Anniversary

Keith Fitzsimons Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 16th 10:30 am

Sunday 16th 12:30 pm

Maeve Bissett 25th Anniversary

Liam Reilly Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the
happy repose of the souls of **Owen Gillard,
Con Kelly & Paul Foley** recently deceased.*

Monday 17th 10:00 am

Kathleen Fitzsimons 10th Anniversary

Thursday 20th 10:00 am

Paul Walsh 20th Anniversary

May they rest in peace. Amen



28th Divine Mercy Conference

Divine Mercy Conference Committee wish to invite you to their annual conference on the **22nd, 23rd February** in the **RDS, Ballsbridge**. On Friday night, 21st

February, we are continuing our very successful addition to the programme which includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confessions and which is aimed specially for our young people.

This year's theme is:

Deliver Us From Evil (Matthew.6:13).

See our notice board for more details.

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The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available on the church stands - €2 each

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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.