



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – A 23rd February 2020

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Pastors Desk

In the book of Leviticus, we hear the Lord say to Moses 'you must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart'. If your brother does wrong then for no reason, other than love, you should tell him what his offence is so that he can change his ways.

Jesus challenges the social norm of his time which declared that a person was entitled to claim an eye for an eye to exact vengeance for some wrong doing committed against them. Instead he declares they should forgive those who do harm or wrong them. They should even go as far as loving and praying for their enemies. By doing so they can bring about a change of heart of the part of those who have done wrong.

Living out this challenge to love our neighbour as ourselves is perhaps the most difficult of all the commandments. We are tasked with loving not just those who love us but also those who have hurt us by things they have said and done in the past. But, Jesus told his disciples that they would be judged on the unconditional love they showed to others.

We are all grateful recipients of God's forgiveness on many occasions in life. It follows that in return we should imitate God and share that forgiveness with those who have hurt us. When we do, we free ourselves of the burden of the hurt that has caused us pain and resentment once and for all.

Lord give us the grace to put love where there is hate, forgiveness where there is resentment, and healing where there are wounds and hurt.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

will have a Church gate collection after all Masses **this 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.



You Shall Be My Witnesses

On **Thursday 27th February at 7:30pm** we will have the **Ceremony of Light** in the **Church**.

This is the final preparatory event for the boys and girls Confirmation on 24th April. For a number of years now, the Confirmation pledge is part of this short ceremony. We welcome the boys and girls, their parents, guardians and sponsors to this ceremony.

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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Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of March, will take place on **Tuesday 25th** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



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The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to € 820.

ACCORD Dublin thanks you for your generosity.



Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 27th** of **February** at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.



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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Trócaire and Lent 2020

Trócaire Boxes will be available on the stands at both doors of the church during Lent.

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

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



Saturday 22nd (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm
Hugh Keenan 9th Anniversary
Jimmy Eiffe 2nd Anniversary
Eddie Clarke 5th Anniversary

Sunday 23rd 10:30 am
Annie, Paddy & Michael Lynch Anniversaries

Sunday 23rd 12:30 pm
Derek Dillon Birthday Remembrance

*Your prayers are also requested for the
 happy repose of the soul of
Nora Sisk recently deceased.*

Thursday 27th 10:00 am
Sr. Joan Tierney 4th Anniversary

Friday 28th 10:00 am
Matthew Killeen Anniversary

May they rest in peace. Amen

Lent 2020

The Traditions Three Pillars of Lent:

Prayer - Justice towards God

Fasting - Justice towards yourself

Alms Giving - Justice towards your neighbour

Days of Fasting

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

What is Fasting? One full meal and two smaller meals

Days of Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday & Every Friday during Lent

What is Abstinence? No meat.

Tuesday 15th February is Shrove Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts.

The name 'Shrove' comes from the old English word 'Shriven' meaning to go to confession to say sorry for the wrong things you've done.

Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday.

Blessed ashes will be distributed during 10am mass.

Emphasises our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

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.*