



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday in Lent – A 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

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**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

## Pastors Desk

On Wednesday, we began our journey through the holy season of Lent. It's a special time of spiritual renewal for each of us in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Today's readings tell us that we are constantly tempted by the devil and that each one of us should use God's grace to overcome our temptations and failings.

During Jesus' 40 days of preparation in the desert for his public ministry he must decide between using his life for his own purpose or choose to follow the Father's plan and give it in the service of others. We hear how he is tempted by the devil who presents several 'proposals' to him. He found his strength in the words of scripture when he says, 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone'. At that moment, we are told, the devil left him and the angels appeared and looked after him. He conquered temptation by relying in faith on God's word and authority.

We are all tempted daily in different ways to make choices that are not in our best interest. Jesus strengthened himself by prayer and fasting. Perhaps this lent we could use the time wisely in daily prayer to be alone with God and listen to his voice guiding us and not to the voice of the evil one whose purpose is to come between us and the Lord.

We pray that we may have the strength to remain faithful to whatever act of penance that we may have chosen to do this Lenten period.

*Fr. Gerry Corcoran.*

### The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

would like to thank all who contributed to their collection last weekend. The total amount raised amounted to € 730.70 all of which will be used to bring children and young people to Lourdes.

Please pass on our appreciation to the parishioners of Ayrfield for their generosity and **we will remember the parishioners during our time at the grotto in Lourdes at Easter.**



### Trócaire and Lent 2020

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

### An Carghas 2020 - Lent 2020

**Aifreann laethúil i lár na cathrach**  
Séipéal na Sacraiminte Beannaithe  
Siúlán Bhaitsiléir, Baile Átha Cliath 2  
**Luan go hAoine, 1.15 p.m.**  
**ag tosú ar Chéadaoin an Luathrigh**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Feabhra**

**Daily Mass in Irish during Lent**  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors Walk, D2  
Monday to Friday 1.15 p.m.  
from Ash Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

### 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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## NOVENA OF GRACE 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March

Novena prayers to Saint Francis Xavier will be recited at all masses.

### PRAYERS FOR THE NOVENA

#### Prayer to Saint Francis Xavier



O most kind and loving Saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to Him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech of you to secure for me the special favor I ask in this novena. (*Here you may mention the favour you wish to obtain*), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen

#### Let us Pray

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we, who honor his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)*

#### Novena of Grace: Holy Trinity & St Paul's Parishes

(Donaghmede – Clongriffin – Balgriffin – Ayrfield) wish to extend an open invitation to our annual Novena of Grace in Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede, we are delighted to welcome our guest speaker **Very Rev. Msgr. Daniel O'Connor, Episcopal Vicar for Education.**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Mon - Fri 7:30pm, Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 11:30am**

#### **Volunteer Programme**

Do you have Friday mornings free? Would you like to help in a practical way to support people in food poverty in the community?

Crosscare are looking for volunteers to join our team to help pack food parcels in our Darndale Community foodbank. **Commitment:** Weekly

**Foodbank Day:** Fridays 8.30-11.30

**Location:** On the grounds of Our Lady Immaculate Church, Darndale, D 17. (Parking onsite or bus 27,27x)

**Contact Orla 01 8360011 EXT 151** or

email [volunteer@crosscare.ie](mailto:volunteer@crosscare.ie)

Please take into consideration that this role can be a little physically demanding i.e. packing & moving parcels.

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



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**William Johnston** Months Mind

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am

**Josie, Sunny & Tommy Fitzgerald** Anniv.

**Stephen Morgan** 3rd Anniversary

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30 pm

**James & Ester Evans** Anniversary

**Deceased Members of the Ayrfield Pitch & Putt Club**

*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the soul of  
**Don Hutchins & John Curtis**  
recently deceased.*

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am

**Martha Donnelly** Recently Deceased

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday.

10am mass will be offered for all on the **Mass Bouquet** List.

The **Miraculous Medal Novena** will be said at the 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

Devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am mass.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday.

10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

### *Lent 2020*

**Mass will be held each week day at 10am  
during the season of Lent.**

**Lectio Divina** – Short reflections on the Word of God, Sunday's readings, each Friday during Lent at **10:40 am** in the Pastoral Centre, Ayrfield

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

**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.*