



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday in Lent – A 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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## Pastors Desk

In today's gospel, we hear how Jesus takes Peter, James and his brother John up a high mountain so they could be alone and perhaps have time to pray after a busy day. As soon as they reach the summit he is 'transfigured' before them with his face shining like the sun and his clothes as white as the light. Moses and Elijah appear and are seen talking to Jesus. Later, a voice from the cloud declares 'This is my son, the beloved; he enjoys my favour, listen to him.' The disciples are frightened by what they see and hear but Jesus seeks to reassure them and tells them to stand up and not be afraid.

When they came down the mountain Jesus told them to tell no one about their experience until the 'Son of Man has risen from the dead'. They could not understand at that time that Jesus was foretelling what was to happen to him in time to come.

Their experience on the mountain was perhaps meant to strengthen and encourage them to remain faithful. We all experience different crisis in life. Our lives can often be transformed by these experiences and changed forever. Maybe that's what Jesus had in mind when he brought the disciples up the mountain. That they might be changed and prepared for what was ahead in his passion and death.

We pray that this Holy season of Lent may transform our hearts and lives in preparation for the forthcoming Easter day and beyond.

*Fr. Gerry Corcoran.*

**St. Vincent De Paul** The society will be taking up their monthly collection after all masses this weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March.

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| <b>Lent 2020</b>   |  |  <b>International Women's Day</b> | <p>Come and join us to Celebrate International Women's Day, Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 10.00-12.00. The theme of this year's International Women's Day focuses on a new generation of women. We wish to also celebrate the lives of women who came before and their creativity in ageing.</p> <p><b>Venue: Mentoring Suite O'Reilly Library, DCU, Glasnevin Campus.</b><br/> <b>Guest Speaker : Ms Mairead Hayes, CEO, Irish Senior Citizen's Parliament.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Mass will be held each week day at 10am during the season of Lent.</b></p>   | <p><b>March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 is International Women's Day:</b><br/> <b>"I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"</b></p> |  |  |
| <p><b>Lectio Divina –</b><br/> Short reflections on the Word of God, Sunday's readings, <b>each Friday</b> during Lent at <b>10:40 am</b> in the Pastoral Centre, Ayrfield</p> |  |  |  |

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| <b>Mass Times</b>  | <b>Contact:</b>            |                           |                               |
| <b>Saturday : 6 pm Vigil</b>                             | <b>Fr. Gerard Deegan</b>   | <b>Co - Parish Priest</b> | <b>01 8674007</b>             |
| <b>Sundays : 10:30 am &amp; 12:30 pm</b>                 | <b>Fr. Gerry Corcoran</b>  | <b>Moderator, Co-P.P.</b> | <b>087 24 08 428</b>          |
| <b>Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu &amp; Fri. 10 am</b>         | <b>Fr. Matthias Jjooga</b> | <b>Curate</b>             | <b>089 94 10 262</b>          |
| <b>Service of the Word with Communion : Tuesday 10am</b> | <b>Rev. Gerard Reilly</b>  | <b>Deacon</b>             | <b>01 847 9822</b>            |
|  | <b>Parish Office:</b>      | <b>01 - 8160984</b>       | <b>Sacristy: 01 - 8160981</b> |

## 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 God 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 favour 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 honour 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*)

### ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

The National Data Centre for Biodiversity co-ordinates the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. These are the actions that are required:

1. **Mow less** – leave areas for the grasses and wild flowers to grow, mowing less also produces less carbon and air pollution, strimming is also very destructive to our wild habitats
2. **Spray less** – eliminate herbicide and pesticide spraying altogether, many communities have purchased motorised edgers which take the effort out of the work and are an alternative to spraying.
3. **Plant more pollen-rich plants** – many plants do not produce pollen and are of no use to our bees and insects, (such as daffodils, tulips), the best plants for biodiversity are listed on the attached leaflet.
4. **Stop clearing existing habitats** – let the native wild flowers and plants grow.

For more information visit [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie) or Email: [pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:pollinators@biodiversityireland.ie) Phone: 051-306240.

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



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**Sean Eaton** 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
**Peggy & Colin Eaton** 16<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
**John Mooney** 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**Nola Collins** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**James & Mary Treacy** Anniversaries  
**Michael & Mary Hardiman** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

**Con Kelly** Months Mind

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of  
**Nuala Grant & Martin Whelan**  
recently deceased.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Trócaire and Lent 2020** Trócaire Boxes are available on the stands at both doors of the church.

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

### Coffee Weekend

 We are hosting a Coffee/Tea weekend after all the Masses **next weekend 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

All proceeds will go to the **Infant Jesus Sisters' Mission in Nigeria.**



**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a

Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7:20pm** in the **Carnegie Court Hotel**, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or **085 2888 888** for any queries.

**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.*