



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday in Lent – A 15th March 2020



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Pastors Desk



Today Jesus arrives into the Samaritan town of Sychar. Its late in the day and tired by his journey he takes a rest at Jacobs well while the disciple's head into a nearby town to buy food to eat. When the Samaritan woman comes to the well to draw some water Jesus is very forthright and asks her for a drink. Because Jews and Samaritans don't associate with each other the Woman is very surprised by Jesus request and she questions why he a Jew, would ask for and accept a drink from a Samaritan.

Initially they get into a general conversation about water and eventually Jesus tries to indicate to the woman that God is offering her something that will take away her 'thirst' forever. He was of course speaking of that inner thirst we all have for God in our lives. For example, although the woman had five husbands she had a spiritual void in her life that only a closer relationship with God could take away from her. The woman responds by asking Jesus to give her some of that water so that she will never have to come here again to drink.

The Samaritan woman became an evangelist. She shared her experience with others and they in turn began to believe in him through their own personal encounters with Jesus and responded in faith.

Jesus knew everything about the woman's life. He knows every about our lives too and continually invites to come to the water and drink so that our inner thirst for may be satisfied through a deepening of our relationship with him during this Lenten season.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

Prayer for our protection We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

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| Christ with me, | Christ when I sit down, |
| Christ before me, | Christ when I arise, |
| Christ behind me, | Christ in the heart of everyone |
| Christ in me, | who thinks of me, |
| Christ beneath me, | Christ in the mouth of everyone |
| Christ above me, | who speaks of me, |
| Christ on my right, | Christ in every eye that sees me, |
| Christ on my left, | Christ in every ear that hears me. |
| Christ when I lie down, | |

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

Mass Times

MASS WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA WEB-CAM ONLY

Saturday 6pm Vigil & Sunday 10:30am

Monday – Friday 10 am

St. Patrick's Day Mass (Web-Cam only) :

Monday 16th : 6pm Vigil & Tuesday 17th : 10am

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***** CORONAVIRUS MEASURES *****

DUE TO MEASURES INTRODUCED BY HEALTHCARE AUTHORITIES LIMITING ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC INDOOR GATHERINGS TO 100 PEOPLE, PUBLIC MASS IN THIS CHURCH IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EACH DAY Monday To Friday from 11 am to 12noon

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ALONE

Supporting older people to age at home

ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Beaumont Hospital Restrictions

There is a restriction on visitations to our patients at Beaumont to one person and secondly, mass in our chapel is restricted to staff and patients only.

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

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



Saturday 14th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Steward Preston 2nd Anniversary
Eugene Donohue 1st Anniversary
Regina Mgezu Anniversary
Shay O'Hare 10th Anniversary

Sunday 15th 10:30 am

Kathleen Redmond 22nd Anniversary

Sunday 15th 12:30 pm

James McGill 1st Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the
happy repose of the souls of
Aidan Egan & Michael Murphy
recently deceased.*

Tuesday 17th 10:00 am

Josie Hennessy 6th Anniversary

Wednesday 18th 10:00 am

Patrick & Liam Byrne Anniversaries

Rose & Joseph Delaney Anniversaries

May they rest in peace. Amen

**** Webstreaming Masses only until further notice ****

**Tuesday 17th is
The Feast of St. Patrick,
Bishop, principal patron of Ireland.
Mass at 10am
Vigil Mass at 6 pm on Monday**



Thursday 19th March is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.*