



**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Second Sunday of Easter - B**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
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**Pastors Desk Year of Prayer 2024**

After the year dedicated to reflection on the documents and the study of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council in 2023, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a **Year of Prayer**. The Holy Father announced its launch on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**, on the fifth annual celebration of the 'Sunday of the Word of God'.  
 "From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a **great 'symphony' of prayer**. First of all, to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him." ~ Pope Francis



The Dicastery has made some useful resources available to help people to better understand and rediscover the value of prayer. In addition to the **38 catecheses on Prayer** that Pope Francis himself presented from 6 May 2020 to 16 June 2021, a series of booklets entitled, "**Notes on Prayer**" is being published by the Vatican publishing house, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. The **eight titles** are designed to put the need for a profound relationship with the Lord back at the center of people's lives, through the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition of prayer. In addition, a **pastoral aid** is available online, in a digital version, to help parish communities, families, priests, cloistered nuns and young people to become more aware of the need for daily prayer. **For more details see our Parish website.**

**Trócaire** was established by the Catholic Church in 1973 as a way for Irish people to donate to development and emergency relief overseas. Our dual mandate is to support the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty in Ireland.

**Weekday service in St. Paul's is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am** 

<b>Mass Times :</b>	<b>Ayrfield</b>	<b>Donaghmede</b>
Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	6:30pm
Sundays :	10:30 am	9:30am & 11:30am
<b>Weekdays</b> 10am :	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>Mon, Wed &amp; Fri</b>
<b>Service of Word with Communion 10am</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tue &amp; Thur</b>



**Divine Mercy Novena**  
 The Novena commenced on Good Friday and will continue until **Divine Mercy Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.**


**The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion**

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.  
 The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

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


*Due to annual leave, Mass intentions will be announced at each mass*

Saturday	-	5:30 pm
Sunday	-	10:30 am
Tuesday	-	10:00 am
Thursday	-	10:00 am

*May they rest in peace*

**Trócaire Boxes** can be returned to the Sacristy in the church.

**Easter Dues.** Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided.

**Thank You**  
 Sincere Thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparation and participation of the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies and all who prepared the church.  
**"We pray that this Easter, the Risen Christ will give us a quiet joy and a deep sense of peace. May that joy and peace be with all our parishioners this Easter."** 

**Notice to Coeliacs:** If you are gluten intolerant, we have *Low Gluten hosts available in a chalice at the side of the alter at communion time.*

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