



## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Easter Sunday - B

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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### Pastors Desk *Our Celebration*

If we have a look around the Church we notice colour, nature, ions, water and oil. We hear joyful music and uplifting prayer. This is our Easter – our celebration. The next bit of Easter is to go and tell. Like he appeared in an ordinary garden and appeared to unexpected women. Who would have thought he would do that? He would still do the same!

The divine Jesus also looks ordinary. They take a while to recognise it is the same Jesus, the one they knew and loved. We sometimes meet people who got a promotion (or something big happened to them) and deep down they are still the same person. Jesus was new but then they realised that for now and forever he would still be the same, finding us and loving us in the ordinary, on our good days and bad days, in goodness and weakness.

On our bad days he can bring out the best in us. Like his bad days brought out the best in him. When we can say little, he sings *Alleluia* in us. He is doing us a world of good in us so that we can do the world a world of good.

His words of resurrection echo today in all that is in this church, its colour, sounds, and above all in the humanity here. We will always have the echo of Jesus, he is risen today: alleluia, alleluia

*Allow the joy of Jesus to fill your heart as your breath fills your body.*

*Risen Jesus, be joyful in me, in all. Fr Donal Neary, S.J*

**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**



Mass Times :	Ayrfield	Donaghmede
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Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	6:30pm
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Sundays :	10:30 am	9:30am & 11:30am
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Weekdays	10am	Tuesday & Thursday	Mon, Wed & Fri
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Service of Word with Communion	10am	Monday	Tue & Thur
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### Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena commenced on Good Friday and will continue until

Divine Mercy Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### Blessing of Homes

#### with Easter Water.



At the Easter Vigil each year, holy water is blessed. It is a tradition in Ireland that families bring this Easter water home with them to bless themselves, their homes, vehicles and also the graves of loved ones. Small containers of Blessed Water will be available to take away after the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night, together with prayers of intercession and blessing.

This initiative seeks to recover a traditional religious practice that meant a lot to Irish families. The faithful have always been encouraged to take holy water home and use it as part of their daily lives. They have also been encouraged to regularly seek God's blessing on themselves, their families and on their homes, vehicles, religious objects and other items. In Ireland the great affection that people have for deceased loved ones has been shown by the tradition of blessing graves.

**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.

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



Saturday 7:30 pm  
**Holy Saturday Vigil Mass**

Sunday	10:30 am
Philip Land	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
John Fahey	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
Ann Kennedy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
Nuala English	Recently Deceased
Emily & Gerry Grogan	Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday.  
10am mass will be offered for all on the  
**Altar List of the Dead.**  
**Devotion in honour of St. Pio**  
Blessing with the relics after 10am mass

### 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."**

