



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fourth Sunday of Lent – C 27th March 2022

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Today we have the familiar story of the two Sons and the forgiving father. One of the sons decided to get what he can from his father so that he can go off and enjoy life now. The kind and loving father who does not want to stand in the way of his Sons happiness or interfere in his life gives him the money and so he heads off. All seems to go well for the Man who is surrounded by his new found friends who help him to squander all his money very quickly and it is soon gone. He is now penniless and taking care pigs who have more to eat than he does. He eventually comes to his senses and decides to go back to his father and ask his forgiveness.

When he arrives home the father sees him and welcomes him with open arms and is overjoyed that the son he thought he had lost forever has now returned. He decides to hold a banquet in his honour much to the dismay of the son who stayed loyal and continued to help his father with the work on their land. The father is quick to point out to this faithful Son that he loves him just as much and is grateful for his all his hard work and loyalty.

There are be lots of similarities between this story and our own lives. In this year of mercy, God our loving father invites each one of us to recognise our sinfulness and return to ask his forgiveness so that he can embrace us with the same joy that the father did in today's gospel story.

This gospel tells us what coming home to God is really like.

Fr. Gerry.

A Mother's Prayer For You

I say a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tender hearted love.

I thank God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be! ~ Anon



*Wishing all families and their mothers;
A Mother's Day that is filled with every pleasure;
And a future that's as happy as the memories you treasure!*

Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm
Weekdays : Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am
: Saturday 10 am (Donaghmede)
Service of the Word with Communion : Monday 10am

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Sacrament of Confirmation

On **Friday 25th March**, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Rev. Gerard Deegan to the boys and girls of St. Paul's Senior School.

We congratulate the children and we pray that we will continue to nourish the seed sown at Confirmation and help our young people to become strong and proud witnesses to their faith.

A lot of time and dedication went into the preparation for this special day in the life of our parish and we sincerely thank all those who made this day possible.

Firstly, we thank the class teachers, Ms. Hackett and Ms. Moriarty, SNA Lyndsey Murphy, Principal Mr. Brougham and Vice Principal Mr. O'Shea.

We thank Martin Kenny & Catherine Meade for the beautiful Music and the support from the staff of St. Pauls Senior School and our own Parish Team. Many thanks too, to all who cleaned and prepared the church for this special occasion.

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



Saturday 26th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Brendan Synnott
Birthday Remembrance

William Whitford
25th Anniversary

Sunday 27th 10:30 am

Bronislaw Grzelak
1st Anniversary

& Deceased members of the Grzelak Family

Sunday 27th 12:30 pm

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Thursday 31st 10:00 am

Gerry Brodigan
1st Anniversary

Friday 1st April 10:00 am

Ann Kennedy
1st Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Saturday 26th 6:00 pm

Vera & Paul O'Farrell
50th Wedding Anniversary



Friday 1st April is the 1st Friday.
10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

Easter Mass Bouquets are available in the Sacristy.



**Lenten Mass Times in
Holy Trinity Church Donaghmede**
Monday to Saturday 10 am
Saturday (vigil) 6:30pm
Sunday 9:30am & 11:30 am

Notice to Coeliacs: *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.*

Special Collection for Ukraine

Weekend of 26 -27 March 2022

"In the name of God I ask you: stop this massacre!" - Pope Francis

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of **26th & 27th March** to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion.

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region.

Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

The Irish Catholic is on sale on the church stands €2.50 each.