



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Fifth Sunday of Lent – C
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Pastors Desk

Today we hear how the Scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman who was caught committing adultery. It's worth noting that there is no mention of the man who must surely have been caught too. We can only assume that he was allowed to walk freely away. They claim that the law of Moses allowed them to stone the woman to death. Their main interest is hearing what Jesus has to say in the hope they can catch him out in some way and find him guilty.

In the middle of their persistent questioning Jesus looks up and challenges the one who has not sinned to cast the first stone at this unfortunate Lady whose sin was now public knowledge. Soon its very obvious that none of them is sinless and free to throw a stone at the woman or indeed criticise her brokenness any more.

We can all be like the scribes and Pharisees from time to time. Often the sins of others, our parents, children, sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, partners, colleagues, neighbours etc. are known to us and we can criticise or constantly remind them of their faults and failings. However, we also need to remind ourselves that we are never in a position to criticise or throw stones at them.

The words of Jesus are striking when he says to the woman "has no one condemned you" ..."no one sir" is her reply and he adds "neither do I condemn you ... go and sin no more". Jesus restores her to peace and friendship with God. In this season of Lent, we all have the opportunity to draw closer to the Lord and be healed or relieved of the burden of our own sin and brokenness.

Fr. Gerry.

Mass Times **Saturday** : **6 pm Vigil**
 Sundays : **10:30 am & 12:30pm**
 Weekdays : **Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri 10:00 am**
Service of the Word with Communion : Monday 10am



Thank you for your generosity to The Special Collection for Ukraine taken up at all Masses last weekend. **The amount raised amounted to € 2,255.**



The annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place **next weekend** on **Saturday 9th** and **Sunday 10th April.**

The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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



Saturday 2nd (Vigil) 6:00pm
John Fahey
1st Anniversary

Sunday 22nd 10:30 am
Philip Land
1st Anniversary

Sunday 22nd 12:30 pm
Phyllis Plunkett
2nd Anniversary
May Keogh
20th Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Alfred "Alfie" Kane** whose funeral mass took place on Friday.*

May they rest in peace

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

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