



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Easter Sunday – C 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Celebrating Mass with the Risen Lord

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## Pastors Desk

It was one of those shops you go into browse the knick-knacks, bits of pottery, books etc. to pass the time on holidays. Full of curious items or gadgets that you can't always figure out what they are intended for. Often we buy on impulse the strangest of items that are of no use whatsoever.

In the corner of this shop there was a model which was made of matchsticks. It was a church. It must have taken months of hard work by someone to build it but now their creation was sitting forlorn and unloved gathering dust in the corner of the shop. No one admired their handiwork or gave it a second look.

The person who owned the shop decided one day to do a stocktake, rearrange and do some tidying. When they came to the model they wondered what to do with it. It had been there so long maybe it would be better to take it all apart and then get someone to use the matchsticks to make a different model. After some thought they decided to give it one more chance and they placed a small battery operated lamp inside the Model.

The next day the matchstick model of the church was still in the darkened corner of the shop. But now It looked different with the lamp inside giving a warm glow that shone out through the windows. The model that no one had noticed before had been turned into an item of beauty. Everyone who walked into the shop began to notice it and comment on it. Very soon it was sold for a very good price which made the shop owner very happy. Light had transformed that model. **The light has transformed our world.** The light of Christ has come into our world and all of us are changed as a result. Today, He is Risen.

May your heart be filled with the joy of the risen Lord on this Easter day.

*Fr. Gerry.*

## 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 an instruction and 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.

*Holy Water is always available from the Sacristy throughout the year.*

### Mass Times

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

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### Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena commenced on Good Friday and will continue until Divine Mercy Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are available in the Sacristy.



**Thank you for your generosity to The Annual Collection for the Advocate collection** taken up at all Masses last weekend.

**The amount raised amounted to € 375.00**



Thank You from **Missio Ireland** for the donation of **€1,300** from the people of our parish on **World Mission Sunday**.

## **Trócaire**

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. Please support Trócaire this Lent.

**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 or given to your Outdoor collector.



### 2022 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

The pilgrimage will be led by **Archbishop Dermot Farrell**. A bus will be leaving from **Portmarnock Parish**, contact **01 846 1561** to book a place on the bus. For more information or any queries, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

See our noticeboard for Timetable of events



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



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

**Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

– Service of Word at 10am

**Easter Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

– Mass at 10am

*Your prayers are requested for the  
happy repose of the soul of*

**Noel O'Neill** recently deceased.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

(Vigil Mass)

**6:00 pm**

**Veronica Omesuh**

Anniversary

**Margaret Offiah**

Anniversary

**Monica Omesuh**

Anniversary

**Liam Byrne**

Months Mind

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30 pm**

**Christopher Dunne**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am**

**Christy Cooling**

Anniversary

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am**

**Thomas Browne**

Birthday Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

### 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  
joy and a deep sense of peace."*

*May that joy and peace be  
with all our parishioners  
this Easter."*



**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.