



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fourth Sunday of Easter – C

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The image of the shepherd and the sheep is one that we often encounter in the Scripture readings at mass. Psalm Twenty-Two 'The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want' is one that we are all fairly familiar with. While we may know the psalm we need to ask ourselves how well do we know the shepherd?

In today's gospel Jesus tells us 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me'. A sheep knows the voice of the shepherd, and will only respond to that particular voice. But we all know that sheep often stray away from the rest of the flock in search of greener pastures and before long they may become lost and cut off from the watchful eye of the shepherd.

In society there are lots of voices and things fighting for our attention, promising, riches, pleasure or satisfaction. Some of us do find happiness when we are distracted this way. But when we are spiritually healthy we can hear the voice of God in our lives guiding and directing us differently. God sends Shepherds to us, Women and Men to guide us on our way and bring us back to his safe protection when we are lost.

So today, we pray for vocations to religious life and Priesthood. That Women and Men will continue to answer the call in the service of the Lord. That families will support and encourage Daughters and Sons as they seek to discern if they have a vocation as one of his modern-day shepherds.

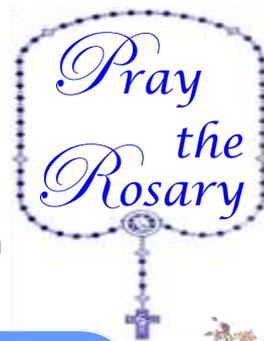
Lord, inspire Women and Men to give their lives to building your kingdom on earth.

Fr. Gerry.

St. Paul's Parish, Ayrfield

would like to invite you to join thousands of people in Ireland each day in May as we go to our Grottos at 8pm to pray the Rosary.

Our Lady is always close to us, especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems. ~ Pope Francis



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed **this Sunday**, May 8th, also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

(Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the website of the National Vocation Office www.vocations.ie

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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Archdiocese of Dublin Statement of Mission



The great social, cultural and religious change of our time brings challenges and opportunities for all people—both for people of faith and for people who do not see themselves in this way. In response, the Archdiocese of Dublin is initiating a process of review and renewal, and is providing a Statement of Mission as a starting point for reflection and conversation in each parish and in the diocese as a whole.

Mission

Encounter with the person of Jesus makes us who we are, and shapes what we do. Being at the service of this encounter is the heart of our mission. The living Christ calls and empowers the Dublin Archdiocese to act with resolve and become more fully a place of welcome and compassion, which embodies the power, hope and joy of the gospel.

Vision

Across the Archdiocese we build up together:

- Communities that are faith-filled
- Communities of co-responsibility through servant leadership
- Communities that are active in social justice and
- Communities of welcome and inclusion

We are called to develop new ways to accompany the people of our time. This will require new thinking and a shift of mind-set in everyone. Within the reality of our cultural, social and church context, we must create new possibilities for mission:

- Supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God
- Creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith, and
- Advocating for those who are on the margins

Aware of the need for responsible stewardship, and of the diminishing resources available of time, talent and treasure, we are invited into an ongoing process of prayerful dialogue, discernment and decision making, concerning our missionary priorities.

Values

Continuously opening ourselves to the challenges and opportunities provided by change.

Building a culture of dialogue, discernment and solidarity.

Actively participating together as baptised People of God.

Working alongside each other to effect renewal.

Including and accompanying all, especially those on the margins.

Supporting and resourcing faith development.

Committing ourselves to care for the earth and sustainability.

Grounding all we do as communities in the mission and ministry of Jesus.

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



Saturday 7th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm
Christy & Stuart Preston Anniversaries

Sunday 8th 10:30 am

Sunday 8th 12:30 pm
Angela Kearney 3rd Anniversary

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*Your prayers are requested for the  
happy repose of the soul of  
**Julia (Sheila) Shanahan** recently deceased.*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
**Paul Kallungal** 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

### First Holy Communion

On Saturday next, **14<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am**, we will celebrate First Communion when a new generation of boys and girls from St. Paul's Junior School will be able to participate fully in our Eucharistic celebration, the Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm** in the **Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin**.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or **085 2888 888** for any queries.

### **Free 6 week Stop Smoking course, Northside Partnership**

In addition to the weekly support provided, those attending the programme will also be able to avail of 6 weeks Nicotine replacement (i.e patches/ spray /lozenge and Gums) completely free of charge. See our noticeboard for details

**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.*