



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fifth Sunday of Easter – C 15th May 2022



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*I give you a new commandment:
Love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you must also love one another.” ~ John 13:34*

On the night before he died and just after Judas has left the upper room Jesus gives the rest of the disciples a command and a promise. He tells them to love one another and the guarantee is that people will know that they are his disciples. There is both a challenge and a reassurance. On a later occasion Jesus went as far as to say that we would be judged on the love we show to others.

Living out that commandment to love one another, isn't easy, even within our own families, because we are all imperfect creatures. It's easy to love those who are kind and loving towards us but Christian love calls us to do more than this. No one must be excluded from our loving, even our enemies and those who have hurt us. We all know just how difficult that is though. We are called to recognise God, present in everyone we meet and treat them accordingly. So becoming real Christians is probably the work of a lifetime and not something that happens overnight. It requires a lot of patience on our part.

If we have truly experienced Gods love in our lives and we allow him to enter our hearts, we are asked to share that unconditional love with others and become channels of his grace. The challenge for all of us in today's Gospel is to look at our own lives and into our own hearts to see how we are answering this call to love each other as he loves us.

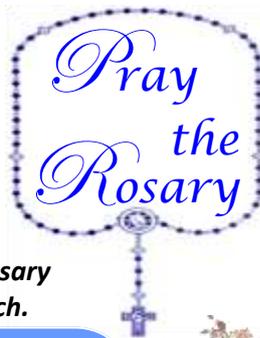
Fr. Gerry.

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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.

If the weather is unpleasant, the Rosary will be recited indoors in the Church.

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



LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place this weekend, **May 14th & 15th**.

The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Replaces the Share collection

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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First Holy Communion

We congratulate the girls and boys from St. Paul's J.N.S. on the occasion of their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning, 14th May.



May they always walk as children of the light and be prepared to share that light with those whom they meet.

We thank their class teachers, Ms. Travers and Ms. Dutton and SNA's Ms. Hanlon & Ms. Pierce, who did such excellent work in preparing the children for their First Communion. Thanks to our Principal Elaine McNulty who leads her team of teacher so ably.

Thanks to Mai our Sacristans, Freda our Secretary, Peter our Caretaker and to all the Volunteers who keep the Church in good condition and helped prepare and decorate the church for this special occasion.

Building Hope Meeting 30th May

The listening process which we had during Lent, which is part of the Synodal journey, now continues over the coming weeks under the Diocesan title "Building Hope".

I wish to thank all the parishioners who attended the listening sessions and the people who sent in written submissions. While the volume of participation and response was small, the people who made the effort found the exercise worthwhile. Please look up the Parish Website for more details. I thank Kieran Coyle and Gozie Offiah for organising the sessions.

Now over the coming weeks the Diocese invite us to continue the process of reflection on how to respond to the pastoral situation in which we in our parish find ourselves. Archbishop Farrell says "truly we need to be courageous in moving forward in new ways". We need each other on this road, all the baptised working closely together with their gifts and talents, sharing their resources and wisdom in the service of our parishes and the one mission entrusted to us all in Christ.

You are invited to join us on **Monday 30th May** in the **Church at 7:30pm** for the next gathering to further reflect under the title "Building Hope". Everybody's opinion matters and it is important, so if you can please come along on the 30th.

Look Forward to seeing you
Fr. Gerard Deegan.

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



Saturday 14th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm
Mary Grey Anniversary

Sunday 15th 10:30 am
Anne- Marie Tansey 1st Anniversary

Sunday 15th 12:30 pm
Marie Lewis 1st Anniversary
John Grehan 2nd Anniversary

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*Your prayers are requested for the  
happy repose of the soul of  
**Margaret O'Grady** recently deceased.*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
**Margaret & Pake Reaney** Anniversaries

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
**David Brein** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Free 6 week  
Stop Smoking course**



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 or call **085 8478961**

## MUSICAL EVENT AT OUR LADY OF DOLOURS IN GLASNEVIN

Our Lady of Dolours Church in Glasnevin is holding a musical event on **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at **4pm**. Proceeds from ticket sales and an on-the-day raffle are being donated to the Irish Red Cross Ukraine appeal. **The Forget-Me-Nots** choir will perform at the event. The Forget-Me-Nots is an inclusive choir for the vulnerable elderly, older people, family, friends, neighbours and with a special welcome for those affected by dementia or memory loss.

**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.*