



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

The Ascension of the Lord – C 29th May 2022

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I remember once picking up a magazine to read when I was in a waiting room. It had an article or feature about the sea and all of the creatures that can be found in it. I discovered that the favourite food of the starfish is the oyster. It's well protected by a strong shell that is hard to open. However, the way the starfish works to get at the oyster provides us with a lesson that's worth learning.

Apparently, when it finds a suitable oyster, the starfish attaches one of its feet to the top of the shell and another to the bottom or the underside. Slowly it begins to try and open the shell. The oyster however is very aware of the pressure and it uses its own hinge muscle to stay closed. The starfish

is undeterred and keeps applying gentle pressure for as long as it takes. The oyster eventually gets tired and the starfish gets its dinner.

Today, just before he ascends to heaven, Jesus tells the apostles to 'Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high'. Part of the power that the Apostles received from the Holy Spirit was perseverance. Their task was never going to be simple, and needed lots of patience, courage and faith. But the power of the spirit is immeasurable and Gods love pouring out into our world cannot be stopped. That is why the victory of good over evil is being achieved and was achieved by Jesus through his death and resurrection – and continues to be won through the power at work in the world today.

Fr. Gerry.

Building Hope Meeting 30th May

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.



The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation. May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace. May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service. We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.
St. Kevin, pray for us. St. Brigid, pray for us*

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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May Procession & Rosary

We extend a special invitation to all, to join us on **Tuesday 31st May at 8pm**, as we will begin our Rosary with a **May procession** from the Church to the Grotto in honour of our Lady.

We would like to thank all our parishioners and friends who attended the Rosary service during the month of May.



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As the end of the month of May draws closer, we would like to invite you to join us as we visit our Grotto at **8pm each evening to pray the Rosary.**

*Pray
the
Rosary*

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

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



Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

7th – 12th September

Become an Associate Member of the Pilgrimage.

The people of the Archdiocese may join in the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as Associates, by being enrolled and by making a voluntary offering.

Please give generously and help send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes. The money collected will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the Sick Pilgrims Section. You will receive in return, as Associates, an enrolment leaflet outlining the prayers for Associates. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Associates will be placed at the Grotto during the Pilgrimage. Mass will be offered for all the Associate Members at the Grotto in Lourdes.



Next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday** when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Mary and the disciples after Jesus had ascended To Heaven.

We would like to invite all the boys and girls who made their Confirmation this year and their families, to the masses next weekend, **Vigil Mass on Saturday 4th June at 6:00 p.m.** or **Sunday 5th 10:30am and 12:30pm.**

It will be an opportunity to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the **children's confirmation** in a special way.

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



Saturday	(Vigil Mass)	6:00 pm
Donald Barron 1 st Anniversary		
Sunday	-	10:30 am
Sunday	-	12:30 pm
Wednesday		10:00 am
Nuala Grant Birthday Remembrance		

May they rest in peace

Tuesday 31st May is the feast of **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Month of May – Rosary Packs including Rosary beads, Rosary leaflets, Prayer Cards and candles are available in the church.

Donations can be made in the box provided.

Friday 3rd June is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

Friday 3rd June is the feast of **St. Kevin, abbot.**

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.*