



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

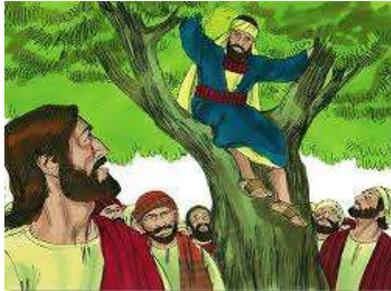
Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time – C

30th October 2022

31st Sunday
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Pastors Desk

The story of Zacchaeus is familiar to many who received their First Communion in the 1980s and 1990s. However, about 15 years ago the story was replaced by the story of the Lost Sheep. Thankfully the story of Zacchaeus has once again been returned to the schools religion programme as the best illustration of forgiveness in preparation for the children's First penance.

Something had stirred Zacchaeus to come and get a glimpse of Jesus. We are told that because he was 'short' he couldn't see him so he climbed the sycamore tree to get a better look. It's while he is up there that Jesus sees him and calls him down, declaring that 'I must stay at your house today'. The others in the crowd were not impressed that Jesus had chosen to go and stay at the home of a 'sinner'. Through this simple encounter Zacchaeus is moved to change his lifestyle and he immediately admits that he has not always been honest in his dealings with others but he vows to make restitution to those he has cheated out of their money. He didn't do this to gain Jesus approval, but rather to show gratitude for the new direction in life that he had gained. Jesus loved Zacchaeus – a sinner, and by that love Zacchaeus's life was transformed. May each one of us be transformed by opening our hearts and minds to his salvation in our lives.

As the last line of today's gospel proclaims 'For the son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost'.

Fr. Gerry.

Grow In Love Programme

At 10:30am Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families for the first mass in the "Grow In Love" programme.



Remember to collect the **Grow In Love – Parish Newsletter** after mass.

Note: We remind children who have **not** made their First Holy Communion yet to come up to the priest for a blessing at communion time with their hands crossed in front of their chest to signify this.

Learning About The Mass

WHY GO TO MASS?

When you were baptised you became a member of God's family and we call that the Church. You might think the church is just a building but the Church is also the name we give to the people who gather in the building. Without the people, the Church would be just another building. One of the most important things we do as part of God's family is go to Mass.

WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS?

There is a special name for all the people gathered together for Mass. They are called the Assembly. Everyone in the Assembly helps to make the Mass a celebration of God's love for us by:

- Joining in the prayers
- Standing, kneeling and sitting at the right times
- Singing
- Listening carefully
- Offering our gifts to be shared
- Coming to the table to receive communion or a blessing. In other words, we are all part of the action!

In Church language this is called '**full, active and conscious participation**'.

Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30pm
Weekdays : Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am
Service of the Word with Communion : Monday 10am
Weekday service is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am

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MISSION MONTH

"It is time to count on what unites us, rather than what divides us"

Through your support, we give missionaries the courage they need to go where others fear to tread so that they can keep loving, serving, and sharing God's peace with people who need their help.

To learn more go to www.missio.ie

Ministers of the Word

The new rosters for the November, December 2022 and January 2023 are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website.

Ministers of the Eucharist

The new rosters for November, December 2022 and January 2023, are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website.

We thank you for your continued dedication to both Ministries.

St. Paul's Parish Annual Remembrance Mass

On **Saturday 5th November at 6pm** we will be celebrating our annual Remembrance Mass for all those of our community who have died during the last twelve months.



It is good as a community, to gather, to pray and to remember.

Annual Masses for Deceased Parishioners

In memory of our deceased relatives and friends, but especially for those bereaved in our parishes over the last 12 months, the annual masses will take place in

Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 2nd Nov. at 7:30pm

St. Monica's Church on Friday 4th Nov. at 7 pm

St. Benedict's Church on Friday 18th Nov. at 7pm

O'Tooles GAC St. Paul's Church on Sun 13th Nov. at 4pm

Candles will be lit, the symbol of resurrection, in memory of your loved one who died in the past year.

All are welcome to attend.

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every morning, Monday – Friday at 9:40am, before 10am mass



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



Saturday (Vigil Mass) **6:00 pm**

Nickie Gallagher 1st Anniversary

Phyllis Byrne 2nd Anniversary

Sunday **10:30 am**

Sunday **12:30 pm**

Garrett Ffrench 1st Anniversary

Tuesday **10:00 am**

James Sutton 39th Anniversary

Wednesday **10:00 am**

Joe Carr Anniversary

Thursday **10:00 am**

**Deceased members of "The Men's Shed"
and "The Circle of Friends" Clubs**

Annual Remembrance Mass

May they rest in peace

Tuesday 1st November is *The Feast of All Saints.*

Mass at 10am in St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield.

There will be no Vigil Mass

Wednesday 2nd November is

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Friday 4th November is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

November List of the Dead

Spare envelopes are available on both church stands. These envelopes with completed lists and offerings can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your outdoor collector.

Mission Sunday

The Annual Collection last weekend in aid of **World Missions** amounted to **€ 825.**

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.*