



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

15th January 2023



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Pastors Desk

Next Wednesday we begin our week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Too often in the past, the Christian Churches have been divided on different issues instead of focusing on what unites us all as followers of Jesus Christ.

When John sees Jesus coming towards him, he is quick to proclaim, 'Look there is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. He tells them that Jesus was the one he spoke of when he said that someone was coming after him who was far greater than he was. It's almost as if John the Baptist is saying that his task is now complete and that it's up to those listening to decide for themselves if they want to become followers of 'the Chosen one of God'.

Through the sacrament of baptism, we are all called to be Jesus modern day disciples and his witnesses by the way we live our lives. That seed or gift of faith which was planted back then requires a loving personal response from us. Our faith is not something that we live out in isolation from the wider world. We are called to be ministers of his love and show compassion to those we meet daily. Bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive, lifelong task. By doing so we can also draw or invite others to 'come and see' and hopefully respond to his lifelong invitation.

May that flame of faith we all received at baptism burn brightly in our hearts always.



Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 18th January at 7:15pm** in the **Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924**.

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 or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Parish Secretary at Grange Park and Edenmore

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Secretary at St. Monica's Church, Edenmore and St. Benedict's Parish, Grange Park.

The purpose of the role is to provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest, Faith Development Worker and parishes in the day-to-day running of the office.

The **closing date** for applications is **January 17, 2023**.

Applications can be made by email to paddy.boyle@dublindiocese.ie

or by post to Holy Trinity Parish Office, Grangemore Grove, Donaghmede, Dublin 13, D13 Y8PR.

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

Contact:

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Fr. Gerry Corcoran Moderator, Co-P.P. 087 24 08 428
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RCN Parishes Trust : 20016166 **Charity No.** CHY 7424

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit**. The course starts on Wednesday the 1st of February 2023 at 7.30pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. It consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home.

The full course is 14 episodes but we are just doing the first seven and we will do the second half at a later stage if people wish. The trailer for the course is at <https://youtu.be/ptWtlhcRC9E>

The following themes are covered on the course: God's Love Poured Out, The Breath of God, Baptism in the Spirit, The Spirit and Our Lady, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, The Spirit and the Eucharist, The Spirit of Adoption.

If you would like to take part please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Feel free to circulate this notice to anyone you think might be interested.

*Have you dreamed of doing the **Camino de Santiago***

*Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the Camino Ingles on the **15th-22nd May 2023**. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guides and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact Mary@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.*

A little bit about us for your own information.

Breakthrough Cancer Research is an Irish medical research charity focused on cancer. We're based on the Western Road in Cork and fund life-saving cancer research all around the country and work to significantly impact the number of children and adults who can survive this disease.

We are particularly focused on improving outcomes for those cancers which are poorly served by current treatment options. Our focus is on cancers with the lowest survival rates that are currently difficult to treat (poorer prognosis cancers). Currently we are targeting seven cancers: Brain, Liver, Lung, Oesophageal, Ovarian, Pancreatic and Stomach cancer which are responsible for almost half of all cancer deaths in Ireland. We know research is the only effective way of preventing future deaths from cancer – it is the only proven way to make a difference.

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



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

Elizabeth "Betty" Fallon
1st Anniversary

Sunday **12:30 pm**

Emily O'Rourke
10th Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Copies of **St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2023**
are available on the church stands.

The Laudate 2023

festival events will be celebrated as a follow-on from Catholic Schools Week in the Archdiocese



of Dublin. The Laudate Festival brings a large choir of several hundred children together in each of the venues below to raise the roof in songs of praise to God and to lead us in reflection. You are invited to add your voice to the gathered singers. The repertoire is suitable for parish choirs and congregational singing for all occasions. Entry is free for all. All are welcome.

Laudate 2023 Festival Celebrations:

Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road,
on Tuesday, January 31, 7-8.15pm

Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion,
on Wednesday, February 1, 7.00-8.15p.m.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Greenhills,
on Thursday, February 2, Laudate Festival Night

Reminder :

You Shall Be My Witnesses:

Mass next **Saturday 21st January at 6pm** in the Church.

Grow In Love:

Mass next **Sunday 22nd at 10:30pm** in the Church.

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.*