



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

22nd January 2023



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Pastors Desk



This is Catholic Schools week. Throughout the week, pupils in all our parish schools will celebrate their faith and focus a little on what it means to be a Christian and how they can put that into practice in school each day.

Catholic Schools Week 2023

'Walking Together in Faith & Love'
Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools week which takes place from **22nd January – 29th January.**

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus clear call to 'Repent, because the kingdom of God is close at hand'. He then invites Peter and Andrew, then James and John to 'follow me'. We are told that they left what they were doing immediately to follow him. They must have been wondering what Jesus meant when he told them he would make them into 'fishers of Men'. Can you imagine if someone was to come along to any of us today and invite us to leave all we had to do the same? Would we respond freely to their request?

In a world where contracts and conditions of employment are very important today, it is amazing that the disciples responded without questioning. They followed Jesus in the knowledge and trust that he would not abandon them. These ordinary men with no special training were given the job of bringing the knowledge and love of God to the whole world.

That responsibility to share the message of the Gospel with others is now in all our hands as the modern disciples. We are challenged to bring God's love and compassion to all we meet in our daily lives.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.



Confirmation Programme

We welcome the children preparing for their Confirmation to our 6pm vigil mass this weekend. The theme this week is **The Presentation of Our Father.**

Grow In Love - First Holy Communion Programme

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the **10:30am Mass this Sunday.** The focus of this mass is the sacrament of **Baptism.** Water is blessed as a reminder of our own baptism as we continue to help the children on their journey. We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus Calls us to.



January is the first month of the New Year. It is a time of new beginnings. In this month's Grow in Love parish newsletter we remember the beginning of your life as a follower of Jesus. You became a follower of Jesus when you were baptised. If your child is participating in the **First Holy Communion programme**, don't forget to collect this month's edition of the "**Grow In Love**" newsletter after mass.

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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Outdoor Family Offering Collections

The outdoors collection envelope boxes are available in the Parish Office for collection and distribution.

A sincere thank you to all our dedicated collectors, counters and contributors each year. Thank you also to those who contribute by standing order, this method is most convenient.

This collection, as you know, is crucial for the practical running of our Parish and its maintenance.

If any parishioner would you like to contribute regularly to the Family Offering Collection, either by a **Family Offering Envelope** or by a **Standing Order**, please contact the Parish Office for more information on 01-8160984.

Spare envelopes and Standing Order forms are available on the church stands.

Volunteer to help people with CF

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland are looking for volunteers to help on 65 Roses Day **Friday, 14th April**. We need volunteers to sit at a table and sell our purple roses in their local Dunnes Stores or Shopping Centre for a few hours.

Please contact us at fundraising@cfireland.ie or 01 496 2433, if you can help!

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.

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.*

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



Saturday

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

Mark Valente

Anniversary

Betty O'Connell

Months Mind

Sunday

10:30am

Tim, Nora & Margaret Murphy

Anniversary

Baby Joseph Wilson

Anniversary

Sunday

12:30 pm

John & Bridie Grehan

Birthday Remembrance

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose  
of the soul of **Patricia "Pat" O'Brien**  
recently deceased.*  
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May they rest in peace

**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

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

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.*