



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

12th February 2023

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Pastors Desk



Our readings today challenge us to make wise choices and observe the laws given by a loving and caring God.

In our first reading from Ecclesiasticus we are told that we can keep Gods commandments and to behave faithfully towards him in all matters is within our power. God never forces us to do good or evil. We are told we can choose freely to put our hand into fire or water.

Saint Paul challenges the people of Corinth that they should appreciate the wisdom of Gods saving plan for his people revealed to us through the Spirit.

Jesus tells his disciples that he has not come to abolish the law or the prophets but to complete them. The scribes and the Pharisees regarded themselves to be the greatest upholders of the law. By keeping all the outward observances, they believed that they were at one with God. Jesus was aware of that so tells those listening today that if their virtue goes not deeper than that of the Pharisees they will never get into the Kingdom of heaven.

There is a message here for each of us. We may feel that coming to mass each week is all that's required of us. We can be like the Pharisees believing that if we pray daily and give to charity we are righteous. But righteousness is not some we earn – it is something we receive through God's grace which allows us to say 'Yes' to him when we are tested in all matters of faith.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the **11th & 12th February.** Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

The Collection will replace the usual Share Collection.



"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.**



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.

Parish Survey: *As part of the new partnership of parishes we would value your opinion on the current mass times here in St. Paul's Parish, Ayrfield. We would be grateful if you could fill out the survey forms which are available at the entrances to the church.*

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 for collection and distribution.

Parish Finances – Where does your money go?

When you contribute through the **Family Offering** or **Envelope Collection** or **Direct Debit Mandate**, your money goes to pay for the day to day running costs of the parish, such as heating, lighting, insurance, etc. **This is the most important source of income for the Parish.**

The income from the Envelope Collection fell significantly during Covid and has not yet got back to pre Covid levels. Because of this, we are asking parishioners to consider a monthly donation through a Direct Debit mandate instead. A copy of the parish Bankers Order form is available on church stands, from the parish Office or can be downloaded from the parish website (www.ayrfieldparish.ie)

If you do not wish to contribute through a Direct Debit mandate but have not been given a box of envelopes, we would appreciate it if you could contact the parish office any morning to make arrangements to have a box of envelopes made available to you.

When you contribute to the first **“Common Fund”** collection at Sunday Mass (including the Christmas and Easter Dues) your money goes directly to a diocesan fund which supports all the priests of the Archdiocese including retired and sick priests.

When you contribute to the second **“Share”** collection, your money provides much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternate funding can't be secured and also helps to finances various diocesan initiatives such as the Faith Development Officer recently assigned to the parishes of Ayrfield, Donaghmede, Grange Park and Edenmore.

If you contribute through the **“Tap and Go”** terminals at the church door, **60%** of your donation goes to the **“First Collection”** and the other **40%** goes to the **“Share”** collection.

Part-Time Parish Secretary / Administration Assistant

Grange Park & Edenmore Parish are recruiting a new Parish Secretary / Administration Assistant on a **part-time** basis, **12 hours per week** (9:30-12:30 4 mornings per week).

Applications in writing including a current CV to
Fr Paddy Boyle C/O Parish Office,
12 Grangemore Grove, Donaghmede, Dublin 13
or by email to info@stbenedicts-stmonicas.ie
by **5pm Wednesday 15th February 2023.**

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



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

Pat O'Brien Months Mind

Sunday **10:30am**

Paul McCrudden 2nd Anniversary

Keith Fitzsimons 40th Birthday Remembrance

Sunday **12:30 pm**

Paul Foley 3rd Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of  
**Fr. Eddie Griffin, Mick Dunne &  
Fr. Michael Geoffrey Nevin** recently deceased.*

**Tuesday** **10:00am**

**Jason Kane** 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is St. Valentine's Day.**

On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary containing the remains of Saint Valentine arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church. Mass will be held there at 11:30am & 3pm



#### **Prayer to St Valentine:**

O glorious advocate and protector, St Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our requests, attend to our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labour, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Monday**



**27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement €100.00.

Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**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.*