



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday in Lent – A 5th March 2023



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Pastors Desk

In today's gospel, we hear how Jesus takes Peter, James and his brother John up a high mountain so they could be alone and perhaps have time to pray after a busy day. As soon as they reach the summit he is 'transfigured' before them with his face

shining like the sun and his clothes as white as the light. Moses and Elijah appear and are seen talking to Jesus. Later, a voice from the cloud declares 'This is my son, the beloved; he enjoys my favour, listen to him.' The disciples are frightened by what they see and hear but Jesus seeks to reassure them and tells them to stand up and not be afraid.

When they came down the mountain Jesus told them to tell no one about their experience until the 'Son of Man has risen from the dead'. They could not understand at that time that Jesus was foretelling what was to happen to him in time to come.

Their experience on the mountain was perhaps meant to strengthen and encourage them to remain faithful. We all experience different crisis in life. Our lives can often be transformed by these experiences and changed forever. Maybe that's what Jesus had in mind when he brought the disciples up the mountain. That they might be changed and prepared for what was ahead in his passion and death.

We pray that this Holy season of Lent may transform our hearts and lives in preparation for the forthcoming Easter day and beyond.

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 the Creed.**

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.

Lenten Talk Series

Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace, Raheny Parish

7:30pm on Tuesday **28th February**, Tuesday 14th & **28th March** *See our notice board for more details*

As a charity fundraiser for victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria,

St. Paul's knitting group has been busy at work knitting a collection of special Easter chicks.



You can collect yours after making the appropriate donation at the knitting group's get-togethers in **St. Paul's Pastoral Centre on any Tuesday morning between 9am and 12am.**

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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NOVENA OF GRACE 4th – 12th March

Novena prayers to Saint Francis Xavier will be recited at all masses.



PRAYERS FOR THE NOVENA Prayer to Saint Francis Xavier

O most kind and loving Saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech of you to secure for me the special favour I ask in this novena. (*Here you may mention the favour you wish to obtain*), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen

Let us Pray

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we, who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)

NOVENA OF GRACE 4th – 12th March

Gardiner Street Parish

Preacher this year will be Fr Dermot Preston SJ.
Mass times: Mon-Sat: 11am, 1pm & 6pm.
Sunday 11am, 12.30pm & 3.30pm.

St. Brendans Church, Coolock

See our Notice board for details

Holy Trinity Church - Donaghmede

Mass times: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 11:30am
Monday – Friday 7:30pm.
The theme this year is "Partnership".

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



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



Saturday

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

Nuala Grant

3rd Anniversary

Sunday

10:30am

Michael & Mary Hardiman

Anniversaries

William & Catherine Reilly

Anniversaries

Kay Lynch

Months Mind

Sunday

12:30 pm

Maureen Duffy & Seán Malone

Anniversaries

May they rest in peace

Tuesday 7th March is the 1st Tuesday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the **Mass Bouquet** List.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Our **2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29th**. If you have an interest in attending you can leave your contact details in the Sacristy.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group

for **St. Benedict's** and **St. Monica's** parishes are asking for volunteers to help them provide support to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have a few free hours a month and a listening ear please contact us at **085 2076606**. Training will be provided.

The Bethany Bereavement Support team offer safe, free and confidential support for all who are on a journey of grief. St. Benedict's & St. Monica's group holds a drop in meeting on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7pm** in St. Monica's Church.

For information contact **085 2076606**.

Next meeting is March 7th at 7pm.



Trócaire Boxes will be available on the stands at both doors of the church during Lent.

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.*