



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday in Lent – A 12th March 2023



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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Pastors Desk

Today Jesus arrives into the Samaritan town of Sychar. Its late in the day and tired by his journey he takes a rest at Jacobs well while the disciple's head into a nearby town to buy food to eat. When the Samaritan woman comes to the well to draw some

water Jesus is very forthright and asks her for a drink. Because Jews and Samaritans don't associate with each other the Woman is very surprised by Jesus request and she questions why he a Jew, would ask for and accept a drink from a Samaritan.

Initially they get into a general conversation about water and eventually Jesus tries to indicate to the woman that God is offering her something that will take away her 'thirst' forever. He was of course speaking of that inner thirst we all have for God in our lives. For example, although the woman had five husbands she had a spiritual void in her life that only a closer relationship with God could take away from her. The woman responds by asking Jesus to give her some of that water so that she will never have to come here again to drink.

The Samaritan woman became an evangelist. She shared her experience with others and they in turn began to believe in him through their own personal encounters with Jesus and responded in faith.

Jesus knew everything about the woman's life. He knows every about our lives too and continually invites to come to the water and drink so that our inner thirst for may be satisfied through a deepening of our relationship with him during this Lenten season.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

"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.**



Jesus shared his Body and Blood, in the form of bread and wine, with his disciples at the Last Supper. Then he said **"Do this in memory of me."** When we go to Mass, we are doing exactly what Jesus asked his followers to do at the Last Supper. When we receive Holy Communion, Jesus comes to us and stays with us in a very special way.

Special Collection

The diocesan collection taken up at all Masses on the Weekend of the 25th & 26th February in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes amounted to € 2,540.

Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Talk Series continues in

Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace, Raheny Parish

7:30pm on Tuesday Tuesday 14th & 28th March

See our notice board for more details

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

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)

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.



B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on Saturday 1st April 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258
Next residential Programme will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook, Morehampton Road Dublin 4. For further information please phone Dublin Team **086 0877379** or email bedublin@gmail.com

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



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

Regina Ugezu Anniversary

Jude Moran 2nd Anniversary

Deceased members of the Ayrfield Pitch & Putt Club

John Byrne Birthday Remembrance

Sheila Byrne Anniversary

Sunday **10:30am**

James Treacy Anniversary

Kathleen Redmond Anniversary

Sunday **12:30 pm**

Kathleen & James Delaney Anniversary

Brian O'Keeffe Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the
happy repose of the soul of*

Judith "Judy" Cleary & Áine McConnon
recently deceased.

Tuesday **10:00am**

Bridget Nolan Recently Deceased

Friday **10:00am**

Eugine Donohue Anniversary

Con, Maura & Breeda Ryan Anniversaries

May they rest in peace

Friday 17th is

The Feast of St. Patrick,
Bishop, principal patron of Ireland.
Mass at 10am



Vigil Mass at 6 pm on Thursday

"Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Pádraig"

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.*