



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

## Third Sunday of Easter – A 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023



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### Pastors Desk



As the two disciples walked along the road to Emmaus we hear that their main topic of conversation was about all that had happened in the previous days. When Jesus joins them they fail to recognise that it is him. He notices that they seem disappointed or discouraged and asks them what they have been discussing. They are amazed that he appears to know nothing of what has happened to 'Jesus of Nazareth'. He listens and then scolds them for not believing the Prophets and he begins to instruct them using the passages of scripture that were about himself.

Later in the evening, although they sat at the table and Jesus had said the blessing & broken the bread, it was only when he had disappeared that the disciples realised what they had just experienced. Suddenly their eyes are opened and their hearts begin to burn from the realisation that they had just encountered the risen Lord. They instantly set out for Jerusalem to share the good news with their fellow disciples.

Every day we are invited to gather around the table of the Lord to be nourished by scripture and receive the Eucharist. Just as Jesus met the disciples on the Road he also meets us on our Emmaus road in the ordinary experiences of our lives. He journeys along the road of companionship with us. He listens to our worries, concerns, anxieties, fears and gives us the encouragement we need to continue.

Today's story promises us that Jesus will come to support and strengthen us when we least expect the risen Lord.

*Fr. Gerry*



### Sacrament of Confirmation

On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by **Rev. Paul Thornton – Episcopal Vicar**, to the boys and girls of St. Paul's Senior School.

We congratulate the children and we pray that we will continue to nourish the seed sown at Confirmation and help our young people to become strong and proud witnesses to their faith. A lot of time and dedication went into the preparation for this special day in the life of our parish and we sincerely thank all those who made this day possible. Firstly, we thank the class teachers, Ms. Moriarty, Ms. Brogan and Mr. Flaherty, SNA's Sarah Clarke & Sandra Roche, Principal Mr. Brougham and Vice Principal Mr. O'Shea and the support from the staff of St. Pauls Senior School and our own Parish Team. We thank Frances, Catherine & Mick our musicians & singers for the beautiful Music. Many thanks too, to all who cleaned and prepared the church for this special occasion.

### Grow In Love

Living as Followers of Jesus



This Sunday at the **10:30am** Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families. This will be their final preparation mass before receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May and we ask you to remember the children in your prayers.

### 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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## Wedding Ceremony

Congratulations to  
**Gemma Kelly & Sean O'Brien**  
on the occasion of their marriage in  
our Church this week



## Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of May, will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



## ***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 residential Programme** will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook, Morehampton Road Dublin 4, 12th - 14th May For further information please phone Dublin Team 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

## **Over 65 – All you need to know about tax.**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Information leaflet are available on the church stands. Call **01-7383630** for more information or to register for an event.

## **Trócaire Boxes**

can be returned to the Sacristy in the church.

## **Easter Dues.**

Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your Outdoor collector.

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



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

**Veronica Omusch**  
Anniversary

**Margaret Offiah**  
Anniversary

**Monica Omusuh**  
Anniversary

**Frank Keogh**  
Months Mind

**Sunday** **10:30am**

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**Sunday** **12:30 pm**

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**Thursday** **10:30am**

**Thomas Browne**  
Birthday Remembrance

**Christie Cooling**  
Anniversary

**Christie Dunne**  
Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

## **Please note :**

For this week only **Mass on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** will be held at the later time of **10:30am**.

Mass will still be followed by our weekly coffee morning.  
All are welcome to join for a cuppa and a chat.

## **Vocation Sunday**

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

God continues to call all who are baptised to follow Him and He calls some to follow through the ministry of Priesthood. Let us "pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Mt9:38)

**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.*