



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Fourth Sunday of Easter – A 30th April 2023



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Pastors Desk

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Christians, we are encouraged to foster and pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated life. We are all called to become Good Shepherds of his sheep, that includes, Parents, teachers, Doctors, nurses, caregivers. We are Good Shepherds by loving, caring, spending time with those entrusted to our care at any time.

The bond between a shepherd and their sheep is unique. The sheep get to know the sound of the shepherd's voice and trust that they will protect them. They quickly learn that they are safe and protected in the 'sheepfold' or shed. Jesus uses that same image to explain how his followers should come to him, listen to his voice, trust in his word and then they will have life to the full. He warns that many will come with promises of security that will turn out to be false over time. We are all guilty of listening to 'other voices' from time to time and have strayed away from God but only he can lead us to true happiness. He tells that he is the entry to the sheepfold and that all who want to enter must pass through him.

We continue to pray for vocations. That men and women will be inspired to respond to the Lord's call to Priesthood or Religious life and choose to devote their lives in his service.

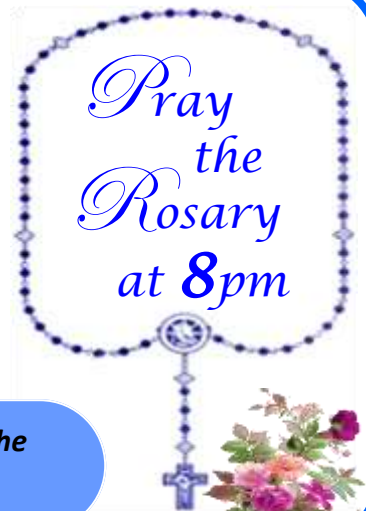
Fr. Gerry



St. Paul's Parish, Ayrfield
would like to invite you to join thousands
of people in Ireland each day in May as
we go to our Grottos to pray the Rosary.

*If the weather is unpleasant, the Rosary
will be recited indoors in the Church.*

*Our Lady is always close to us, especially when we feel the
weight of life with all its problems. ~ Pope Francis*



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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World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2023

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.



Ministers of the Word & Eucharist



The new rosters for May, June & July are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website.

Let's Gather Again –

Our Annual Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, not held since Covid, will take place on **Monday, May 15th**.

Venue to be confirmed.

This is not a 'training' evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist while exploring the baptismal vocation to which so many have been called.

Why not come along?

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.



Each year over 170 sick people travel to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage which takes place this year on 7th to 12th September.

Pilgrimage Director: **V.Rev.Martin Noone**

Led by: **Most Rev. Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**

Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to :

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage Office,
The Presbytery, 51 Homefarm Road,
Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4.

Tel. **01-808 7555** or

email **Lourdes.office@dublin diocese.ie**

See our notice board for more details

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



Saturday	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	6:00 pm
Sheila Shanahan		1 st Anniversary
Eddie Buckley		Anniversary
Sean Eaton		6 th Anniversary
Colin Eaton		15 th Anniversary
Peggy Eaton		19 th Anniversary
Jean Pearson		2 nd Anniversary

Sunday		10:30am
Maura & Thomas Hanratty		Anniversaries
Rose & Joseph Delaney		Anniversaries
Phyllis Savage		7 th Anniversary

Sunday		12:30 pm
Christy Dunne		2 nd Anniversary
Anne Jones		Recently Deceased

May they rest in peace

Friday 5th May is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place next **weekend, May 6th & 7th**.

The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future. **Replaces the Share collection**

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.

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.*