



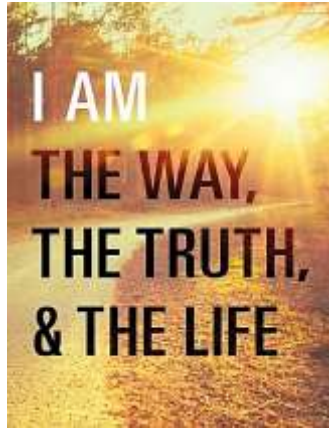
# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

## Fifth Sunday of Easter – A 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023



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### Pastors Desk

In today's first reading we see the beginnings of the work of the early Christian church. A problem had arisen and some of the Widows were being overlooked and not receiving any food. At a meeting, the twelve disciples decided that spreading the word of God was paramount and if they were to take on the added responsibility of feeding the needy they would have less time to do so. The community decided to elect seven men 'of good reputation' who were presented to the Apostles, they prayed over and laid their hands on them in blessing. This was the beginning of the Diaconate as we know it today.

John's gospel today was meant to bring a note of comfort and hope to the Christian community at that time. They were under pressure and felt frightened, vulnerable and had concerns for their personal safety. Jesus gives the disciples words of encouragement when he says 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me'.

The words of John are intended to offer comfort, reassurance and hope to those listening. We can all experience times in life when our world is thrown into disarray with the sudden death of a loved one, an illness or life altering experience. But if we trust in the Lord, believe that he is 'the way, the truth and the life' then we will know that he never abandons us especially in those times of crisis in faith.

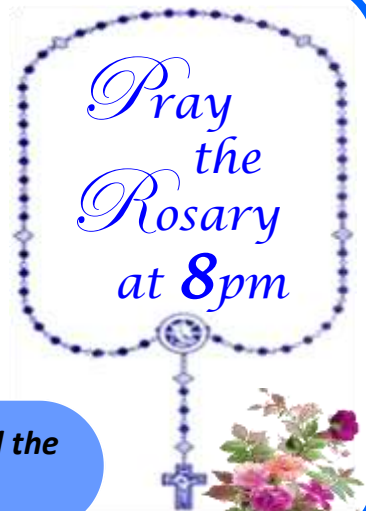
*Fr. Gerry*



**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 : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am

**Note : This Week Service of the Word with Communion will be held on : Tuesday 10am**

*Weekday service is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am*

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### 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.

### **LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place **this weekend, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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*

### **Reboot and Refresh your Faith this Autumn**

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Would you like to reflect prayerfully on the scriptures including Sunday gospels? Or perhaps you would like to join the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments? Join us on **Tuesday May 23rd at 7:30pm** in **Holy Trinity Church Donaghmede** for an information evening on our new faith development initiative for the Parish Partnership of Ayrfield, Donaghmede, Edenmore, Grange Park and Raheny.

Any queries, please contact  
[kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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** (Vigil Mass) **6:00 pm**

**Christie Preston** 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Stuart Preston** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Richard, Paddy, Isabell & William Homewood**  
Anniversaries

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

**Catherine & William Reilly** Anniversaries

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

**Angela Kearney** 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Teresa Szczepanek** Months Mind

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose  
of the soul of **Karen Griffith** recently deceased.*

**Monday** **10:00am**

**Jimmy & Dave Ryan** Anniversaries  
**Ned, Lily & Peter Ryan** Anniversaries

*May they rest in peace*

**Please note :** For this week only **Mass** will be held **on Monday** Morning at 10am instead of Service of the Word and **Service of Word** will be held **on Tuesday** Morning at 10am.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

### **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.*