



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

## The Ascension of the Lord – A

### 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023



[www.ayrfieldparish.ie](http://www.ayrfieldparish.ie)

Email : [ParishOfficeAyrfield@gmail.com](mailto:ParishOfficeAyrfield@gmail.com)



### Pastors Desk

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

In our gospel we hear how Jesus appeared to the Eleven. With their period of preparation now over, Jesus tells the disciples that their mission has begun, and he challenges them to go forth into a world

that might be hostile to the message they have to share. They might have to face much opposition, hostility and even danger. Of course, Jesus understood it was important that they did not become discouraged by the reaction of some non-believers to their message. To help them in their task the disciples received the gift of perseverance through the Holy Spirit. Their task of spreading the word was never going to be simple and needed much patience, courage, and faith.

We too must persevere and never forget that the amazing power of the Spirit is endless and is with us in all our endeavours and the love of God that is constantly pouring into our world cannot ever be stopped.

*Fr. Gerry.*



### Building Hope

### Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023

A period of Prayer, Reflection and Planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin

**Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us.  
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us.  
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us.**

**Open our eyes to see God's grace around us  
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us  
Open our hearts to welcome God among us**

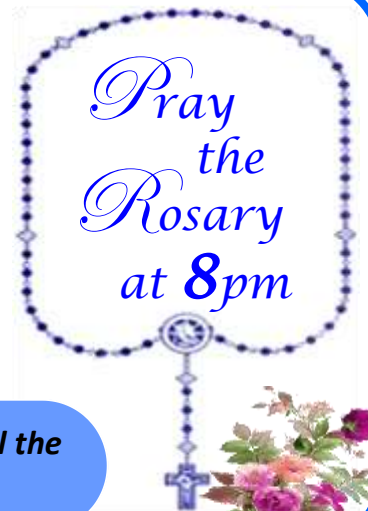
**Send us out with joy to live the Gospel  
Send us out with peace to act as one  
Send us out with love to build up hope**



**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***



*Pray the Rosary at 8pm*

### 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*

### Contact:

**Fr. Gerard Deegan Co - Parish Priest 01 8674007**  
**Fr. Gerry Corcoran Moderator, Co-P.P. 087 24 08 428**  
**Fr. Paul Callan Team Assistant**  
**Parish Office: 01 - 8160984 Sacristy: 01 - 8160981**  
**RCN Parishes Trust : 20016166 Charity No. CHY 7424**

## First Holy Communion

We congratulate the girls and boys from St. Paul's J.N.S. on the occasion of their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Saturday morning 20<sup>th</sup> May.



*May they always walk as children of the light and be prepared to share that light with those whom they meet.*

We thank their class teachers, Ms. Maguire and Ms. Kenny and their SNA's, who did such excellent work in preparing the children for their First Communion. Thanks to our Principal Elaine McNulty who leads her team of teacher so ably.

We acknowledge the wonderful work and preparation carried out by our faith development worker **Kirsten Mahon** and those who helped for the **Grow In Love** monthly masses.

Thanks to Mai our sacristans, Freda our secretary, Peter our Caretaker and to all the volunteers who keep the church in good condition and helped prepare and decorate the church for this special occasion.



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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)

## 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 29**, at **8pm** in

**Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road.**

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. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist while affirming this aspect of the baptismal vocation to which so many have been called throughout the Diocese. OLV Church has a webcam too. Spread the word about the date change. No need to book. All welcome. Why not come along?



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



**Saturday** (Vigil Mass) **6:00 pm**  
**Fr. Frank Grey** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday** **10:30am**  
**Pelagia Banasik** Anniversary

**Sunday** **12:30 pm**  
**Marie Lewis** 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
**Patrick Cassidy** 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of  
**Abina Phelan (née Cotter) & Jerry Cotter**  
recently deceased.*

**Tuesday** **10:00am**  
**Margaret & Patrick Carden** Anniversaries

**Wednesday** **10:00am**  
**James & Diona Ryan** Anniversaries  
**Ned, Lilly & Peter Ryan** Anniversaries

**Thursday** **10:00am**  
**Thomas, Maureen & Philomena Moloney** Anniversaries

**Friday** **10:00am**  
**Joe Bateson** Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*



## Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Mary and the disciples after Jesus had ascended to Heaven.

We would like to invite all the boys and girls who made their Confirmation this year and their families, to the **Vigil Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the **children's confirmation** in a special way.

**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.*