



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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### Words of greeting from Fr. Declan Blake.

*I am now 2 months working in the Parishes of Ayrfield & Donaghmede and I wish to thank you all for the very warm welcome I have received. I am looking forward to working with you all in the coming years. For those of you who missed my introduction, I will give you my background. I grew up in Beaumont and was second eldest of 6 children.*



*After leaving school, I worked in insurance for 5 years. After 5 years working, I entered the seminary and I was ordained for Dublin Diocese on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1990.*

*My first appointment was to the Parish of Finglas West and after 8 years there, I was appointed full time Chaplain to Montjoy Prison. After 5 years, I was transferred to Arbour Hill Prison and I was also Head Chaplain of all the Prisons in the country. I spent a short time in Balbriggan and did a sabbatical studying for 4 months and then working as a volunteer in a Hospice in Calcutta with Mother Theresa's Community. I was then appointed to Mourn Road parish, but after 1 year the Arch-bishop asked me to go to St. Lawrence O'Tooles in Sherriff Street, where I spent 5 years. I was then appointed to 3 Parishes in Ballymun, where I spent the last 9 years. So that was my journey and I am delighted to be here in Ayrfield & Donaghmede to continue my ministry.*

*Many thanks again for your support and encouragement and together we hope to keep our parishes alive and active and move forward with hope.*

*Fr. Declan Blake*



### Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice

Join us after **10:30am** mass this **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September** and again on **Thursday morning, the 21<sup>st</sup>** after 10am Mass for a coffee morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny & Blanchardstown.



### Mass Schedule:

#### St. Paul's, Ayrfield

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 10am  
Sunday - 10:30am

#### Holy Trinity, Donaghmede

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 10am  
Saturday Vigil - 6:30pm

### Weekend Mass Times in

<u>St. Monica</u> Edenmore	<u>St. Benedict</u> Grange Park	<u>Our Lady of Divine Grace</u> Raheny
<u>Saturday (Vigil) :</u>		<u>Sunday:</u>
St. Monica's :	5 pm	10 am
St. Benedict's :	7 pm	11 am
Our Lady of Divine Grace :	6 pm	8:30am & 11:30am

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



**Service of the Word with Communion  
~ Monday : 10:00 am**



**This weekend, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>,** Crosscare will hold its **Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services.**

*This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.* Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation.

Please support the Crosscare collection if you can this weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).



the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:15pm** in the **Hilton Hotel**, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or **085 2888 888** for any queries.

### SEASON OF CREATION 2023

**Message from Jane Mellett, Laudato Si' Officer, Trócaire:**

We hope you are keeping well as we approach the Season of Creation 2023 which runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4<sup>th</sup> (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). This Season is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

As the ecological crisis worsens our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate. The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a 'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

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



**Sunday 10:30am**

**James & Kathleen Browne** Anniversaries

**Mary Treacy** Anniversary

**Helen Whelan** Anniversary

**Don Treacy** Anniversary

**Sean Connelly** 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Joseph Ashmore** Birthday Remembrance

**Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke** Anniversaries

**Una & Michael Kelleher** Anniversaries

**Derek Clarke** 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Jimmy Brewer** 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Eamonn Dillane** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Thursday 10:00am**

**Lisa O'Connor** 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

### Secondary School Open Days of interest for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils:

**Mercy College**, Malahide Road (Girls)

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 6pm – 8pm

**St. Paul's College**, Raheny (Boys)

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Manor House School**, Raheny (Girls)

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 6pm – 8pm

**Chanel College**, Coolock (Boys)

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm – 8:30pm

**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.*



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023