



Pastors Desk

A place for everything!

My mother used always say - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall, and other homely advice. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs and to whom.

So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus asks us – where do we belong?



Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled, or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it. But for Jesus it's the belonging of love, not of power and control.

Much is not in our control. We are born and die at God's time. This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, we come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community. God doesn't want to control us but to love us.

But there's an addition: belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. To give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind, and shelter for the body. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth!

*Think of a time when you made a decision for the common good -
money given away, cleaning the neighbourhood,
joining a parents' group etc. Remember and be grateful
Lord, may your will that we share well the goods of the world be done.*

Fr Donal Neary, S.J

*Weekday service in St. Paul's, Ayrfield
is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am*



October - Pray the Rosary We are asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October.

Mass Schedule:

Weekend Mass Times in

St. Paul's, Ayrfield

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5:30 pm
Sunday : 10:30 am

Weekday : Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 am

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

Holy Trinity, Donaghmede

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 10am
Saturday Vigil - 6:30pm
Sunday - 9:30am & 11:30am

<u>St. Monica</u> Edenmore	<u>St. Benedict</u> Grange Park	<u>Our Lady of Divine Grace</u> Raheny
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<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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Mission Sunday

The Annual Collection in aid of **World Missions** will be taken up at all masses this weekend the **21st & 22nd**.

MISSION MONTH

This will replace the normal SHARE collection.



Confirmation 2024

At the 10:30am Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children and their families, who are preparing for their **Confirmation** in 2024, to the **Enrolment Ceremony**.

We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus calls us to.



Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

A meeting will take place in St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield on **Thursday 26th October**, **Holy Mass at 7:30pm** to celebrate the **20th Anniversary** of the Prayer Group followed by **Rosary & Knock Novena Prayers at 8pm**



Eucharistic Adoration takes place on **Monday 10:30am – 11:30am** & **Wednesday : 7pm - 8pm**



HAPPINESS IS SINGING IN THE CHOIR

If you enjoy singing and would like to meet new people, why don't you consider joining one of our church choirs.

St. Paul's Community Choir sing biweekly at the **5:30pm Saturday vigil Mass**, and **practice on Tuesday** evenings.

Folk Group sing every **Sunday** at the **10:30am mass** and **practice on Wednesday** evenings.

For more details contact the parish office.

November List of the Dead Spare envelopes are available on both church stands. These envelopes with completed lists and offerings can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your outdoor collector.

Thursday's - St. Paul's Coffee morning

All are welcome to call into our weekly coffee morning, that takes place **every Thursday after 10am Mass**.



Coffee mornings provide an opportunity to meet existing friends and get to know new people in the parish community. We look forward to having you join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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



Saturday	(Vigil)	5:30pm
Gregory Offiah		Anniversary
Kitty O'Coughlan		Birthday Remembrance
Brid Brewer		Birthday Remembrance

Sunday		10:30am
Bridget Cooling & Deceased members of the Cooling Family		Anniversary
~~~~~ <i>Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of William "Bill" Galgey recently deceased.</i>		

<b>Tuesday</b>	-	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	-	<b>10:00am</b>

*May they rest in peace*



**Sacrament of Marriage**

Congratulations to **Kelly Joyce** and **Arthur Collins** on the occasion of their marriage in our Church this week.



**The Synod on Synodality – Communion, Participation and Mission, opened in Rome on October 4th**, representing the next stage in the process of listening and discerning what God wants from us His People in the world of today.

The Archbishop and our Committee are keen that this moment of opportunity be used to build on the considerable interest shown last year when almost 13,000 people of the Archdiocese participated in the initial stages of the Synodal process. We have been considering ways to raise consciousness of, and interest in the events in Rome and to help people to have a better understanding of what is occurring.

**The 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Newsletters are available on the church stands and our website**

**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.*