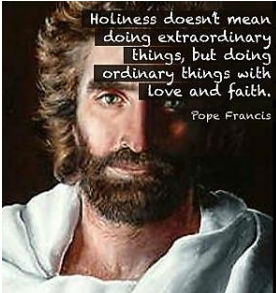




St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
21st January 2024
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Pastors Desk - The Ordinary Things



There's something very ordinary for a fisherman about washing nets. Daily work, done with some drudgery but knowing that it is essential for a good catch of fish which would feed the family at this time Jesus called his first apostles.

There is something sacred about the ordinary. About bathing a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days.

In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his service. Our expectation is sometimes different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or read about him, or do big things for him just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary.

The old Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. there were prayers for meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God as much in mountains and people as in the church, and often more so.

Maybe the disciples remember in difficult times the way they were called in their ordinary work, and found their ongoing call to follow the Lord in the ordinary of their lives for the rest of their lives.

*Give me O Lord a love for the ordinary;
 remind me often how 'ordinary' you were for so much of your life. Amen.*
 Fr Donal Neary, S.J

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

Mass Times	Ayrfield	Donaghmede
Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	6:30pm
Sundays :	10:30 am	9:30am & 11:30am
Weekdays 10am :	Tuesday & Thursday	Mon, Wed & Fri
Service of Word with Communion	Monday10am	Tue & Thur

Grow In Love - First Holy Communion Programme



We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families **this Weekend**. The focus of this mass is the sacrament of **Baptism**.

If your child is participating in the **First Holy Communion programme**, don't forget to collect this month's edition of the "Grow In Love" newsletter after mass.

LAUDATE 2024

This years Festival takes place in the **Church of Our Lady of Victories**, Ballymun Road, on **Tuesday 30th January at 7pm - 8.15pm**
 The theme for this year's festival celebration is **Let us Create a Safe Climate for All**. You are invited to add your voice to the gathered singers. Entry is free for all. All are welcome.

Volunteers needed : The **Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are in need of volunteers to provide support for those who are bereaved and grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have a few free hours a month and a listening ear please contact us at **085 2076606**. Training will be provided. They provide a safe free and confidential support for all who are on a journey of grief.

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.*

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



Saturday	5:30 pm
Mark Valente	7 th Anniversary
Clare Phelan	1 st Anniversary
Patricia "Pat" O'Brien	1 st Anniv.
Liam Russell	6 th Anniversary
Denis Linnam	Recently deceased

Sunday	10:30 am
Tim & Nora Murphy	Anniversary
Baby Joseph Wilson	Anniversary
John White	Anniversary
Aidan Buggle	Anniversary

Tuesday	10:00 am
Thursday	10:00 am

May they rest in peace

Reflection/Meditation on Sunday's Gospel

Presented by Ruah Retreat Team

Join us for free **online** weekly sessions to strengthen our hope and nourish the soul. Sunday Evenings **6.45p.m.** (Online via Zoom) Further enquiries & bookings to info@ruahrest.com