



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

28th January 2024
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Pastors Desk - *The Power of Evil*

Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man.

In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from it's mine to it's ours. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way.

Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love.

Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.

What are evil desires in myself?

For control of others, for greed, for whatever leads me away from love. Imagine the light of God filling the darkness in me.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Fr Donal Neary, S.J

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



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| 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 | Monday 10am | Tue & Thur |



Thursday 1st February
 is the
Feast of St. Brigid.



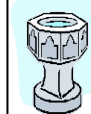
Friday 2nd February is the feast of the **Presentation of The Lord** also know as Candlemas or the Festival of Light.

Parishioners can bring along candles for blessing at mass in **Holy Trinity church at 10am**



Saturday 3rd February is the **Feast of St. Blaize.**

Blessing of the Throat will take place during mass at 5:30pm



Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents of children to be baptised in February, will take place on **Tuesday 30th at 7pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

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. **2020 Family Offering Envelopes** are available for collection

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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| Contact: | Fr. Declan Blake | Parish Priest | 01 8160984 |
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| Freda Kane | – Parish Secretary | Mai Cass | – Sacristan |
| RCN Parishes Trust : 20016166 | | Charity No. CHY 7424 | |

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



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| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>5:30 pm</i> |
| Veronica Okeke | Anniversary |
| Boniface Omesuh | Anniversary |
| Matthew Amekwena | Anniversary |

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>10:30 am</i> |
| Kay Lynch & | 1 st Anniversary |
| also remember her Husband Liam and Daughter Elaine | |

Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of
Francis "Dickie" King,
Mary "Molly" Finnegan
& Anna Lawlor recently deceased

May they rest in peace

1st Thursday, 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

1st Thursday, Devotion in honour of St. Pio. Blessing with the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass

New rosters are available for ministers of the word and Eucharist