



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time - B

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

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## Pastors Desk - God's building

Why is Jesus angry? – they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble. The finding in the temple, the words – my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table – the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.



The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

### The burning heart of Jesus is the New Temple of God

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up.

The forty six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones.

*Think of what is most central to your life.*

*Is that a concern of God too?*

*Lord, keep me close to all you love and value in life. 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	Monday 10am	Tue & Thur

## NOVENA OF GRACE 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March

Novena prayers to Saint Francis Xavier will be recited at all masses.



See our notice board for details

### Prayer to Saint Francis Xavier

O most kind and loving Saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech of you to secure for me the special favour I ask in this novena. (Here you may mention the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen **Let us Pray**

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we, who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father**

**Northside Homecare Services** provide a meals on wheels service to the elderly and vulnerable in the local area. We are looking for volunteer drivers to help us provide this valuable service for 1 hour a week. Details on our notice board and website

**Notice to Coeliacs:** If you are gluten intolerant, we have *Low Gluten hosts available in a chalice at the side of the alter at communion time.*

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



Saturday 5:30 pm  
**Aine McConnon** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 10:30 am  
**Judith Cleary** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
**Nuala Grant** 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Shay Byrne** recently deceased*

Tuesday 10:00 am

Thursday 10:00 am  
**Frank Larkin** Recently Deceased

*May they rest in peace*

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday.**

10am mass will be offered for all on the

**Altar List of the Dead.**

**Devotion in honour of St. Pio**

Blessing with the relics after 10am mass

**Trócaire Boxes** are available on the stands at both doors of the church during Lent.

**“MESSIAH” for Jubilee 2024”**

Concert in the Helix to celebrate 800 years of the Dominican order in Ireland. See our notice board and website for more details.