



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

St. Patrick's Day - B

17th March 2024

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Pastors Desk *Approaches to suffering*

I knew a man who fought cancer to the end. And he took to every type of possible healing. We all had been told it wouldn't work. I know another who just opened himself to it all and wouldn't even take chemo. These are different approaches to suffering. One fought it and the other accepted. I admired both of them.

Many people go into hospital wondering about their illness, and that death might be close. That's part of life. As for Jesus, it's a fearful time, confusing and sometimes draws us into more faith. We can transform our pain into suffering, and find some great graces in it. There is the challenge to find new life in it. Pain becomes suffering. Jesus doesn't want the chalice of the garden, but he allows it become fully part of him so that his inner strength is big! It doesn't mean a simplistic approach. But it means an acceptance of darkness in life.

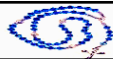
Jesus found in his passion that God the Father is near. This can be our way, and we can find that through helping each other. We can help people at times of suffering – listening, being present. We find this in our hearts, not in books - that we can grow through suffering and we realise on a bad day that peace invades the soul, or that there is a bright light in the darkness.

In any suffering in our lives, when we think of God, or say his name, or question him, maybe we can just imagine a light around us. Saying nothing, just being open to the light.



Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world. . . 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

On Tuesday 5th March, the Holy Father Pope Francis appointed Fr. Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese. You can find a link on our website to an overview of the life and ministry of Fr. Roche as well as the statements of Archbishop Farrell and Fr. Roche.



There will be no meeting this month "March" for Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group as it coincides with Holy Thursday.

Bayside Alpha are showing Bishop Barron's groundbreaking 10-part documentary series, 'Catholicism', on Zoom with discussion afterwards in breakout rooms, it began on Sunday the 7th of April at 7:30pm and continues for 10 weeks.

To register please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com.

Anam Cara Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 20th March 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 or 085 2888 888

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



<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>
Regina Ugezu	Anniversary
Nuala Kenny	3 rd Anniversary
Frank Keogh	1 st Anniversary
Sally, Christopher, Paddy & Annmarie Kelly	Anniversaries

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
Kathleen Redmond	Anniversary
Patricia Foy	Birthday Remembrance
William & Brian Foy	Remembrance
Eugene Donoghue	5 th Anniversary
Patricia "Josie" Hennessy	10 th Anniv.

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
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May they rest in peace



Confirmation Preparation

The children preparing for their Confirmation on 19th April will be celebrating the **Ceremony of Light** on **Thursday 21st March** at **7:30pm** in St. Paul's Church



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