

You open wide  
your hand,  
O Lord, and grant  
our Desires

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - B  
**28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

**Pastors Desk - Open Air Meal**

Ordinary bread is a reminder of the Eucharist. Jesus feeds in the ordinary among the people. The fragments left over have been our bread ever since. From this gospel mystery we know we are always worthwhile in God's eyes. Everyone is fed. We approach the bread of life not because we are saints, but because we need it.

We know also that our offering is worth it: 5 loaves and 2 fish of the poorest type. The leftovers on the shelf, the sardines only the poor ate: the boy had no idea of where his offering would lead. We never know where love will bear fruit.



God is with us in the ordinary – the God of the table not just the temple. Where we are in life, he finds us, and feeds us most when we are most empty. We have often blocked good people from the table of God for too long.

He will feed us always – more than enough love in the heart of God for all. The meal of today has lasted, and the Eucharist is the central prayer and activity of the church. We minister the bread of life now to each other.

At Mass we meet the Lord Jesus, in his death and resurrection – each Mass is our entering into this mystery of prayer and love for the world. This is the active love of God, seen also in our service of his people.

*As I eat bread this day, I might remind myself of the two breads  
– bread of earth for the body and bread of heaven for the soul.  
Lord, thank you for our daily bread.*

~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.

**REEK SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
National Pilgrimage to  
Croagh Patrich. Mass on the hour



Weekday service in St. Paul's is preceded  
by the Rosary at 9:40am (Mon, Tue & Thu)

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 10am	Monday	Tue & Thur

**THE WORLD DAY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

will be celebrated for the fourth time in 2024 on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July** - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:

**"Do not cast me off in my old age"**  
(cf. Psalm 71:9).

View the celebrations at Knock with Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland, online at:  
[www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

**Baptism Preparation**



Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised **during the month of August**, will take place on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July** at **7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

**Ministers of the Eucharist & Word**, Rosters for the months of **August, September & October** are available on our noticeboard and website.



**Holiday Period**

As this is the time of the summer holidays, we like to wish all our visitors a happy holiday and for those of you going on holidays we wish you a relaxing, enjoyable and safe time.

**The Parish Office will be closed for the next 2 weeks**, contact the sacristy on **01-8160981**, 9:30 to 11:30, if needed.

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



Saturday 5:30 pm  
**Gustavo Lopez** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 10:30 am  
**Kathy & Paddy McCrudden**  
Anniversaries

**Bridget Lyons &** 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Deceased members of the Lyons & Barnes Fam.

**Phillip Land** Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday 10:00 am

Thursday 10:00 am

**Patrick Cooling** Anniversary  
**Bridget Cooling &** Anniversary  
Deceased members of the Cooling Family

*May they rest in peace*

**NOVENA, ARDLEA ROAD, ARTANE**

Our Novena to St John Vianney this year will start on **Sat. July 27<sup>th</sup>**, and end on **Sun. August 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Solemnity of St John Vianney.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the **Altar List of the Dead**.

**Mass in honour of St. Pio.** Blessing with the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass

**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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