

My Soul,  
give Praise  
to the Lord

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - B  
8<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

**Pastors Desk - In the Ordinary**

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He's not a quarter hour celebrity. He didn't want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves - doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "I don't 'believe in them', **I rely on them to get through each day!**" Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Miracles of birth, of love, and hope.

The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

The first reading today sees more in the desert than a wilderness and flowers: we see and hear beyond created things to the healing work and word of the creator. Maybe we might listen to new voices about God and life in our conversations - I heard recently a young person talking about the suicide of a friend and how this brought him to realise how much we really need God. His chat strengthened my faith.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? i.e. like a sudden burst of sunrays in the midst of trees All of us have something new to say of God and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

Think today of something small that can remind you of something deeper and of God.  
Praise to you O lord for simple surprises in my life! ~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.



**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



**Musical Ministry** We welcome **St. Paul's Community Choir** back this **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** at the **5:30pm Mass** and every second Saturday after.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

takes place on  
**Monday 10:30am – 11:30am**  
& **Wednesday : 7pm - 8pm**

**Next weekend, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** **Crosscare** will hold its Annual Appeal for those most in need. *This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.*

**Crosscare** delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation. Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and **Crosscare** relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help. Please support the **Crosscare** collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).

**Save the date: Coffee Morning** for **St. Francis Hospice**  
We will be having our **Coffee Weekend** in aid of the hospice after masses on **21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September**



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



Saturday	5:30 pm
<b>Peter Chendo</b>	Anniversary
<b>Liam Dillon</b>	Birthday Rem.
<b>Seán Connolly</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Joseph Ashmore</b>	Birthday Rem.
<b>Pat O'Keeffe</b>	Months Mind
<b>Walter Morris</b>	Birthday Rem.

Sunday	10:30 am
<b>Bridie, Eddie &amp; Paul O'Rourke</b>	Anniv's
<b>Una &amp; Michael Kelleher</b>	Anniv's.
<b>Kathleen Doyle</b>	Months Mind.
<b>Don &amp; Mary Treacy</b>	Anniversary
<b>Helen Whelan</b>	Anniversary

*Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Maeve Hogan** recently deceased*

Tuesday	10:00 am
<b>Thomas Brodigan</b>	Birthday Rem. & Anniversary

Thursday	10:00 am
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*May they rest in peace*

**St. Vincent De Paul** monthly collection will be taken up **this weekend** after

**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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