St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

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The term 'duty of care' is a recent addition to our vocabulary. For example, we can say that parents have a duty of care to their children. Similarly, teachers have a responsibility for the pupils in their class. Anyone in a caring profession has a 'duty of care' to anyone whose health or wellbeing has been entrusted to them.

We are living in unusual days and months. The Covid-19 pandemic has made us view life differently and perhaps revaluate just what is important to us as families and individuals. Changes to our daily routines, work practices and separation from family and friends have made us revaluate the importance of things we simply took for granted in the past.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds those listening that the welfare of all the members of the community, the strong and the weak is paramount. He tells them that it is important that they support each other and even be prepared to speak out if any of them is going down the wrong path in life. He warns that these words or actions should not be motivated by any sense of malice or some previously held grudge but simply out of love.

In these days of Covid-19 we now have a new duty of care to each other. To socially distance, wear face coverings, practice correct hand hygiene, coughing etiquette. All these measures are designed to help us protect ourselves from the virus whilst at the same time protecting others we may encounter daily. We must not become complacent.

Lord, keep us strong, focussed, and sensitive to one another's needs at all times.

Fr. Gerry Corcoran.

Mass Times **Saturday** : **6 pm Vigil**

Sundays : **10:30 am & 12:30 pm**

Weekdays : **Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat. 10:00 am**

Schools Reopening

We welcome back St. Paul's Junior and Senior schools. We appeal to all users of the school and the local community to have the utmost of respect for the school and its environment and to respect social distancing.

Safe journey to and from school for both pedestrians and motorists.

As the children begin the new school year we wish them, their families, teachers and school staffs every blessing.

Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom, creator of the universe
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them, their families,
their teachers and school staffs.
Give them strength and grace as they grow;
Bring wisdom and knowledge to their minds
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Saturday 5th *6:00 pm*
(Vigil Mass)
Bill Kelly 2nd Anniversary

Sunday 7th *10:30 am*
Kay Murphy Rec. Deceased
Pray for **Fr. David Lumsden** and **Paddy Kavanagh** recently deceased

Wednesday 9th *10:00 am*
Gerry Burke 12th Anniversary
Jessy Abraham 1st Anniversary

Thursday 10th *10:00 am*
Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke Anniversaries
Una & Michael Kelleher 12th Anniversaries
Joe Duffy 40th Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Monday 7th is the 1st Monday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Mass Bouquet List. **The Miraculous Medal Novena** will be said at the 10am Mass.

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