



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

1st Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time - B

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**FIRST
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



Pastors Desk - *What my Lent does for others*

Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.



The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.

Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

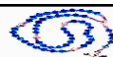
Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives



*Pray a bit every day,
read a bit of the gospel every day,
do something good for another every day –
this is the way to share in the saving love of God.
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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Our 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell.

Parish Partnership Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday April 27th is now available to book through the Donate button on the holy trinity parish website: holytrinityparish.ie or via our parish office. **Cost is €50** and includes the coach and a stop for dinner, dessert, tea/coffee on the way back.

Places are limited,
booking closes **31st March**.

See our notice board for more details.

The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, the **17th & 18th February**.

Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers ♦ *Marriage Preparation courses* – online, small groups; ♦ *Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships*, currently online or by phone; ♦ *A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools*. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

The Collection will replace the usual Share Collection.



Notice to Coeliacs: If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.

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



Saturday	5:30 pm
Hugh Keenan	13 th Anniversary
Michael Keyes	13 th Anniversary

Sunday	10:30 am
Eileen Buckley	Anniversary
Keith Fitzsimons	Birthday Rem.
Bernadette Torpey	Birthday Rem.
Michael & Mary Hardiman	Anniv.

*Your prayers are requested for the
happy repose of the soul of
Adrienne Dunne recently deceased*

Tuesday	10:00 am
Adrienne Dunne	Funeral Mass
Jimmy & Diana Ryan	Anniv.
Eddie Peter & Lilly Ryan	Anniv.

May they rest in peace

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 21st Feb at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, D17 Y924. **This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. For any queries, please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888**

