



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Ascension of the Lord - B

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Pastors Desk - *Going Out or Going Up?*

The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard.

Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love. Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care.

This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the Ascension is his presence in a new way among us.

Looking up is a religious gesture.

Look up to the skies sometimes this week and make a favourite prayer.

Lord, may your kingdom come! ~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.

For the Month of May at 8pm, we would like to invite you to join us and thousands of people in Ireland each day as we go to our Grottos to pray the Rosary.

Weekday service in St. Paul's is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am.

Mass Times :	<i>Ayrfield</i>	<i>Donaghmede</i>
Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	6:30pm
Sundays :	10:30 am	9:30am & 11:30am
Weekdays 10am :	<i>Tuesday & Thursday</i>	<i>Mon, Wed & Fri</i>
Service of Word with Communion 10am	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tue & Thur</i>

Activate your Baptism Calling - Volunteer Sunday Appeal

Many parishioners contribute to the work of the parish in a variety of different ministries. These volunteers are a vital part of our parish life and are much appreciated. On the weekends of the **12th & 19th of May**, we will have our **Volunteer Sunday Appeal**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje -

Fully escorted trip **26th Sept - 3rd Oct** with Marian Pilgrimages. Cost € **835pps**.
Spiritual Director: **Fr Declan Blake**.
Contact **Godfrey & Jackie Carpenter** on **087 0691009** for information.



Anam Cara North Dublin,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 15th May 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 085 2888 888 or info@anamcara.ie for any queries.

Annual Cemetery Mass 2024 Mass (M) Prayers (P)

- (P) **Kilbarrack Cemetery - 4pm Sunday 2nd June**
- (P) **The Angels Plot, Glasnevin Cemetery - 3pm 26th May**
- (M) **St Fintan's Cemetery - 12 noon Sunday 9th June**
- (M) **Fingal Cemetery - 1pm Sunday 23rd June**
- (M) **Glasnevin Cemetery - 3 pm Sunday 30th June**
- (M) **Dardistown Cemetery - 3 pm Sunday 7th July**
- (M) **Balgriffin Cemetery - 1pm Sunday 14th July**

Novena to the Holy Spirit 12th - 20th May '24

for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin

The Building Hope Prayer is recited

St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection will be taken up this weekend.

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



Saturday 5:30 pm
John Burns Months Mind

Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday 10:00 am

Thursday 10:00 am

May they rest in peace

First Holy Communion



On Friday, **17th May at 11 am**, we will celebrate First Communion when a new generation of boys and girls from St. Paul's Junior School will be able to participate fully in our Eucharistic celebration, the Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.