

Pastors Desk - Community of Healing

A man had an addictive habit in his life. He said "It took me a long time, and countless failures, to realize that you can't change your life simply by willpower. You can only change it by grace and community." Alcoholics Anonymous has always known this. It's not enough just to have willpower. It's only by touching some higher power, and this is most easily done within a community, that we actually change our lives.

This seems to be in the gospel today. Grace went out from Jesus and healing. And it happened in the community of the disciples and family. A young girl had died – the beginning of her mature life. An older lady who had been ill for years. The big ministry of Jesus was for healing and he healed where others did not – among women. People brought people to him, people prayed for each other as we do today, in a community of healing.

The Church needs to rediscover this. Our liturgies can be so individualistic – even how we sit separately, and often '*pray our own thing*'. The Mass is '*our*' Mass, '*not mine, not yours*. The people at the house of Jairus and the disciples around the woman were together in faith and in prayer. We cannot be Christians on our own. Faith is personal but not private. Our gatherings need more of the communal faith, with a sincere welcome as we enter and a hope to make life better for others as we exit.



Ordinary ways too -even a hello on the street, an enquiry about a worry, a helping hand in many ways bring the healing love of Jesus as it was brought to the people then.

Become aware of how you need the healing and strength of Jesus in your life, and ask : Lay your hands gently on me O Lord, and on all who need your healing Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; heal me and make me whole.

~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.

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

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Mass Times :	l	Ayrfield	I	Donaghmede
Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	I	6:30pm
Sundays :	- I	10:30 am	1	9:30am & 11:30am
Weekdays 10a	m: 7	uesday & Thursday	I	Mon, Wed & Fri
Service of Word with Co	ommunio	n 10am Monday		Tue & Thur

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual collection for the Pope and Pontifical Charities "Peter's Pence" collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend. This will replace the Share collection.



Rejoice in Hope, Endure in Affliction, Persevere in Prayer. RM 12,12

Summer Dues

Archbishop Farrell invites parishioners to contribute to a **Summer Dues** collection for the **support of our priests**, envelopes are available on the church stands and can be placed in the boxes provided.

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Saturday -	5:30 pm			
Sunday	10:30 am			
Lena Fogerty	1 st Anniversary			
Shay Clancy & 1 st Anniversary Deceased members of Evans & Clancy Family				
Kevin Byrne Snr.	Anniversary			
Kevin Byrne Jnr.	Anniversary			
Anne O'Grady	Anniversary			
Keith & Larry O'Neill	Anniversaries			
Louis Mc Donald	Anniversary			
Tuesday _	10:00 am			
Thursday	10:00 am			

We remember at Mass

May they rest in peace

Thursday 4th July is the 1st Thursday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead. Devotion in honour of St. Pio Blessing with the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass



Annual Cemetery Mass 2024 Mass (M) Prayers (P) (M) Dardistown Cemetery - 3 pm Sunday 7th July (M) Balgriffin Cemetery – 1pm Sunday 14th July



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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