

*Taste and See
that the Lord
is Good*

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
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20th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Pastors Desk - *The Best and the Worst*

We can recall the homely smell of freshly baked bread, a good beginning to the day. But bread has to be baked with huge heat for the flour. The wheat is crushed. A way of saying that in life there is the joy and the pain; and things can go wrong. Life's joys and sorrows are a mixture, and much of the best has some of the worst. The bitterest pain can be when the loved one dies, but you would never cancel out the love for the pain. Death is like that – the worst of life leads to the best of eternity. We often find something great in the worst of times. We get a good result in exams and you forget the pain of getting them.

The best and the worst in Jesus' life are in the bread and wine of the Mass. The Eucharist recalls the love of God and the cruelty of the human race, all at the one time. Love given and received, but also torture and death at the hands of cruel people.

At the Eucharist, we hold up the world's goodness and joys, along with its depressions and failures, and ask God to be with us in both. Bread symbolises what is good, wine the pain – this is a way of looking on the Eucharist.

Come and eat – come and offer. The best and the worst. The host we will be, host we receive, and is the full and real Jesus, pain and all. It is truly the bread of life and the cup of salvation.



*Imagine Jesus offering you some bread:
this ordinary food is the bread of life.*

*When we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again. ~ 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

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 5th – 10th Sept
 Become an Associate Member of the Pilgrimage.
 The people of the Archdiocese may join in the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as Associates, by being enrolled and by making a voluntary offering.

Please give generously and help send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes. The money collected will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the Sick Pilgrims Section. You will receive in return, as Associates, an enrolment leaflet outlining the prayers for Associates. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Associates will be placed at the Grotto during the Pilgrimage. Mass will be offered for all the Associate Members at the Grotto in Lourdes.

S.V.P. Monthly Collection: Last weekends collection amounted to €860.00

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact **Monica** at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

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



Saturday 5:30 pm
Brian Cosgrove & Deceased members of the Moore Family 25th Anniversary
Pat Walsh Months Mind
Kieron & Lorna Howard Anniversaries
Nery Gomez Anniversary

Sunday 10:30 am
Teresa Talbot 7th Anniversary
Breeda Barry 7th Anniversary
Nola Conyers Recently Deceased

*Your prayers are requested for the
happy repose of the souls of
**Jane "Jenny" Grimes,
Kathleen Doyle, Helen Whelan,
Nicky Murphy & Debbie Cassin**
recently deceased*

Tuesday 10:00 am

Thursday 10:00 am
Stephanie Ann Sweeney Anniv.

May they rest in peace

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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