

The Lord Upholds my Life.

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Pastors Desk - The War Inside**

We've had a lot of war- stories and histories in recent years, - but James talks of another battlefield: wars of good and evil and conflicting desires within ourselves. In every war there is the evil fighting in the souls of the generals. Same with ourselves --- good things emerge to be done but we allow other less good excuses take over

- visit someone sick but there is a match on;
- Help a neighbour but there's a party planned;
- visit the parents and something else happens,
- go to Mass and the sun comes out and we go to the beach or it rains and we might get really wet

Desires to control people, greed, sexual exploitation of young and not so young, we know more from our own experience. Big time greed could have started with a fight over ice-cream at home, and somebody always getting their way at the expense of others.

Jesus' saving love can help us bring out the best in ourselves. His cross is our peace – within ourselves and within nations. This is the reconciliation Jesus promises from the cross...peace within us and peace among us.

The apostles got into a row who is the greatest. They wanted to follow Jesus but something else took over.

Can we bring into ourselves the best of the child Jesus praises, and find God – the Father whom we trust, happy to rest in the regard he has for us, with no need to worry about who is the greatest!

*With every inbreath, breathe in God's love and allow it fill your being. Heart of God, heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you. ~ 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



**Confirmation 2025**

A meeting for parents / guardians whose children are in 6<sup>th</sup> class and will be preparing for Confirmation in 2025 will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7:30pm** in **Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede** for both parishes of Ayrfield & Donaghmede.

**Baptism Preparation**

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of **October**, will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



**Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group**

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 8pm** in **St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield.**



**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2025**

A meeting for parents / guardians whose children are in 2<sup>nd</sup> class and will be receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2025 will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm** in **Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede** for both parishes.



**Tea / Coffee Social for St. Francis Hospice**  
 We will be having our **Coffee Weekend** after masses **this weekend 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

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



**Saturday 5:30 pm Deceased Members & Family Members of St. Paul's Community Choir**

**Sunday 10:30 am**  
**Derek Clarke** 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**John Negal** 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday 10:00 am**  
**Ann Brady** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
**Frank & Evelyn Pettigrew** Anniv's.

**Thursday 10:00 am**  
**Lisa O'Connor** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**cross + care Social Support Agency of The Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE Homeless Prevention** taken up at mass last weekend, **September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The amount collected was **€905.00**

**Lourdes Associate Membership**

See our notice boards for a copy of the letter of appreciated for the generous contribution of **€875.00** to the Lourdes associate membership. This year **97 sick pilgrims** from all over the Dublin Diocese were brought to Lourdes.

**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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