May your *Love* be upon us, *O Lord* As we place all our *Hope* in you.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

20th October 2024

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29rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

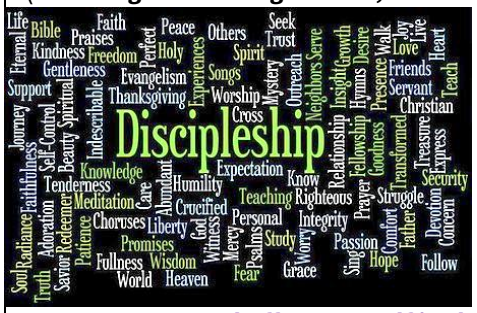
Pastors Desk *Servant of All*

The gospel this week is a story of ambition, even cloaked in good intentions. A mother wants her sons in the best place, and they pick up that ambition from her. The apostles see James and John as wanting to be tops with Jesus. He accepts all this, but let them know that to be close to him means to suffer with him, and to be a servant.

Many times we see this in the gospel: giving a cup of cold water to a needy person was what a good person did, "washing the guests'' feet was what a servant did. Jesus brought service even further – to serve like him was to serve God his Father, because that was what his mission on earth would be.

We hear often of the servant church – it means that the community of Jesus' followers are at the service of people, to make better conditions of life, to live and share with compassion in the hardships of others, to care for the earth and protect it. This service people is the service of God. In that mission Jesus would be misunderstood, and eventually put to death.

(***Focusing on the image below, when was the last time you served a fellow traveller of life with any of Christ's signs of Discipleship***)



Even after death we see Jesus as a sort of servant of the apostles – reaching out to them to share his joy and consolation. He would be the one to walk with them in their doubts, fears and disappointments. He now seems to want to be a servant of others through us also in his risen life.

Think of the day ahead or the week, and offer yourself in the service of the Lord to someone needy
Lord may I serve you and be with you in all I do and care for. ~ 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 Programme 2025

At the 10:30am Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children and their families, who are preparing for their **Confirmation** to the **enrolment ceremony.** We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus calls us to.

World Mission Sunday - October 20th

*At Masses this weekend, the 2nd Collection/Share Collection is replaced by the collection for the **Pontifical Missions Society***

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

Synod 2024 We have all been asked to pray for everyone taking part in the Synod assembly in Rome this month. A Synod newsletter is available on our website and on our stands

Living with Loss: A Bereavement Information event for the Public

Taking place on **Thursday, October 24th 7pm-9pm** : This is a FREE event hosted by the Dublin North Bereavement Network. It is taking place in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown.** For those unable to attend the event in person, this event will be live streamed via Zoom.

Irish Hospice Foundation

See our noticeboards for more information.

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

Saturday	*5:30 pm*
Pat Hennessy	10th Anniversary
Kathleen Hogan	Anniversary
James Brewer	Anniversary
Bríd Brewer	Birthday Rem.
Sunday	*10:30 am*
Mary & Martin O'Grady & Son Martin	Anniversaries

*Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Brigid "Betty" Duffy** recently deceased*

Tuesday	*10:00 am*
Bridget Cooling	Anniversary &
Deceased members of the Cooling Family	
Sony Thomas	Birthday Mass
Thursday	*10:00 am*
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October - Pray the Rosary We are asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October.

Last weekends St. Vincent De Paul monthly collection amounted to **€1,025.00**

Thursday's - St. Paul's Coffee morning

All are welcome to call into our weekly coffee morning, that takes place **every Thursday after 10am Mass.** Coffee mornings provide an opportunity to meet existing friends and get to know new people in the parish community. We look forward to you joining us for a cuppa and a chat.

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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