

I love you,
Lord
my
Strength.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
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Pastors Desk *What is Religious?*

We often ask people what is most important to them in life. Various words come to mind - family, faith, love, and peace of mind, money or others. Jesus is asked something like this in the conversation of today's gospel. His most important word is love – anything in the religious tradition of the time is secondary to love of God and love of the neighbour.

In August 2012 a survey indicated that the Irish are among the least religious people of Europe. This came out of a sample of 1,000 people and indicates something to do with religious understanding and practice. Maybe though we could challenge that we are most religious, not necessarily when we are in church or praying, but also when we are at our most loving and caring, or concerned for justice.

True religion is that, and is especially true when it cares for the needy. Jesus' heart went out mostly to people like that in his own time, especially any group who were outcast like people suffering from leprosy.

This can be the same today. He is the one on the side of the needy, and most on our side when we are most needy. This is the meaning and the reason for the Christian community – to be bearers of love in our world.

We are all being called to share our treasures, values, environments and even new discoveries like vaccines with those who need them as much or even more than we do.



So maybe in Ireland we are much more religious than the survey shows! When we love, in the smallest and biggest ways, among the family, neighbourhood and wider world, then we are religious in the name of Jesus.

*Recall moments when you thought you were most 'religious' and soon after were internally critical of other's efforts.
Lord, may I find your love in everything I encounter this week. ~ 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



St. Paul's Parish
Annual Remembrance Mass
On Tuesday 5th November at
7:30pm we will be celebrating

our Annual Remembrance Mass for all those of our community who have died during the last twelve months.

It is good as a community, to gather, to pray and to remember.



Prayer for the Holy Souls

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Like the seed buried in the ground, you have produced the harvest of eternal life for us; make us always dead to sin and alive to God. Amen.

November List of the Dead

Spare envelopes are available on both church stands near the doors. These envelopes with completed lists and offerings can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided.

Those on the November List of the Dead are remembered throughout the year at the First Thursday masses when we pray for recently deceased and all on the Altar List of the Dead.

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist
See our notice board re training dates



in Our Lady's Hall, Fairview.
New Rosters are available.



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
Altar List of the Dead

Sunday 10:30 am
Mary Bonner 10th Anniversary
Garrett Ffrench 3rd Anniversary

Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of
Alice Daly & Jackie Hutton
recently deceased

Tuesday 10:00 am
Joe Carr Anniversary

Tuesday 7:30 pm
Annual Remembrance Mass

Thursday 10:00 am
Paddy Cass Anniversary

7th November 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 oils and the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass