

O that today you  
would *listen*  
to his *voice*!  
Harden not your  
*hearts*.

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - A  
**6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**  
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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in  
Ordinary  
Time**

### Pastors Desk

### *Each Other's Keepers*

In any group, small and big, things cause friction. Everyone thinks his or her way is right. We can fight over who is right. Some things are worth a fight, others not.

In the big questions of life, we need the advice, support and love of the other. Many people ask themselves, "Why I didn't give an honest opinion about a decision like marriage or a job or a course of studies which seemed ill-advised to everyone?" We all have good and not-so-good tendencies. We can only advise as best we can, sensitively and wisely, and hope we get a hearing.

We are afraid to hurt, to be rejected. Why do we let so many people drink themselves into trouble and never tell them? The terror of a neighbourhood, no matter what age, needs to be confronted. The problem of drugs in a neighbourhood is not confronted. Crime is not reported.

In small and big things we are each others' keepers. Jesus is saying something like that today. Parents can find this difficult as they try to guide the family well and not lose them. We have social responsibility in the family and in the neighbourhood and even worldwide for the common good.

God wants the best for each of us. We can help each other to goodness, we can support each other, advise each other, pray for and with each other, and help each other on our way to God.

*Recall an occasion when someone gave you good advice,  
even when you may not have liked it at the beginning.*

*Be grateful!*

*Give me wisdom, Lord, when others ask me for advice or an opinion.*

*~ 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       |
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| 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       |

### September is the month of Creation

Prayer by Pope Francis from Laudato Si'-  
On Care for Our Common Home (2015).

### A Prayer for our Earth



All powerful God, you are  
present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness  
all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the  
abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not  
prey on it, that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look  
only for gain at the expense of the poor  
and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each  
thing, to be filled with awe and  
contemplation, to recognize that we are  
profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,  
for justice, love and peace.

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



| Saturday       | 5:30 pm                      |
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| Sean Connolly  | 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary |
| Joseph Ashmore | Birthday Rem.                |
| Maureen Foley  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |
| Noel Cullen    | 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary  |

| Sunday                        | 10:30 am                     |
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| Liam Dillon                   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary |
| Peter Doyle                   | 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary |
| Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke | A's.                         |
| Una & Michael Kelleher        | Anniv's.                     |

| Tuesday | 10:00 am |
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| Thursday | 10:00 am |
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### *May they rest in peace*

Divine Mercy Healing Mass will be  
held in the Church of the  
Assumption, Howth at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday 9th September

### Sacrament of Baptism

The following were welcomed  
into the faith community of our  
parish in September.



*Cody Jack, Darcie Robyn,  
Keelan Robert Francis,  
Kate Grace, Noah Brendan  
& Tyrone Patrick William*

**Notice to Coeliacs:** If you are gluten intolerant, we have Low Gluten hosts  
available from our priest at communion time.

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