







"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:21



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*Building Ho⁺pe
through
Lay Ministry*

Prayer for those in Ministry

*Loving God,
strengthen and sustain all those
who minister in our churches;
that with patience and understanding they
may love and care for your people;
and grant that together they may follow
Jesus Christ,
offering to you their gifts and talents;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*



Becoming a Volunteer

Volunteering with your parish can bring many blessings: make new friends, develop new skills, gain confidence, develop your faith, gain a sense of achievement.

Depending on your interests and skills, we can help you find the right volunteering opportunity to suit you.

- Each Volunteer will be fully trained and provided with resources to help in their ministry.
- Ongoing training and formation will be provided for every volunteer.
- In line with the Archdiocese of Dublin Safeguarding Policy, all volunteers who work directly with children (for example: children's Liturgy, Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation) must be Garda Vetted and complete a Safeguarding Training Information Session and a refresher every 3 years. This will be provided by the parish.
- Every Volunteer has the support of the Parish, Faith Development Worker and Clergy in their role.

For More information, please contact:

Lay Ministry

Welcoming Committee

This group plays a central role in helping our parish become more vibrant and welcoming communities. The welcoming committee is the face and heart of the parish to new members, visitors and other members of the parish.

Altar Linen & Church Cleaning

A group of volunteers ensure the cleanliness of our Church on a weekly basis, upholding the sacredness of this special place and contributing to the prayerful environment for our parishioners.

Adoration Group

A programme of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is followed throughout the year. A team rotational system is operated to ensure a reverential presence at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Our Lady of Knock – Prayer Group

Join us in the Church on the last Thursday of the month at 8pm

St Vincent de Paul

Supported by monthly and annual collections the Conference provides confidential support to people in need throughout our parish.



What is Ministry?

1. Ministry can be defined as 'serving one another'.
2. Jesus is our model and exemplar: 'The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.' (Mk 10:45)
3. Ministry is a share in Christ's self-offering and self-giving.
4. Our service and self-giving reflects the nature of God's inner life of mutual self-giving and receiving.
5. Ministry is not just something practical (a job, a role) but a spirituality (a service, a vocation).
6. Active participation of the People of God – clergy, religious and lay people is essential to the life, leadership and decision-making of our Parish.

Where it comes from:

1. All ministries flow from Baptism and Confirmation
2. Through Baptism & anointing with Chrism (priest, prophet and king) we share in the priestly ministry of Christ.

Who do we minister to?

Encounter with the person of Jesus makes us who we are, and shapes what we do. Being at the service of this encounter is the heart of our mission. The living Christ calls and empowers all in St Paul's Parish to act with resolve and become more fully a place of welcome and compassion, which embodies the power, hope and joy of the gospel.

Ministry Teams

Ministers of the Eucharist

Group members assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and bringing Holy Communion to the sick and housebound throughout our Parish.

Ministers of the Word

Group members communicate the Word of God through the Readings at Mass and lead the congregation in reciting the Prayers of the Faithful.

Music Ministry

Happiness is singing in a choir and if that is not your calling, we also welcome congregational singing during our Masses as this enhances the liturgy of the Mass. Our choirs always welcome new members. St. Paul's Community Choir sing every second week at the 6pm Saturday vigil Mass and practice every Tuesday from 8pm - 10pm. The Folk Group sing every Sunday morning and practice takes place every Wednesday from 8pm.

Liturgy Team

Team members plan for the various liturgical services throughout the year.

Parish Pastoral Council

A Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body concerned with the pastoral activities of parish life. It is made up of members of the parish community and includes the Parish Priest.

Finance Groups

Finance committee, Indoor / outdoor collectors, counters and household family offerings help to support the costs of running our Parish.

Baptismal Team

The role of Parish Baptismal Team Representative of the faith community's welcome and support for the child to be baptised, and for the child's family; Share the journey to Baptism with the family - supporting the family's preparations; sharing the riches and the responsibilities of the sacrament of Baptism; exploring the ongoing support of the family by the parish.

Grow in Love Programme

This is a parish based programme giving parents, children and the parish community an opportunity to prepare for First Communion. Children are given detailed instruction on the Mass and special Masses are celebrated at which parents and children actively participate.

Confirmation Connect Programme

This is a comprehensive five session programme of preparation for Confirmation. It explores themes of belonging, believing, being a Christian, becoming a witness to the Good News and beginning again as a full member of the Church.

Funeral Ministry Team

The team's role is to be with the family in their time of grief, to help and to support them, to listen to their needs and to help them plan the funeral of their loved one. They actively participate in all the rituals of the funeral, but do not replace the priest, and work beside him as they strive to minister God's love, and compassion to all who suffer such a loss.

