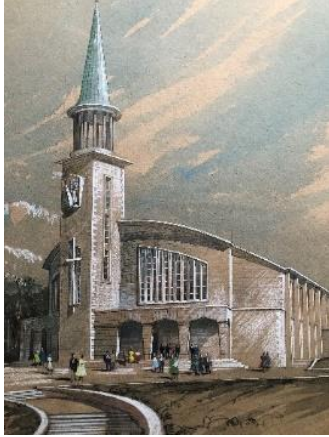


Parish Newsletter

Our Lady Crowned Church
Upper Mayfield Parish - Cork
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 28th November 2021



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 9.30AM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 12 noon

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Open Daily 8.30am to 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am to 1.00pm

DAILY ROSARY

9.00am Monday to Friday

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED:

olcmayfield.ie/livestream

RECENT DEATHS

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Noreen Dineen – Southridge

Mary Kelliher – Sliverheights

Mark Quirke -Mayfield

May they rest in eternal peace

Reflection – First Sunday of Advent



The Advent Wreath

This weekend we see in the Sanctuary area of our Parish Church the Advent Wreath and we are invited to reflect on its symbolism for us as we prepare for Christmas.

We see it is circular representing God's infinite, never ending love for us made up of evergreens which represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ at his birth. On the wreath the red berries represent the blood shed by Christ and the pine cones symbolise the resurrection.

Over the four weeks of Advent we progressively light the four candles symbolising the expectation and hope surrounding Our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his Second Coming to judge the living and dead.

The four candles – three purple and one rose in colour are lit on the four Sundays of season of Advent. As we light each candle we look forward to the coming of the Light of the World – Christ Jesus. They represent for us:

Week one – purple candle – the candle of hope, because God keeps his promises to us.

Week two – purple candle – the candle of peace, because Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Week three – rose candle – the candle of joy, because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence of God.

Week four – purple candle – the candle of love, because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God.

In the centre of the wreath is the white candle which is lit on Christmas Day as we welcome the birth our Saviour into the world.

**2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
THIS IS THE MONTHLY PARISH MAINTENANCE
COLLECTION**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 22nd November 2021**

The meeting began and finished with prayer, then Votes of Sympathy were expressed for all who died recently. The following is a brief outline of items discussed:

Christmas Masses 2021: Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm & 7pm - Christmas Day: 9.30am & 12noon.

Fr Charlie spoke about the unveiling and blessing of Statues of Our Lady and St Joseph and the child Jesus on the 4th December 2021 at 5pm

The Parish Advent Reflection Evening: on 9th December 7.30 to 9.00pm - Theme: Advent journey with Mary and Joseph. This evening is open to all who are in various ministries in the parish and the wider parish community - all are welcome.

Feedback on the Annual November Remembrance Masses was very positive.

The 60th Anniversary Celebrations of our church in 2022 and a Working Group to be formed in January. Planning Meeting for Christmas Masses Monday 13th January at 7.30pm

Bernadette Wallace
Secretary PPC.

Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards

Our new special parish cards are available from the Parish Office from this weekend.

Unveiling and blessing of Statues

Will take place on Saturday 4th December at our 5pm Mass – The Ursuline Sisters will be present and a presentation will be made to them on behalf of the parish to express our gratitude for this gift.

**Parish Advent Reflection Evening
at Our Lady Crowned Church**

Thursday 9th December 7.30- to 9.00pm

Theme: Advent journey with Mary and Joseph

Starting with the Advent Wreath and then using scripture, image and music we will reflect on Mary and Joseph and how they prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world and what this means for us today as we too prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts this Christmas time. This evening is open to all who are in various ministries in the parish and the wider parish community - all are welcome.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are available
after the 9.30am Mass every Friday.

Visits to the Sick and Housebound

The First Friday calls will not take place this week – instead Fr Charlie will visit all the sick and housebound of the parish in the week leading up to Christmas.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Parish Pastoral Council have organised the Annual Christmas Giving Tree. Please take a tag from the tree at the back of the church and then attach it to your gift. Please mark on your tag Boy or Girl and the age or Adult male or female. These should be returned to the church on or before the weekend of 11th/12th December. All gifts will be distributed that weekend to families in need.



RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Cody Denis O'Neill, Callie-Rae Butler, Mason Anthony O'Brien, James Christopher Cotter & Kaylie Anne Cotter

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

East Cork Musical Society presents HANDEL'S MESSIAH on this Sunday 28th November at 8pm in the Church of the Ascension, Gurrabraher – Admission: €20 - proceeds in aid of Gurrabraher Church roof appeal and St Joseph's Church Mayfield

Shrine to St Joseph at Our Lady Crowned Church

Every Friday here in Our Lady Crowned Church the notes and prayer requests that you place at our shrine dedicated to St Joseph and the Sleeping St Joseph will be included in our 9.30am Mass.

Come and visit our shrine in this special Year of St Joseph. St Joseph Prayer Cards now available at the shrine in our church or from the Parish Office.

MASS CARDS

Selection of Mass Cards available from the Parish Office: Sympathy Cards, Anniversary Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards.

COVID-19 and PERSONAL SAFETY



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Our Parish Newsletter is also available online on our Parish Website and FACEBOOK. Please bring a copy to the sick and housebound of our Parish.