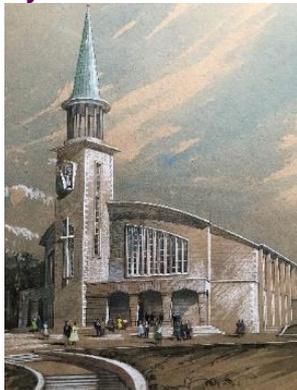


Parish Newsletter

Our Lady Crowned Church
Upper Mayfield Parish - Cork
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 5th December 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

Reflection – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Week one: Joseph and the donkey – “In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered...All went to their own towns...Joseph went from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.” (Luke 2:1-4) So we meet Joseph outside his home with his donkey preparing to make the long journey to Bethlehem.

Week two: Joseph, Mary and the donkey – “When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, a righteous man...planned to dismiss her quietly...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife...she will bear a son and you will name him Jesus’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord.” (Matthew 1:18-22) So we meet Joseph and Mary who are with the donkey and their provisions for the journey to Bethlehem to be registered.

Week three: Joseph and Mary meet the farmer on the road – It is a long and arduous journey for Mary and Joseph especially as Mary is heavily pregnant with her son. The route from Nazareth to Bethlehem is about 145kms (90 miles) over rough terrain and it would have taken a week or more as they may have chosen to take a longer route avoiding Samaria which was hostile to Jews. Along the way they may have camped out or they may have found lodging with other Jewish families as was the custom of the time. During the day it would have been very hot and at night very cold so their journey was not an easy one!

Week four: Joseph and Mary meet the shepherds as they approach Bethlehem – with Bethlehem in sight on the hill top they meet the shepherds who bring the sheep from the town out to the hillside during the day for pasturing. Perhaps they are asking about finding lodgings in the town as many hundreds of people are also arriving to register for the census at the same time.

Over these weeks take time to pause on your journey and remember the days and nights of Joseph and Mary as they make their way to Bethlehem - the discomfort for the pregnant Mary walking long distances in the heat; the cold of the nights as they slept under the stars; the uncertainty of what they were undertaking in welcoming Jesus into their family; their trust in God that it was all part of his great plan for salvation.

RECENT DEATHS

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

John O'Sullivan - Lotamore

Patrick O'Rourke - St Joseph's Pk

John Daly - Lotabeg

May they rest in eternal peace

Blessing of the Statues of Our Lady Crowned and Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus

At our Vigil Mass this weekend we welcome the Ursuline Sisters from Blackrock who so generously gifted us the two statues for our Parish Church as we bless them following their sympathetic restoration. Our sincere thanks go to the Sisters for these two statues which are fittingly situated in our Church of Our Lady Crowned and as we come to the close of the Year of Saint Joseph. We congratulate the sisters as this year they celebrate the 250th anniversary of their arrival into Cork city in 1771 and opened the first secondary school for girls in Ireland.

Our sincere thanks also goes to the three parishioners who made significant donations towards the cost of the sympathetic restoration of the statues so expertly carried out by Fergal Feehely and his team and to Jerry O'Donovan for installing the statues.



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.

Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards

Our new special parish cards are available from the Parish Office

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are available after the 9.30am Mass every Friday.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 8th December
Holy Day of Obligation - Mass at 9.30

PLEASE NOTE – CANCELLATION

Parish Advent Reflection Evening at Our Lady Crowned Church which was to take place on Thursday 9th December – has been CANCELLED due to new variant of COVID-19

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Cork and Ross Diocesan Quarterly Collection is an Exit Collection.

Bambinelli Sunday – next Sunday

The tradition of Bambinelli Sunday involves the blessing of the Infant Jesus – please bring the infant Jesus from your Family Crib to Mass next weekend and we will have the blessing at all Masses.

Christmas Masses 2021:

Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm & 7pm –

Christmas Day: 9.30am & 12noon.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church along with the 2022 Parish Calendars

Parish Pastoral Council

Planning Meeting for Christmas Masses on Monday 13th December at 7.30pm at Our Lady Crowned Church. Anyone who wishes to help is invited to attend.

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.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection
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