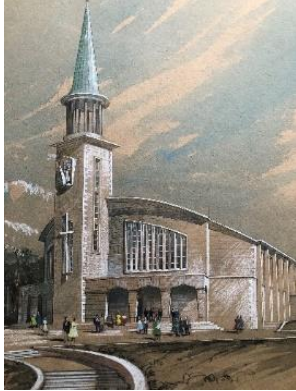


# Parish Newsletter

**Our Lady Crowned Church**  
**Upper Mayfield Parish - Cork**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Gaudete Sunday**  
**Sunday 12th 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](http://olcmayfield.ie/livestream)**

## **RECENT DEATHS**

**We extend our sympathies to the families of:**

**Maureen Finn – Old Youghal Road**

**John O’Sullivan - Lotamore**

**Eileen Horan - Mayfield**

**May they rest in eternal peace**

## **Advent Reflection**

**3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**



## **Bambinelli Sunday**

For many years, people have brought their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peter's Square on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) where the Pope has blessed both the people and the figurines before the Angelus at 12noon.

And so today, we here at Our Lady Crowned Church join with Pope Francis and the families of the Diocese of Rome as we bring the Baby Jesus figure from our crib at home to Mass to be blessed.

After Mass take home you newly blessed figure of the Christ Child and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas Day. Let this be the first gift your family opens at Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

If you wish you can watch Pope Francis bless the Bambinelli by logging on to the Vatican website.

**Advent Journey - 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!

## Parish Pastoral Council

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



### **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 thme age or Adult male or female. These should be returned to the church on or before this weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December. All gifts will be distributed this weekend and the coming days to families in need.



### **Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards**

This weekend and next weekend all cards will be available in the Room as you enter the church. During the week they are available from the Parish Office



### **Annual Parish Christmas Cakes Raffle**

Next weekend we will have our annual Christmas Cakes Raffle – the 10 Christmas Cakes have been made, decorated and donated by Mrs Mary Hurley. €5 per strip of tickets. Raffle at the end of each of the Masses next weekend.

### **Christmas Masses 2021:**

Christmas Eve: 3.00pm, 5.00pm & 7.00pm  
Christmas Day: 9.30am & 12noon

**Christmas Offering Envelopes & Calendars** are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church along with the Christmas Mass Times.

**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.

### **MASS CARDS**

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

### **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are available next weekend after all Masses and after the 9.30am Mass every Friday.

### **Offertory Collection**

This weekend the Offertory Collection will be taken up at the Offertory Time. New Collection Bags complying with Covid-19 Regulations have been acquired.

### **COVID-19 and PERSONAL SAFETY**



### **Parish Newsletter**

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**  
**will take place this weekend**

**Brother Brian Johnson OFS from the Franciscan Brothers in Clara, Co Offaly will speak at all Masses this weekend about the Missionary Work they carry out in Kenya and Uganda – Your financial support will go a long way in assisting them in their Mission.**



## **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday Bambinelli Sunday**



### **Week Three of our Advent Journey to Christmas Joseph and Mary meet the farmer on the road to Bethlehem**

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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. On our sanctuary this weekend – Mary and Joseph meet a farmer en-route to Bethlehem.

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