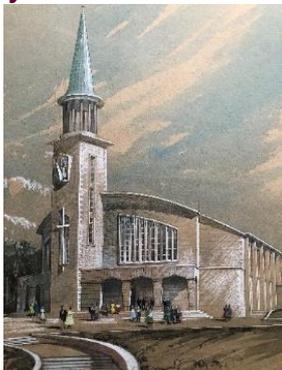


Parish Newsletter

Our Lady Crowned Church
Upper Mayfield Parish - Cork
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 19th December 2021



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO THURSDAY – 9.30AM
No Mass on Christmas Eve Morning

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:

Ned Kearney – Silversprings Lawn
Martin Daly – Annalee Grove
Owen Wills – Ballinlough
Edward O’Callaghan - Grenagh
Marian O’Donovan – Silverheights
Maureen Finn – Old Youghal Road
May they rest in eternal peace

Advent Reflection **4th Sunday of Advent**



Preparing to meet the Saviour

All around us we see preparations for Christmas – the lights are up, the trees are decorated, presents are wrapped, the menu is planned, visitors are invited. These are all important but they are all externals. They help us to celebrate Christmas as a time of joy and love shared with family and friends.

In our parish the weekend we are invited to prepare internally - to make our being ready to welcome Christ the Saviour by sharing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Coming to meet the priest to ask forgiveness is not about judgement or sinfulness, rather it is about running towards God who is waiting for us with arms wide open.

Last week Pope Francis said to us: Hear this: God always forgives! Do you understand? God always forgives!" One is not going to a judge to settle accounts, but "to Jesus who loves me and heals me".

The priest is not there to judge us but to welcome us and to share with us God’s love for us. If we understand this then Reconciliation becomes a sacrament of joy and hope, not of fear.

So this weekend make time for God – come to the sacrament – open your heart in readiness to welcome the Saviour of the World on Christmas Day.

Christmas Masses 2021

Christmas Eve: 3.00pm, 5.00pm & 7.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.30am & 12noon

NO TICKETS REQUIRED

MASS NEXT SUNDAY: 9.30am and 12 noon

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are available after all Masses THIS WEEKEND AND AFTER MORNING MASS MONDAY TO THURSDAY THIS COMING WEEK.

The Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia Plant



Here at Our Lady Crowned Church for this Christmas we are inviting you to bring a Potted Christmas Poinsettia to the church to be placed at our Nativity Scene. The plant can be in thanksgiving for something special you received during the past year or in memory of a loved one. Poinsettia plants can be dropped to the church from this weekend.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to thank everyone who gave so generously last weekend. All gifts have been distributed to families in need.



Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards

Cards are still available from the Parish Office

Christmas Visits to the Sick and Housebound

Fr Charlie will visit the sick and housebound of the Parish on Monday and Tuesday of this week. If you are not on the list please contact the Parish Office.



Annual Parish Christmas Cakes Raffle

This 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 3 strips of tickets. Raffle at the end of each of the Masses this weekend.

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.

RECENT BAPTISMS

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

**Amelia Margaret Scannell
Danny John Busteed**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes

Your Box of Envelopes are available from the Parish Office – if you don't already receive a box please contact the Parish Office

COVID-19 and PERSONAL SAFETY



4th Sunday of Advent



Week Four – The Journey towards Bethlehem **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 on our Advent Journey – we take time to pause 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.

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The Christmas Poinsettia

Long ago in Mexico, Pablo and his sister Maria had nothing to give the Baby Jesus at the church Nativity scene. Suddenly an angel appeared and told them, "Pick some weeds for the Child's bed." They did so, and tucked the weeds beneath the Niño. Amazingly, bright red leaves with small yellow flowers burst forth from the greens. Thus the poinsettia received its name: Noche Buena — 'Christmas Eve' and so it is called in Mexico to this very day.

