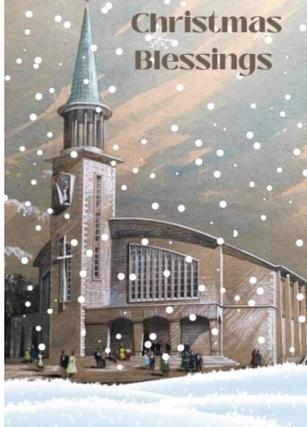


Parish Newsletter

**Our Lady Crowned Church
Upper Mayfield Parish - Cork
Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday 26th December 2022**



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 11.00AM

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:

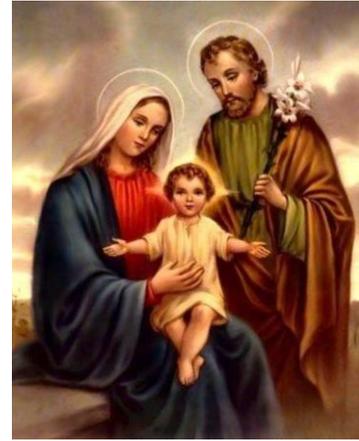
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RECENT DEATHS

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Marie Fenneally – Barnavarra
Ned Kearney – Silversprings Lawn
Martin Daly – Annalee Grove
May they rest in eternal peace

Reflection on the Feast of the Holy Family



THE JOY OF FAMILY

For many of us these days of Christmas we are surrounded by family...sadly for some this year the family cannot gather due to sickness or the travel restrictions due to the covid-19 pandemic. However these days are for us we can all reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Jesus needed to come to the earth as part of a human family, he needed its warmth, its love, its example and its challenges. He needed a safe place to discover who he was and how he would live out his mission to bring salvation to all people. A key note of the family life in Nazareth is that it was lived in the ordinary, Joseph, a carpenter and Jesus learning alongside him in his workshop. Mary keeping the house and teaching her child how to live a life of faith in God. In this Jesus was surrounded by the maternal affection of Mary and the care of Joseph, in whom Jesus could recognise God's tenderness shining through.

On this day we too are called to recognise our families as places where live and learn together. As Pope Francis says our families "must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope." The Pope emphasised the importance in the family of prayer, affection, forgiveness, tenderness, and adherence to the will of God. "In this way," he said, "the family opens itself to the joy that God gives to all those who know how to give joyfully." A family and home filled with joy opens itself up to move outwards to the world, to be of service to others and to collaborate in the building of a new and better world for all peoples.

As you go home today – take the newsletter with you to remind you to continue to pray this prayer for your family...

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, left his heavenly home to be born into a human family. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and watched over by Joseph of Nazareth. Today we ask you God our Father to bless our family and make each of us more like Christ our Saviour. Amen

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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

New rotas for 2022 for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist are now available for collection in the Sacristy

FRIENDS OF MARYMOUNT HOSPICE would like to inform you that due to Covid-19 there will be no social evening on St Stephen's Night in Mayfield GAA Club. Thank you for your ongoing support and hope to see you all next year. Happy Christmas and New Year.

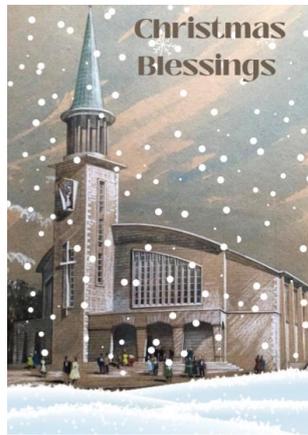
Patty Joyce and Pat Holland

Christmas Offering Envelopes & 2022 Calendars

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COVID-19 and PERSONAL SAFETY





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