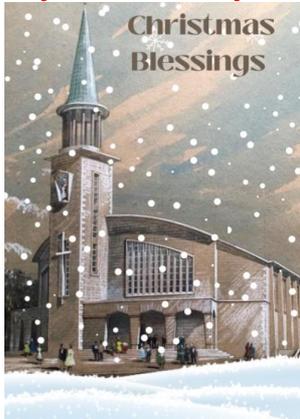


Parish Newsletter

Our Lady Crowned Church
Upper Mayfield Parish - Cork
2nd Sunday after Christmas Day
Sunday 2nd January 2022



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 9.30AM
Feast of the Epiphany – 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:

Marie Fennelly – Barnavara
Joe Sheehan – Old Youghal Rd
Elizabeth Keating – Iona Pk
Mary Connolly – Mayfield
Simon McGrail - London

May they rest in eternal peace

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus as poetry

In our Gospel today we read the opening verses of John's Gospel where he introduces Jesus as the Word...light...flesh...man and God, a witness living among us.

As with all poetry these verses deserve to be read slowly and reflectively and perhaps as we continue to enjoy the Christmas holidays we are afforded this gift of time to read and reflect allowing the words and images John offers to speak to us deeply.

Jesus comes as the Word...God's Word to us. Like all words it is spoken but not just orally. This Word speaks to us by his words, his actions, his silence, his prayer and his way of living. In all this Jesus challenges us to live our lives in the same way.

Jesus comes to us as the light breaking through the darkness... This is how Jesus came into the world – as a light breaking into the darkness of the world.

Jesus comes as flesh...God loved us so much and wants only what is best for us that He gave his Son to us, born as one of us, fully human and fully divine.

Jesus experienced all the emotions we do – he laughed with his friends, he cried, he loved, he forgave, he challenged – all to teach us how to live and love as He did that we too become children of God.

So as we move into a New Year take time to reflect – How has Jesus been a light for me in my darkness and how can I offer that same light to others? We have received the gift of faith, how has this made a difference in my life and how can I share my faith with others – in my words, my actions, my daily living?

As God's children we too are called to be witnesses for others – how I am a witness for others to the love of Jesus in our world?

New Year is a time for making resolutions – perhaps this year you can take something from this poetry of the Gospel of John into your daily life and make a difference even for just one person.

**Feast of the Epiphany
Thursday 6th January 2022
Mass at 9.30am**



Fr Charlie and team here at Our Lady Crowned Church wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING and Christmas Day Collection: Sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously and to the various collections during the year...



Christmas Offering Envelopes & Calendars are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

Visits to the Sick and Housebound

There will be **NO** visits this week as these took place Christmas Week.

Coronavirus Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, inspiration to scientists, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Amen.

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.

CONFESSIONS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER THE 9.30 am 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:

**Ailbhe Juliet Murphy
Thomas Jules Mullane**

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

NEW ROTAS for 2022 for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist are now available for collection in the Sacristy

COVID-19 and PERSONAL SAFETY



The Three Kings in the Christmas Story



Many Christmas carols make mention of the three kings, who follow a star and come to pay homage to the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. In the Bible, they are not called kings, and their number is not specified - instead they are "wise men from the East."

According to the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 1:24), a bright star led the Magi from the east until it stopped "over the place where the child was," and "upon entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother"

The Magi knelt down in front of the baby Jesus and "offered him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh."

The story of the Magi and their names and their lands of origin are believed to be: Melchior hailed from Persia, Gaspar (also called "Caspar" or "Jaspar") from India, and Balthazar from Arabia.

Their gifts had special symbolic meanings as well: Gold signified Jesus' status as "King of the Jews;" Frankincense represented the infant's divinity and identity as the Son of God; and Myrrh touched upon Jesus' mortality.