

Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish
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Parish Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C

Sunday 16th October 2022



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday
9.30am each 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

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY after the 9.30am Mass

DAILY ROSARY

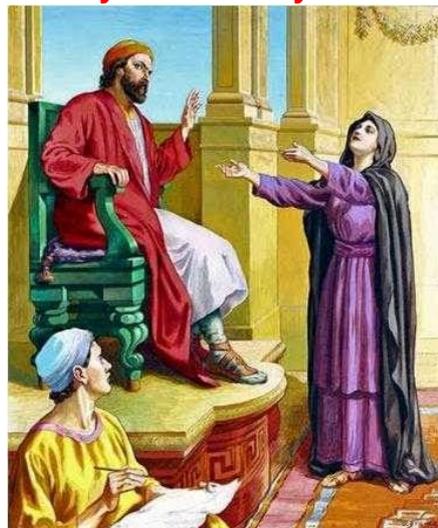
9.00am Monday to Friday

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED
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PLEASE NOTE: That all our Masses are livestreamed and that our church and grounds are monitored with 24-hour CCTV

Gospel Reflection

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Keep pestering...

Our Gospel today is about pestering...pestering God just as the widow in the story pesters the judge until he delivers a just decision we are called to keep asking, this is not to become a nuisance but to show our perseverance and our dependence on God – only God can deliver for us.

Such persistence in prayer shows that we are not afraid to show our dependence on God even though all around us society says we need be self-sufficient, to look after ourselves. To keep praying is equally looking after ourselves but also the needs of those around us and the needs of our world.

The widow in the story is concerned about the delay in getting a response, however we must not only must persevere in prayer we must be patient, awaiting God's time for an answer and accepting the answer even though it may not be one we wanted! God will always give the right answer to our prayers, even if to our eyes in the immediate moment it may not seem that way. Take time reflect on what have been the fruits of your own persistent prayer?

To persevere in prayer and to wait patiently for God's response is to have faith. That is the hub of today's Gospel – will there be faith on earth when Jesus comes again? This is a question we must ask ourselves and pray for the faith of others that it may be strengthened and enlightened through our persistent prayer.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022.

Last weekend we travelled as a parish to Lourdes on pilgrimage. An early start on Friday morning with check in at 6am and we arrived in Lourdes Airport at 11am. Shortly afterwards we checked into our hotels. We were blessed with great summer weather and a lovely group of pilgrims, including Bishop John Buckley, Canon Jim O'Donovan and Fr Kerry Murphy-O'Connor.

Over the 3 days we completed the full pilgrimage programme with Masses, Anointing of the Sick, Confessions, the Baths, Stations of the Cross, Walking in the footsteps of St Bernadette, the Blessed Sacrament Procession, Rosary/Torchlight Procession. We were also privileged to attend the new musical: '**Bernadette de Lourdes**' with the full original cast.

I have to say not every pilgrimage runs smoothly and we had three people who had falls, as I reflect Jesus fell 3 times on our behalf so these 3 people fell on our behalf as pilgrims and each of them graciously moved on and continued to be part of the pilgrimage.

On our final day we had Mass celebrated by Bishop Buckley and I preached the homily at the Grotto in Lourdes. Later that morning we went to the grave of Cork woman Sr. Therese Marie O'Connell who spent her life as a Poor Clare sister in Lourdes.

We left our hotels at 5.30pm and headed to the airport - we brought everyone home even though we did not have a passport for one person - who shall remain nameless; we still managed to get that person on board our flight and safely back to Cork. While at the same time a bomb scare was happening at the airport. The airport went into lockdown and closed. We were rushed onto the plane and we took to the air and arrived back in Cork 20 minutes ahead of schedule.

Grateful appreciation to Fionnuala and Caroline in Lourdes for their help before, during and after the pilgrimage. Many thanks to all who travelled and made the weekend a happy and memorable occasion. – Fr Charlie

Mission Sunday Collection

The second collection next weekend is the Annual Mission Sunday Collection.

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Ted Crosbie – Montenotte
Catherine O'Rourke - Iona Park
John (Sean) Purcell – Mayfield
Derry Foley – Mayfield
Catherine (Rene) Twohig – Mayfield
Ann Whelan – Old Youghal Rd
Donie Riordan – Mayfield

As a parish community we extend our sympathies and prayers to the families in Cresslough, Co Donegal who are grieving the tragic losses of family members and friends last weekend. May they rest in peace. Amen

Diocesan Priests Annual Retreat 2022

Many thanks to all who supported the Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Holy Communion and a special word of thanks to Pat and Terry for leading each day.

November Cemetery Prayers

Kilcully: Sunday 13th November at 3pm

Chetwynd: Sunday 6th November 3pm

November HOLY SOULS 2022

Envelops & Lists are available on the tables at the entrance of the church for the Annual Holy Souls Novena

Marymount Coffee Morning - €1,478.55 was raised at a recent Coffee Morning at Our Lady Crowned – Many thanks.

Parish Choir

New members are welcome to join – Choir Practice on Sundays at 11.00am.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME...

At all weekend Masses all children are invited to come forward after all have received Holy Communion when the priest invites them for a Special Blessing.

Our Lady Crowned Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be renewed in the coming months and we are inviting all parishioners and those who are part of our worshipping community to consider being part of the New Parish Pastoral Council. More details in the coming weeks.

Mission Sunday – 23rd October 2022

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday

Sr. Mary Usifoh, O.L.A. Sisters – Ardfoyle Convent will speak at all Masses next weekend.