

# Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish  
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## Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent - Cycle A  
Sunday 27th November 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

**Monday to Friday**  
**Before and After the 9.30am Mass**

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED**  
**[olcmayfield.ie/livestream](http://olcmayfield.ie/livestream)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** That all our Masses are livestreamed and that our church and grounds are monitored with 24-hour CCTV

## Gospel Reflection First Sunday of Advent



### Be prepared!

This is the message that is all around us now – get ready for Christmas, buy now...we have Black Friday and Cyber Monday begging us to buy more now, to be ready...the shops are full of Christmas gifts and decorations for some weeks now and it helps for many very practical reasons to take time to get ready.

But our Gospel today asks us to get ready for an Advent, a coming – the coming of Christ. Without the coming of Christ there would be no Christmas – it would be just another winter festival and holiday. Christ coming among us changes everything!

Our Gospel reminds us of the flood and the fall of humanity we might wonder why, amidst all the anticipation, does the Church speak of destruction? So, we must look deeper into the story – Noah and his family are prepared and are saved from destruction, they have followed the request of the Lord.

The readings today speak of the coming of Christ coming in human form among us but also of the second coming which we await – the advent of our eternal happiness in the presence of God. In these weeks of Advent then let us journey with Mary as she awaits the birth of her son, with Joseph who ponders what it all means, that amidst the preparations for the celebration of Christmas we give time to awaken in our hearts our longing for the coming of Christ, that we may be ready just as Noah and his family, Mary and Joseph were ready – even though they did not know the day nor the hour.

How are you making a space in your heart and in your home for the Advent of the Saviour?

## Second Collection This Weekend

The second collection this weekend is the Church Maintenance Collection as always we thank you for your kind generosity towards this collection.

## Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

**Eileen Condon – Avonmore Park**

**Eddie Aherne – Boherboy**

**May they rest in peace. Amen**

## Recent Baptisms

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

**Charlie William O'Shea**

**Daisey Kathleen Kent**

## Recent Wedding

We congratulate **Kim Fleming and Alan Kennedy** who married on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Our Lady Crowned Church. Every good wish on your married life together.

## 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 to come forward for a Special Blessing.**

## Parish Choir

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

## Parish Sacraments 2023

### Sacrament of Confirmation

**Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin - March 2nd 2023**

**Gaelscoil an Ghort Álainn – April 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**St Killian's School – May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

**Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin - May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Gaelscoil an Ghort Álainn – May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Enrolment of Commitment for all of the above schools for both Holy Communion and Confirmation takes place this weekend. We wish to congratulate the children and their parents as they make the commitment of preparation.**

**The Parish will honour The Dominicans of Ennismore on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5pm Vigil Mass in thanksgiving for their contribution to the community over the past 70 years.**



**Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards**  
Cards are now available from the Parish Office

## 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 the age or Adult male or female. These should be returned to the church on or before the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December. All gifts will be distributed that weekend to families in need in our community.**

## PPC Monthly Meeting Report...

The Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting took place last Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The Meeting started and concluded with prayer with votes of sympathy to families recently bereaved.

**Items discussed were as follows: Works in the Church** - Fencing work is completed, urgent repair of porticos outside the church due to leaks and will need immediate attention. Upgrade of internal church lighting to better and energy efficient lighting. Safety issues were also discussed. **Re-introduction of Ministries** - Funeral Ministry Team will commence their Ministry in the 2 local funeral homes in December. Baptismal Preparation Team will re-commence in January 2023. **The closing of Ennismore** - The Parish will honour The Dominicans on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5.00 pm Vigil Mass in thanksgiving for their contribution to the community over the past 70 years. **Christmas Masses are arranged and similar times as last year.** **The Annual November Remembrance Masses** - were appreciated by the recently bereaved families, and there a real sense of welcome to all. **Renewal of Parish Pastoral Council** - will take place in the new year. **Invitation** for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist and Altar Servers as new members are required. **The Giving Tree** - will be installed in the Church this weekend. **Christmas Cake Raffle** - will take place on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December at each of the Masses.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Purple Candle – The Candle of Hope

**Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.**



**Josephs ponders..**

**As we begin our Advent journey we stand with Joseph as he ponders what lays ahead for him and the commitment he makes in welcoming Jesus and his mother Mary into his life.**

**Here in our sanctuary we have Joseph and the donkey. On hearing of the decree of Caesar Augustus for a census of the whole world to be taken, Joseph prepares for the journey that lays ahead for Mary and himself to travel from Nazareth in Galilee to the town of David called Bethlehem to be registered.**

**We ask ourselves today – how do I make room in my life for Mary, for Joseph, for Jesus?**

