

Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish
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Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent - Cycle A
Sunday 4th December 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

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

Gospel Reflection Second Sunday of Advent



Prepare to be shaken up!

I am sure you are all beginning or may be even well into your preparations for Christmas, decorations, trees, lights, presents, food, party invitations...and much more. And so this is right, we are celebrating the coming of Christ among us, Emmanuel. A great reason to celebrate!

Our Gospel today though asks us to prepare for something more, to prepare our hearts to receive Emmanuel. John the Baptist calls out to us – be prepared, he is telling us of Christ who is to come and how he will offer us more than we could ever ask for or imagine possible. He will indeed shake us up, as individuals, as families, and as communities. John uses the image of the farmer separating the chaff from the wheat at harvest time; when on a windy day the farmer would place the stalks of grain on the floor and with his winnowing fan (like a rake) would toss the stalks up in the air, the chaff would blow away and the good wheat would remain.

So he is telling us, that we will be shaken up by the coming of Christ, what is good in us will be separated from what is wicked. Just as the winnowing of the wheat needs the farmer and the wind, so the shaking up of each of us will need Christ and the Holy Spirit – so this Advent be prepared to allow yourself to be open to be shaken up by Christ, Son of God and the Holy Spirit that you are truly ready to receive Emmanuel – God with us.

Thursday the 8th of December 2023
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 9.30am

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Catherine Walsh – Innishowen
Mary Power – Sliverheights
Michael Coffey – Tivoli
Willie Scraggs, late of Tivoli
Elizabeth Goggin – late of Tivoli
John Casey – late of Mayfield
May they rest in peace. Amen

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the children from the local schools who Enrolled in their Commitment for both the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend here in the parish.

St Dominic's Retreat Centre - Ennismore



As many of you are aware St Dominic's Retreat House at Ennismore will close in the coming weeks. This is a sad occasion for both the residents there and us the community. The Parish will honour the Dominicans of Ennismore on next Saturday December 10th at Our Lady Crowned Church at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass in Thanksgiving for their valuable contribution to the community over the past 70 years.

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPS

Christmas Dues Envelops are available at the entrance to the church. Collectors can pick them up from the Parish Office or if you wish to help in your area – please contact the Parish Office



Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards
Cards will be available from the Parish Office on Tuesday.

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 NEXT WEEKEND 10th & 11th December. All gifts will be distributed that weekend to families in need in our community.**



Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady Crowned Mayfield for their wonderful support and assistance throughout 2022 as we came out of those awful pandemic years. Under the guidance of our President Heidi Robertson every euro donated was spent in the Parish as assistance to people with medical, educational, transport, subsistence, fuel and many other needs through the year.

May God bless you all and you are in our prayers

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR DECEMBER/CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 10th/11th at Our Lady Crowned Church.

Mayfield Tree of Remembrance Iona Road
Monday December 5 at 7.00pm with Candle Light Ceremony and Blessing – The Mayfield Men's Shed will perform – All Are Welcome

2nd Sunday of Advent

Purple Candle – The Candle of FAITH

Faith is what holds us all together. This candle is also known as the 'Bethlehem Candle' as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



Preparing for the journey...

As we continue our Advent journey this week – we see Mary and Joseph prepare for the long journey ahead of them to Bethlehem.

In our Gospel this Sunday we see keeping hope and faith alive is the dominant themes of our scripture readings and it is in this context in which we must situate the urgent cry of John the Baptist to *'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'*

Our challenge this week on our Advent Journey is – are we prepared to allow ourselves to be open to Christ, Son of God and the Holy Spirit and that we are truly ready to receive Emmanuel – God with us?

