

# Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish  
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## Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Advent - Cycle A

Gaudete Sunday

Sunday 11th 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](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 Third Sunday of Advent



### Who are you waiting for?

Advent means “coming” to extend this we might define it as “the coming of someone or something new into our world”. So, we ask ourselves during these weeks – Who or what am I waiting for?

Are we like the people of Matthew’s Gospel wondering if this is it, if this person Jesus really is the one they have been waiting for?

Like the people who question Jesus, we too need to look around us, we need to look for the presence of Jesus among us. For the people of today’s Gospel, they were able to see with their own eyes the people who were cured by Jesus, the people who were changed in some way when they heard the Good News preached to them.

For us, we have to look with the eyes of faith, but we also have to be the eyes, the ears, the mouth, the hands and feet of Christ in our world. We must be the catalyst, the one who shares the Good News with others, who is the prophetic voice calling for change in our world. We are called to be the ones who seek and call for change and also the ones who recognise the presence of Christ in others.

So, as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ among us this Christmas let us look within ourselves, and ask, how am I preparing for Emmanuel, God-with-us, this year? How will each of us announce his ‘advent’ into the world today.

## Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Catherine Walsh – Innishowen  
Olive O’Leary - Ballincollig  
Fr Vincent Kelly SAC - Silversprings  
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.

## 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. The Parish will honour the Dominicans of Ennismore on this Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## Sunday Offertory Collection Envelopes

Your Box of Envelopes for the year ahead are available from the Parish Office – if you don’t already receive a box please contact the Parish Office



**Christmas Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards**  
Cards will be available from the Parish Office

**Christmas Visits to the Sick & Housebound**  
Fr Charlie will visit the homes of the sick and housebound in the coming week.

## Christmas Giving Tree

Gifts to be returned to the church on or before **THIS WEEKEND 10th & 11th December**. All gifts will be distributed to families in need in our community.

## Christmas Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul  
December – Christmas Collection takes place this weekend at Our Lady Crowned Church.



## Annual Parish Christmas Cakes Raffle

Next weekend we will have our Annual Christmas Cakes Raffle – the 10 Christmas Cakes have been made, decorated and donated by Mrs Mary Hurley. €5 per strip of tickets. Raffle at the end of each of the Masses next weekend.

## The Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia Plant



Here at Our Lady Crowned Church for this Christmas we are inviting you to bring a Potted Christmas Poinsettia to the church to be placed at our Nativity Scene. The plant can be in thanksgiving for something special you received during the past year or in memory of a loved one. Poinsettia plants can be dropped to the church from next weekend.

## Christmas Masses 2022

**Christmas Eve**

3.00pm, 5.00pm & 7.00pm

**Christmas Day:**

9.30am & 12noon

# Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday or Bambinelli Sunday

The Pink or Rose Coloured Candle  
The Candle of Joy or The Shepherd's Candle



## Week Three of our Advent Journey to Christmas

### Joseph and Mary meet the farmer on the road to Bethlehem

It is a long and arduous journey for Mary and Joseph especially as Mary is heavily pregnant with her son. The route from Nazareth to Bethlehem is about 145kms (90 miles) over rough terrain and it would have taken a week or more as they may have chosen to take a longer route avoiding Samaria which was hostile to Jews.

Along the way they may have camped out or they may have found lodging with other Jewish families or with friends and relatives as was the custom of the time. On our sanctuary this weekend – Mary and Joseph stop and meet a farmer on the way to Bethlehem.

During the day it would have been very hot and at night very cold so their journey was not an easy one!