

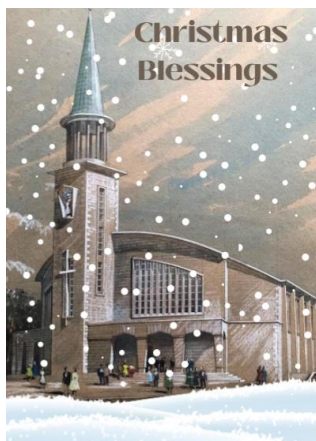
Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish
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Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent - Cycle A

Sunday 18th 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Who or what are bringing home for Christmas?

If we look around us these days we see people piling up shopping trolleys with large amounts of food, others amassing large numbers of gifts to give to others – all of it coming home for Christmas. If we look at airports, stations, coaches they will be filled with people returning home for Christmas. These are all part of the Christmas story – celebrating together as family, friends and loved ones.

But what if we looked closer at the Christmas story, what can we take home with us this year? Today's Gospel centres on Joseph, a man with a big dilemma – the woman he is betrothed to is now having a baby and it is not his! Joseph, a humble carpenter, would have been used to the quiet life of his workshop, spending time alone as he worked with the wood. He would not have expected what happened to him as he slept peacefully when God intervenes through the angel into his dream. This dream allows Joseph to interpret the law with love, to trust in the invitation of God and so he does as he is asked, he takes Mary home as his wife and with Mary he welcomes Jesus to his home.

So, this year amidst all the presents, the food, the people all coming home for Christmas let us each make space to be like Joseph to listen to God who is giving us Emmanuel into our homes and our hearts. Let us make space for Joseph, Mary and Jesus at the centre of our family celebrations this year – let us take them home with us.

Christmas Masses 2022

Christmas Eve

3.00pm, 5.00pm & 7.00pm

Christmas Day:

9.30am & 12noon

CONFESSIONS for Christmas Tuesday to Friday after the 9.30 Mass

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Sr Francis (Sylvia) Cooper

South Africa and late of Dillons Cross

Lisa McCarthy – Lios Rua

Marie O’Keeffe - 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.

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

Parish Calendar 2023

PARISH CALENDARS for 2023 are now available – please take one home with you – also bring one for a neighbour and anyone who cannot get to our church.

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 are available from the Parish Office

New Rotas for Minsters of The Word and The Eucharist are now available from the Sacristy

Christmas Carols

The boys and girls from Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin will present to us a selection of Christmas Carols after the 9.30 Mass on this Monday 19th December

Christmas Giving Tree

Thanks to all who donated gifts last weekend All gifts have been distributed to families in need in our community.



Annual Parish Christmas Cakes Raffle

THIS 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 this 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 this weekend.

EXTRA HELP WILL BE NEEDED AT ALL THE MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY – ANY HELP THAT YOU CAN GIVE WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED