

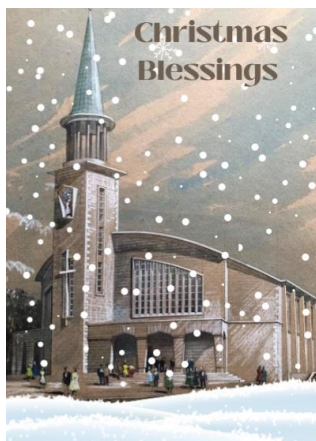
Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish
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Parish Newsletter

CHRISTMAS 2022

Sunday 25th December 2022



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday
11.00am each morning THIS WEEK

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 Christmas Day 2022



I bring you news of great joy!

These words of the angel to the shepherds we hear each year as we read the Christmas story, watch children in Nativity plays, sing Christmas carols together...but who is this news for? Is it just for the shepherds, or is it for all the people of the time in Bethlehem, or is it news that goes on for ever...? Is it for us this Christmas of 2022?

The news of great joy is we know for us all, otherwise why would we continue to celebrate Christmas – without the continuous sharing of this news of great joy over the centuries we would have no reason to come here today, no reason to exchange gifts, no reason to eat our Christmas dinner...

The birth of Jesus is the news of great joy to be shared by all the people. The news of a baby born in cave at the side of house in Bethlehem and laid in a manger by his parents, Mary and Joseph. The news though is much more than one more baby born into the world – it is the birth of the promised Messiah, Emmanuel, God-with-us. This is the new of great joy – the news we continue to celebrate in 2022. So today as we come here, sing our carols, exchange gifts and visit the crib – let us ask ourselves how in 2022 will I share this news of great joy with others?



Christmas 2022

Christmas is a wonderful time here in Our Lady Crowned Church. I personally would like to acknowledge and thank all of you who have made our celebrations so beautiful again this year. Thank you to all who donated the Christmas Poinsettia Plants - we have almost 100 plants around the Nativity Scene and Sanctuary.

Music enhanced our Christmas liturgies so I want to thank Noreen Sexton, Jessica O'Connell and our Parish Choir under the direction of Michael Joyce. A special thank you to Santa who came to visit the Nativity Scene during the 3pm and 5pm Christmas Eve Masses - making it extra special for the children.

Thank you

Throughout the year so many of you offer your support, your talents, your gifts in the service of the faith community - for this I am most grateful.

To Fr Dwayne Gavin; the Dominican Community of Ennismore and Deacon David Lane for their help throughout the year. Also, Fr Casimir who joined us here for the summer months.

To Mr Pat O'Leary and Mrs Mary Hurley who work tirelessly and selflessly in the background and who are a tremendous help and support to me. The Parish Pastoral Council for all that they do to make things happen in Our Lady Crowned Church. Thank you also to our Baptismal Ministry Team, Our Funeral Ministry Team, Parish Choir, Altar Society, Prayer Groups, Safeguarding Committee, Parish Finance Committee, Collectors and Counters and all the various voluntary groups who do so much for our parish and community. 2022 was a special year here at Our Lady Crowned Church when we celebrated 60 years last June. We give thanks that our parish community continues to grow and thrive.

I wish also to acknowledge those who care for our church throughout the year, ensuring that it always looks well both inside and out. First impressions always last and many people comment on how the grounds are always spotless and how beautiful and prayerful is the inside of our church.

To our parishioners and those who attend Masses here I thank you for your commitment to Our Lady Crowned Church.

I am very conscious of the many families in our parish who have lost loved ones since last Christmas and it is certainly a sad time for you all, please be assured of our prayers.

Finally, I thank all the parishioners and those who are part of our worshipping community for your kindness, support and encouragement to me personally - it is very much appreciated by me.

May God bless each of you in this Holy Season.

Fr Charlie Kiely

Christmas Clergy Collection

Fifty Sundays in the year the offertory collection pays the bills for the running of the parish. However, on two days each year the collection is for clergy in our parish, these being Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity to this collection. Fr Charlie

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Kathleen Hosford - Banduff
Baby Billy McCarthy - Mayfield
Mary Healy - Silverheights
Jerry Stokes - Mayfield
and all who died in the past year
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

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

Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Friday 22nd to Wednesday 27th September 2023.
Details by email at lourdes@corkandross.org and booking from Joe Walsh Tours (01 2410800).