

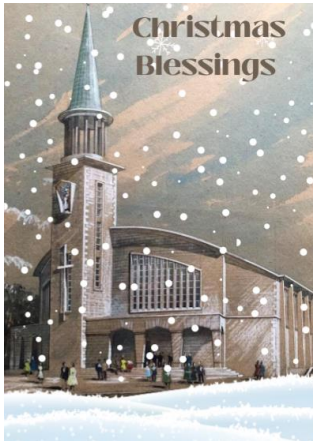
Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish
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Parish Newsletter

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Sunday 1st January 2023



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday
9.30 am 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

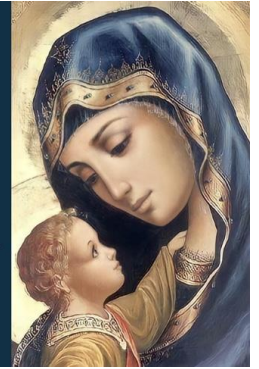
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PLEASE NOTE: That all our Masses are livestreamed and that our church and grounds are monitored with 24-hour CCTV

Gospel Reflection

Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy
Mother of God

January 1, 2023



What did they find?

Today's Gospel continues the Christmas story when the shepherds make their way to Bethlehem to see what the angel has told them. They find the child lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, with Mary and Joseph watching over him.

This scene calls on us to look again at what we find when we look at our crib, either at home or in the Church. Take a moment, stop and look again...at this scene. What do you find?

We find we are in Bethlehem, a name which means 'house of bread' and here is born Jesus – the Bread of Life. At his birth, because his parents could find no place in the lodging house, he was born among the animals and so Mary laid her child, the Son of God in the manger – the feeding trough of the animals.

Jesus who is our food for the journey of life has as his first bed the place the animals find their food. This is an invitation to us all to make our own journey to Eucharist; to share as the Body of Christ gathered together; to listen to the Word of God broken for us; to partake of the Body of Christ given for us as Eucharist this Christmas and throughout the year...

It is an invitation to us all as we begin a new year to sit with Mary and Joseph as they ponder what all this could mean?



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Thank You from Fr Charlie...

Christmas is always wonderful time here in Our Lady Crowned Church. I personally would like to acknowledge and thank all of you who made our celebrations so beautiful again this year. Everyone played a very important part last weekend. We estimate that approximately 4,000 people attended the Christmas Masses. It was great to see so many families attend as well as those who returned home to be with family. It was a lovely surprise to have Bishop John Buckley with us for the 12 noon Mass.

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.

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 and I wish everyone all the good wishes and blessings in 2023.

Happy New Year
Fr Charlie Kiely

Friday 6th January 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass at 9.30am



Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of:

Thomas O'Mahony – Mayfield

Catherine Hogan – Mayfield

Patrick O'Leary – Mayfield

Kathleen Hosford – Banduff

Jack Lynch – Tivoli

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

and all who died in the past year of 2022

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

Details by email at: lourdes@corkandross.org and bookings from: Joe Walsh Tours (01 2410800).