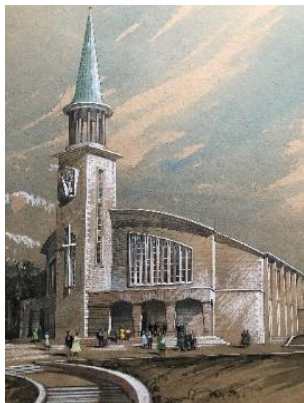


Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish
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Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord – Year A
Sunday 8th 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

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

The Baptism of the Lord



The heavens are open!

Today's Gospel emphasises that, when Jesus had received baptism from John in the River Jordan, "the heavens were opened" to him (Mt 3:16) thereby fulfilling the prophecies we heard during Advent in the readings from Isaiah.

If the heavens remain closed, our horizon in this earthly life is dark and without hope. Instead, in celebrating Christmas, once again faith has given us the certainty that the heavens have been opened with the coming of Christ among us a baby – born of a virgin, taking on human flesh. Then on the day of the Baptism of Christ we continue to contemplate the heavens opened. The manifestation of the Son of God on earth marks the beginning of the great time of mercy, after sin had closed the heavens, raising itself as a barrier between us as human beings and God, our Creator. At the birth of Jesus on Christmas night, announced by the angels, the heavens open! God gives us in Christ the guarantee of an everlasting love.

From the moment the Word became flesh it is therefore possible to see the open heavens. It was possible for the shepherds of Bethlehem, for the Magi coming from the East, for John the Baptist, for Jesus' Apostles, and for St Stephen, the first martyr, who exclaimed: "Behold, I see the heavens opened!" (Acts 7:56). It is possible, too, for each one of us, if we allow ourselves to be suffused with God's love, which is given to us for the first time in Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit.

Let us allow ourselves to be invaded by God's love! Allow ourselves to be the manifestation of God's love here on earth in our families and parish community.



V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Recent Deaths

We extend our sympathies to the families of:

Patricia Mackey – Montenotte

Molly Cooney – Montenotte

Danny O’Callaghan – Lotamore Dr.

Phyllis Mason – Liffey Pk.

Lilly Kidney – Mayfield

May they rest in eternal peace, Amen.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING and Christmas Day

Collection: Sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously and to the various collections during the year...

Christmas Offering Envelopes & Calendars

are available on the tables at the entrance to the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend – 14th & 15th January is the Diocesan Quarterly Collection.

Sunday Offertory Collection Envelopes

Your Box of Envelopes for 2023 are now available from the Parish Office – if you don’t already receive a box please contact the Parish Office

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

NEW ROTAS for 2023 for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist are now available for collection in the Sacristy

MASS CARDS

Selection of Mass Cards available from the Parish Office: Sympathy Cards, Anniversary Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards.

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.

Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Friday 22nd September to Wednesday 27th September
Full Details & Enquiries:

email: lourdes@corkandross.org
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Bookings from: Joe Walsh Tours
(01 2410800).