

Our Lady Crowned Church

Upper Mayfield Parish

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 10th December 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent – Year B

Family of Parishes

Our Lady Crowned Church
St Joseph's Church & Holy Family Church



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PUBLIC MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday: 9.30am

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

DAILY ROSARY

9.00am Monday to Friday

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

olcmayfield.ie/livestream

Gospel Reflection



The message and the messenger...

Text ... Instagram... Tik-Tok ... Whats-app ...
voicemail ... email ... Snapchat ... Facebook ...

How do you receive your messages today?
For many of us it is probably by some or all of
these methods and if you are like me you
don't read most of them...at least not very
carefully!

We are bombarded with messages from
family...friends...strangers...businesses...med
ia outlets and a whole lot more. So much
comes in...the real message...the one we need
to hear clearly can sometimes get lost.

In our Gospel today we meet the messenger...
God sends his messenger in person, for some
today perhaps a little old-fashioned in
method... but if we listen carefully to John the
Baptist he brings the most important
message of all for us. He is Advent... he is
telling us what Advent is all about... we cannot
celebrate Christmas without Advent. These
four weeks are about "coming" – the coming
of the promised Saviour and we need to listen
and take notice of the message of John. We
must prepare ourselves... our hearts, our
minds, our whole lives to receive the one who
is coming among us. John calls us to
conversion...to transform our lives and to be
ready to welcome Christ into our lives this
Christmas.

So today let us begin to listen and look out for
the messages that matter – the messages
that point us towards Christmas and the
Christ-child we are preparing to welcome...

From next weekend our Newsletter will
become one Newsletter with St Joseph's
Church and Holy Family Church – Notices to
be sent to office@olcmayfield.ie by 5.00pm
Wednesday.

Christmas Giving Tree 2023



The Parish Pastoral Council have organised the Annual Christmas Giving Tree. Please take a tag from the tree at the back of the church and then attach it to your gift. Please mark on your tag Boy or Girl and the Age or Adult Male or Female. These should be returned to the church on or before the weekend of 16th and 17th December. All gifts will be distributed that weekend to families in need in our community. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Christmas Visits to the Sick & Housebound

Fr Charlie and Fr Pontianus will visit the Sick and Housebound of both Our Lady Crowned Church and St Joseph's Church during the coming week starting on Monday 11th December. If you are not already on the list please contact the Parish Office or Sacristy with your name, phone number and address.



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.

Exploring & Owning my Faith Life

Presented by Dr Anne Kelleher

Our Lady Crowned Church

Wednesday 13th December

10.00am to 11.30am

Tea and Coffee

All are welcome

Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes

The Box of Weekly Collection Envelopes for the year ahead are now available for collection from the Parish Office. If you don't have one just call to the Parish Office for details.

The Gift of a Christmas Poinsettia Plant



Here at Our Lady Crowned Church for 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 Mass Bouquet & Christmas Cards
Cards are now available from the Parish Office

Christmas Dues/Offerings Envelopes

Christmas Dues/Offerings Envelopes are now available at the entrance to the Church and for collection from the Parish Office.

Rotas for Ministers of the Word & Eucharist 2024

The new rotas for 2024 are now available from the Sacristy.

Christmas Masses – Help Needed

We will need extra Ministers of the Word & Eucharist at the Christmas Masses – Can you confirm if you can assist at Christmas Eve, 3.00pm, 5.00pm, 7.00pm – Christmas Day 9.30am & 12.00noon

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of those who died during the past week:

Nora Murphy – Baile an Aoire

Michael Murphy – Dillon's Cross

Tim O'Leary - Mayfield

May all our deceased loved ones rest in eternal peace. Amen.

Christian Meditation Group

Every Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass.

All are welcome.

Let the Children come to me and do not stop them

At every Sunday Mass the blessing of children who have not yet received Holy Communion takes place immediately after Holy Communion. All children are invited to come forward for the blessing.

PLEASE NOTE - In the event of an Emergency and someone needing an Ambulance ~ it is very important that the entrance and area in front of the Church is kept clear at all times. **THANK YOU**

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