

Family of Parishes Newsletter

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



Sunday 17th December 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent – Year B

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Public Mass Times

Our Lady Crowned Church Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am & 12.00 noon

Daily Mass

Monday to Friday
9.30am each morning

St Joseph's Church Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 11.00am

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10.15am each morning

Holy Family Church

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 10.15am

Gospel Reflection ~ Gaudete Sunday **An ode to joy...**

On this the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday... Rejoicing Sunday... we have reached the mid-point of our Advent journey. But what is joy... we are all familiar with the music Ode to Joy by Beethoven, adopted as the anthem for Europe – chosen as the music to unite nations as one... coming together joyfully as one people.

In our Gospel today we come face to face with John the Baptist again. He is named as the witness... a witness to light... a witness to bring others to believe in the light. A witness to draw people together as one in the light of Christ.

John holds a lamp for each of us so that we can see Jesus, the light of the world. He does not stand in the way of the light, he does not cast shadow on the light by his presence... rather he stands out of the way and draws all our attention to the light... to Christ... the Messiah who is to come into midst. The darkness of the world of that time needed John to point towards Christ.

Today as we live in a world often ambivalent to the presence of the light of Christ... often lacking faith in the light of Christ we too are called to be witnesses who by our presence, by our actions, by our prayer, by our words and our silence share the light of Christ with all whom we meet... this will bring us joy... so that we can be the ode to joy the world needs to hear again today.

Recent Deaths

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

Carmel Mulgrew – Olf Youghal Rd

Eileen Kiniry - Mayfield

John Hogan – Ballinderry Pk

Mary Keane – Montenotte

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.

2024 Family of Parishes Calendars are now available, please collect your Calendar from the Church

Christmas Masses 2023

Our Lady Crowned Church,

Christmas Eve: 3.00pm, 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.30am and 12.00 noon

St Joseph's Church,

Christmas Eve: 4.00pm and 6.00pm

Christmas Day: 11.00am

Holy Family Church, Military Hill

Christmas Day: 10.30am

Please note that the Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent (Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th December) will remain the same as any Sunday

Christmas Masses – Help Needed

We will need extra Minsters of the Word & Eucharist as well as ushers at the Christmas Masses – Can you confirm if you can assist at Christmas Eve – Christmas Day Masses – Thank You

Confessions for Christmas

Confession will be available each Morning this week after the weekday Morning Masses



Annual Parish Christmas Cakes Raffle

This weekend at Our Lady Crowned Church 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.

Christmas Giving Tree 2023



The Parish Pastoral Council of Our Lady Crowned Church 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.

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



We invite 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.

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. Fr Charlie & Fr Pontianus wish to thank you for your generosity

Rotas for Ministers of the Word & Eucharist 2024
The new rotas for 2024 are now available from the Sacristy.