

Family of Parishes Newsletter

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



Christmas 2023

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Public Mass Times this week

Our Lady Crowned Church

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 12.00 noon

Daily Mass

Tuesday to Friday
11.00am each morning

St Joseph's Church

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 11.00am

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11.00am each morning

Holy Family Church

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 10.15am

Gospel Reflection ~ A child is born for us...

It's a quiet night... the sky filled with stars... and into the darkness... into the quiet a child is born. In the middle of the small yet busy town of Bethlehem thronged with people called by Caesar Augustus to come and register... a child is born.

The shepherds out on the hillside... hear the song of the angels... a child is born. Into the silence... into the darkness... a child is born... the shepherds come... the people come... and we too are invited to come...

We come... we find Mary, a new mother, God's favoured one, sitting in silence beside the manger. Mary shows her child to every visitor who comes. Joseph stands by... watching... protecting... caring for his new family... yet welcoming all who come.

Together Mary and Joseph ponder in their hearts the story unfolding before them... Jesus is born... the angels sing... the shepherds come to visit...

The birth of every child awakens joy, awakens mystery, awakens hope, awakens love in all of us and so it is as we come to the crib this Christmas. Take a moment to sit in the silence... to look... to ponder with Mary and Joseph the hope, the joy, the peace and the love offered to each of us... to our families... to our world today as we welcome Emmanuel... God-with-us... born for us... today...

Merry Christmas & Every Blessing for 2024

Christmas 2023

Christmas is a wonderful for all of us especially in our three churches. 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; these plants have really brightened our churches and have added to the festive season.

Music enhances our Christmas liturgies so I want to thank all our choirs and singers.

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 Pontianus who has settled in so well and always goes beyond the call of duty, a word of thanks to Fr Dwayne Gavin for his help and support especially on the weekends, also a special thank you to Fr Casimir who joined us here over the past two summers. Thanks also to Deacon David Lane for his dedicated service and sadly he was transferred in the Autumn to a new Family of Parishes and we wish him well.

Sadly, in October Fr Criostóir McDonald died while on pilgrimage to Rome, his unexpected death has shocked and saddened us all, and we remember him in a special way this Christmas and continue to extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

To our wonderful team of Sacristans and those who assist them – as we know they work tirelessly and selflessly in the background and who are a tremendous help and support to me and all of us. The Parish Pastoral Councils for all that they do to make things happen in our parishes. Thank you also to our Altar Servers, Newsletter Teams, Baptismal Ministry Team, Our Funeral Ministry Team, Choirs, Altar Societies, Prayer/Mediation Groups, Adoration Groups, Safeguarding Committees, Parish Finance Committees, Collectors and Counters and all the various voluntary and Church based groups who do so much for our parishes and communities.

I wish also to acknowledge those who care for our churches throughout the year, ensuring that they always look well both inside and out. To our all parishioners and worshipping community who attend Masses; I thank you for your commitment to Our Lady Crowned Church, St Joseph's Church & Holy Family Church.

I am very conscious of the many families in our communities 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 Fr Pontianus and myself – it is very much appreciated by both of us. May God bless each of you in this Holy Season.

Fr Charlie Kiely

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

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

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.

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, these being Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity to these collections.

Fr Charlie & Fr Pontianus

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPS

Christmas Dues Envelops are available at the entrance to the churches. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and support to both Fr Charlie and Fr Pontianus.

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 2024

Friday 20th to Wednesday 25th September 2024.

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

St Joseph's Church

During the past week you may have noticed the cleaning of the limestone wall on the road – it now looks beautiful and bright and thanks to the people who carried out this work.

Recent Deaths

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

Margaret (Peg) O'Leary – Silversprings

Eileen Cooney – Montenotte

Anne McCarthy – Gardiner's Hill

We remember all who died since last Christmas

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