

# Family of Parishes Newsletter

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



## **New Year 2024 Feast of the Holy Family**

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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  
9.30am each morning

#### **St Joseph's Church**

##### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 11.00am

##### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
10.15am each morning

#### **Holy Family Church**

**Sunday Mass:** 10.30am

**Daily Mass:** Wednesday: 10.15am

### **New Year Message**

Christmas is always a wonderful time. We 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 at the Christmas Masses. We estimate that approximately 5,000 people attended the Christmas Masses in our Family of Parishes. It was great to see and meet so many families as well as those who returned home to be with family.

We hope you had an enjoyable time over Christmas with family and friends. Now as we greet 2024, while we cannot foresee what this New Year will bring, but we can live each day knowing that God is our loving Father, that His Son has saved us, and that He has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. We can live each day also knowing that Mary, the mother of God, is also our mother, the mother of the Church, who intercedes for us with her Son.

As we begin this New Year, we, your priests, pray for you and all your families and loved ones with this special blessing:

**"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"**

**Fr Charlie & Fr Pontianus**

## **Happy New Year**

**New Year's Day Mass**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Our Lady Crowned Church – 11.00am**  
**St Joseph's Church – 11.00am**

**Feast of the Epiphany**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Our Lady Crowned Church – 9.30am**  
**St Joseph's Church – 10.15am**

**Recent Deaths**

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

**Jamie Wool – Tivoli**

**Jim Twomey – Ballyvolane**

**Edwin Byrne – Silversprings**

**Rita Crowley – Mayfield**

**John Mallon – Mayfield**

**Thomas McCarthy - Glanmire**

**We remember all who died in 2023**

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**

**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 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](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) and  
booking from Joe Walsh Tours (01 2410800).



**Reflection ~ Roots and Wings...**

On this day we are invited to reflect on family life... taking the Holy Family as our model and example. A couple planning their life together... Mary and Joseph and yet into their dreams and hopes for their future together God intervenes through the messages of the angel to each of them.

The angel names Mary as the favoured one... this is not of her choosing... rather she has been chosen from the beginning of her own life... it has always been her destiny to be the Mother of Jesus... and it is by God's grace that she says her few words... "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" This is her YES to God... her yes to motherhood... her yes to discipleship... it is also her yes to love and to sorrow... to joy and to pain...

Throughout the life of her son, Jesus, Mary is seen often, yet heard little... she listens intently... she ponders deeply all that is happening. When she does speak it is to assist her son in accepting and understanding who he is... and who he is for the world. We hear Mary at the wedding in Cana when she instructs the servants – Do whatever he tells you – pointing her son and others to his first miracle... to his life and his mission. It is never about her... it is always about Christ...

Joseph, a carpenter by trade faces a dilemma when the angel intervenes saying "take Mary home as your wife" and that he is to name the child "Jesus". Joseph is entrusted with God's greatest gift, his Son – to care for, to build a home for, to nurture and guide in his formative years...

Mary and Joseph accepted the disruption to their own plans to be available to realise God's plan. It is Joseph who provides for... creates a home for... nurtures... teaches and most of all loves Jesus as his own child as he grows and matures...

What we witness in this unfolding narrative is parents giving their child roots and wings. Jesus is gifted roots to know who he is and what his mission in life is to be and then wings to go, fly and begin to build the Kingdom of God on earth. So what is our mission as parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles... friends... parishioners only to give each other roots and wings to be the best version of ourselves as God created us to be...