

Family of Parishes Newsletter

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



**2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B
Sunday 25th February 2024**

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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

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

2nd Sunday of Lent Gospel Reflection

**Look towards the sun and the
shadows will always fall behind you!**

I am sure many of you will have heard this catchphrase – a reminder to look away from the darkness to seek the light. Today's Gospel speaks to us of light and shadow. We see Jesus with his three disciples go up the mountain where Jesus is bathed in light – they are dazzled and they like what they see. For them all is wonderful on the top of the mountain, and they want to remain there.

Into this moment of wonder comes the shadow and it is then they hear the voice of God telling them to listen... To listen requires us to be silent, to pause awhile and allow God to speak to us and for us to glimpse what resurrection means for Jesus and for us too.

No one can remain always in the light, always on the mountain top. We must come down, meet with reality again but having glimpsed this light we are changed in some small way because of our encounter with the light, with God – we are called to bring the light down into the midst of the shadows igniting the light of Christ in the hearts of others – we are called to be little lamps of the Gospel that bring a little love and a little hope into the shadows of reality. This is the mission of every Christian – are you ready to shine your light?

Recent Deaths

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

Joan O'Keeffe – Glanmire

Trasa Uí Eipicín – Mayfield

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

Adoration at St. Joseph's Church

Weekly Adoration at St. Joseph's Church on Monday & Tuesday at 10.45 am to 5.00 pm.

Christian Meditation Group at Our Lady Crowned Church

Every Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady Crowned Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Gaelscoil an Gort Álainn who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John Buckley last Tuesday at Our Lady Crowned Church.



Spring Clean-Up at

St Joseph's Church - Mayfield

A Spring Clean-Up will take place on this coming **Saturday March 2nd at 10.00am** on the grounds of St Joseph's Church.

Your help will be greatly appreciated

Bring gardening tools etc. with you.

**Please hand your name into the Sacristy
at St Joseph's Church - Mayfield**

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN BOXES are available on the tables at the entrance to our churches, please take one home to help those in need in Malawi.

I Light a Candle for You

The CD '**I light a Candle for You**' is available at the Sacristy at Our Lady Crowned Church. Contact Mary – CD cost €10



World Day of Prayer 2024 – Palestine

On this Friday 1st March Our Lady Crowned Church in Mayfield will celebrate World Day of Prayer with a special focus is for the country of Palestine. The Prayer Service has been organised by the Parish Pastoral Council Liturgy Group together with Mayfield Community School.

The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer is '**I beg you ... bear with one another in love**'. United in our faith and called to grow in love and deepen our respect for one another. The Prayer Service has been put together by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian woman who have prayed and reflected together. In the Service stories of three Palestinian Christian women who share their experiences over three generations. We are invited to pray for peace, justice and freedom of religion and freedom of movement. We are also called to pray with women and men, refugees, people experiencing homelessness, those who are sick, dying and grieving in Palestine and to be united in treating all with justice and love.

All are welcome to Our Lady Crowned Church Mayfield on Friday March 1st after the 9.30am Mass for this special Prayer Service as we pray for and support Palestine at this crucial time.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice,

We pray for the people of the Holy Land:

Israeli and Palestinian,

Jew, Christian and Muslim.

We pray for an end to acts of violence and terror.

We lift to you, all who are fearful and hurting.

We ask for wisdom and compassion for those in leadership.

Above all, we ask that Jesus the Prince of Peace, would bring lasting reconciliation and justice for all. Amen.

*composed by the Archbishop of Canterbury,
Rev. Justin Welby*