



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

13th December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent – B



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Pastors Message

We are in the countdown period for Christmas and while we know it will be different this year for many people, yet hopefully It will be a joyful and peaceful one for all.

Full Congregations for Christmas eve and Christmas day cannot happen this year. In line with the Government regulations for safety 50 people only can be permitted in Church for mass. The Parishes of Donaghmede, Ayrfield, Edenmore and Grange Park will operate a ticket system for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. This is the only way the Parishes can monitor the attendance in line with health and safety.

For most Catholics attending mass at Christmas is so important. For this year please consider your Christmas mass by going one of the days before the 24th/25th or one of the 12 days after the 25th. The Bishops have reminded us that during this pandemic there is no obligation to attend mass.

Special **Christmas candles** are available in the church to bring home. You are invited to light the candle at the crib in your home while saying a prayer or singing a Christmas carol as a family, to highlight the spiritual importance of Christmas. **Donations can be left in the box provided.**

With the great news of the availability of the vaccine early in the new year hopefully Christmas next year will be back to some kind of normality and this national emergency will be behind us.

Fr. Gerard Deegan

Tickets for Christmas eve and Christmas Day masses will be available from Friday 18th after Mass.

Christmas Mass Times :

Mon 21st 10 am

Tue 22nd, Wed 23rd & Thur 24th 10 am & 11 am

Confession after 11 am Mass on Tue, Wed & Thur



Christmas Eve 24th 4:30 pm, 6 pm & 7:30 pm

Christmas Day 25th 9 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Sat 26th 10 am no vigil mass

Sun 27th 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

All Mass services are live streamed, especially for those who have underlying conditions and for these reasons they cannot attend.

During this time the Church will be open for private prayer on

Mon – Fri 10:30am – 3:30 pm and Sunday 11 am – 1 pm

Mass Times

Due to the present circumstances

MASS WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA WEB-CAM

Saturday 6pm (Vigil) & Sunday 10:30am & 12:30pm

Weekday: Monday – Friday 10 am

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The Annual indoor Christmas collection for the Society of

St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend. It replaces the usual Share collection. It is our opportunity to support the work of our local Conference of the Society as they reach out to the most vulnerable in our community on our behalf.

Copies of **St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2021** are available on the church stands.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy, €5 each.

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the church doors.

Advent Traditions Around The World

The two most common Advent practices around the world are the Advent wreath and candles and the Advent calendar. The wreath is a circle representing God's continuous love and the soul's immortality.

China: Chinese Christians light up their homes with colourful lanterns during Advent.

Croatia: Some Croatians begin Advent on November 25th, St. Catherine's Day.

Germany: Families set up their Advent wreath and gather each Sunday to sing Christmas carols and light a candle.

Mexico: A beautiful tradition in Mexico is Las Posadas Uthe Inns. The nine day celebration marks the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

Scandinavia: Families light candles around a wheel and offer prayers to the God of Light (Christ Our Light)

The Philippines: Misa De Gallo, the mass of the rooster, is celebrated in the Philippines beginning on December 16th at 4am.

We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us



<i>Saturday 12th</i>	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
Shay Mahady & Deceased members of the Hanley & Mahady Families		Anniversary
Joanna Foley		Anniversary
Stephen Deegan		Anniversary

<i>Sunday 13th</i>		<i>10:30 am</i>
Paddy Mole		Months Mind
Phillip & Seamus Weiren		Anniversary
Ellen McGinley		29 th Anniversary

<i>Sunday 13th</i>		<i>12:30 pm</i>
Tommy Ryan		Anniversary

<i>Monday 14th</i>		<i>10:00 am</i>
Gerard Kane		2 nd Anniversary

<i>Wednesday 16th</i>		<i>10:00 am</i>
Patricia Matthews		4 th Anniversary
Deceased members of the Matthews & Wynne Families		

<i>Thursday 17th</i>		<i>10:00 am</i>
Annie Brodigan		Birthday Remembrance

May they rest in peace

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