



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday of Advent – B  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of  
Advent

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## Pastors Desk

### The Invitation



I like these words of the late Cardinal Hume: "There are times when I can visualize Our Lord at the break of day standing by my bed and saying: **"Get up, follow me."** Whether I am conscious of it or not, in effect that invitation, that loving but insistent command, is given to me every day. Each new morning is the opportunity to start again. Yesterday there may have been inadequacies And failures but today Christ renews his call: "Follow me. I have chosen you. I need you." Who can fail to respond to the thought that God needs our willing collaboration."

We are carers of creation and of his people. Take this seriously, it is our world. God has made himself so vulnerable and this gospel reading is just before the passion. An area or parish improves if enough people do something. We look at areas in a locality which are now clean of drugs, more prosperous and just. This has been the work of people co-creating the world with God. Making it a better place. Doing the world a world of good.

Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation. Stay awake to the season – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith -- maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray a bit every day, make time to be awakened to the centre of our world who is God, and to his central action in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son.

*A question for the first week of Advent:*

*How can I help someone today?*

*Lord, send me, use me, create me for your work in the world.*

*Fr Donal Neary, SJ*



This Sunday, we welcome the candidates and their families preparing for Confirmation in 2024.  
The theme : **Presentation of the Our Father**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the Feast of

**The Immaculate  
Conception of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

and a Holy Day of Obligation  
mass is at 10am

There is no Vigil mass.



**Weekday service in St. Paul's, Ayrfield is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am**

### Mass Schedule:

#### St. Paul's, Ayrfield

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5:30 pm

Sunday : 10:30 am

Weekday : Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 am

Service of the Word with Communion ~  
Monday : 10:00 am

#### Holy Trinity, Donaghmede

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 10am

Saturday Vigil - 6:30pm

Sunday - 9:30am & 11:30am

### Weekend Mass Times in

St. Monica Edenmore	St. Benedict Grange Park	Our Lady of Divine Grace Raheny
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Saturday (Vigil) :		Sunday:
St. Monica's :	5 pm	10 am
St. Benedict's :	7 pm	11 am
Our Lady of Divine Grace :	6 pm	8:30am & 11:30am

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## Journeying together through Advent

The prayerful reflection on the Scripture Readings of the Sunday's in Advent continue. These sessions help us prepare our hearts and spirits for the celebration of the wonder of Emmanuel – Christ with us.

The Sessions will take place on **Monday Nights** in Holy Trinity Parish in Donaghmede and will be repeated on Thursday Mornings in St Monica's Church, Edenmore.

**Evening Sessions - 7pm**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
**Donaghmede**


Monday 4th December  
Monday 11th December  
Monday 18th December


**Morning Sessions - 11am**  
**St Monica's Church**  
**Edenmore.**


Thursday 7th December  
Thursday 14th December  
Thursday 21st December

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**3 points to remember from today's Mass to help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas**

 1. The birth of Jesus Christ is a cause of the greatest joy and happiness for all the human race. Pray slowly and carefully the third Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, the Birth of our Saviour at Bethlehem.

 2. Advent is a time of prayer. Take time each day to spend time with God, pray, in your own way. e.g. Go to Mass, listen to, or read the Word of God. Pray for others, particularly those most in need of our prayers.

 3. Give alms, help others, be kind and considerate of those closest to you, give an hour or two of your time each week to works of charity.

## Dates For Your Diary :

### The Capuchin Day Centre Carol Singing for the Homeless

will take place outside the G.P.O. on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 10am - 4pm. **Ayrfield singers** are invited there from 10am – 11am



### St. Paul's Community Choir & Friends

would like to invite you to join them for some **Christmas Carol Singing** and **readings** in

**St. Paul's Church**, Ayrfield on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**



### Carol Service and Trad Session

**Saturday, December 16, at 3pm** in the **Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Baldoyle.**



The **Cór Gaeilge Bhaile Dúill**, who sing at the Irish Mass every Sunday at 10.00am, will present a programme of Irish Carols and Tunes.

There will be a collection in aid of **St Michael's House Special National School, Baldoyle.**

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



**Saturday ( Vigil ) 5:30pm**

**John Curley & Deceased members of the Curley Family** Anniversary

**Michael & Esther McKenna & Deceased members of the McKenna Family** Anniversaries

**Danny Brennan** 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Violet Byrne & Sheila O'Farrell** Birthday Rem.

**Sunday 10:30am**

**William Murphy & Deceased members of the Murphy Family** Anniversary

**Gerard Redmond** Anniversary

**Bernadette Timmons** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**James & Margaret Fitzsimons** Anniversaries

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*Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Brian O'Reilly & Christopher Leister** recently deceased*

**Tuesday - 10:00am**

**Thursday 10:00am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**, 10am mass will be offered for all on the Altar List of the Dead.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, Devotion in honour of St. Pio**  
Blessing with the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass

*May they rest in peace*

### St John the Evangelist Church, Coolock

(Tonlegee Rd) will be hosting a Community Carol Service on

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 at 7pm.**



### St. Vincent De Paul

will take up its annual Christmas Collection **next weekend, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December** at all masses.

*It will replace the Share collection*

### Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

are available in the Sacristy.



**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on **Monday 10:30am – 11:30am & Wednesday : 7pm - 8pm**



### Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9:40am, before the 10am service



**Notice to Coeliacs:** *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.*