



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday of Advent - B

17th December 2023

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3rd Sunday
of
Advent



Pastors Desk

The Joy of Waiting

Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message. Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas. God's Christmas voice is saying ***I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.***

Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life. God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

Fr Donal Neary, SJ

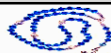
Remember this week what makes you joyful about the coming feast of Christmas and be grateful.

Lord I believe your word was made flesh and appeared among us.

Gaudete /
Joy Sunday



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



| Mass Times | Ayrfield | Donaghmede |
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| Saturday (Vigil) : | 5:30 pm | 6:30pm |
| Sundays : | 10:30 am | 9:30am & 11:30am |
| Weekdays 10am : | Tuesday & Thursday | Mon, Wed & Fri |
| Service of Word with Communion : | Monday 10am | Tue & Thur |

Grow In Love



We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the **10:30am Mass this Sunday.**

As we come closer to Christmas, the pace of things speeds up, so that often the spiritual side tends to get lost. Let us pause to make room in our hearts and minds so that, with Mary, we may say 'Yes' to Christ during the Eucharist.

Bambinelli Sunday



We invite you to bring the baby Jesus from your crib to mass to be blessed this weekend.

Journeying together through Advent

The prayerful reflection on the Scripture Readings of the Sunday's in Advent conclude with the last session on **Monday 18th at 7pm** in **Holy Trinity Parish** in Donaghmede and will be repeated **at 11am** on **Thursday 21st** in **St Monica's Church, Edenmore.**

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy € 3

Christmas Cards with the **Christmas Mass times** and **St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2024** are available on the church stands



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.*

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| Contact: | Fr. Declan Blake | Parish Priest | 01 8160984 |
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*We remember
at Mass and
in our prayers those
who have gone
before us*



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| Saturday | 5:30 pm |
| Paul Cunningham | 1 st Anniversary |
| Margaret Gough | Anniversary |
| Maureen Doherty | Anniversary |
| Shay Mahady | Anniversary |
| Anne Clavin | 10 th Anniversary |

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| Sunday | 10:30 am |
| William, Patricia & Brian Foy | Anniv. |
| Michael, Maureen & Raymond Faherty | A. |
| Connor McCormack | 23 rd Anniversary |
| Deceased McCarthy & McCormack Families | |
| Ann Keogh | Anniversary |

*Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Frank Reilly** recently deceased*

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| Tuesday | 10:00 am |
| Emer & Kathleen Harmon | Anniv. |

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| Thursday | 10:00 am |
| Nodlaig Carr | Birthday Rem. |

May they rest in peace