



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

29th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent – B



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With the arrival of the First Sunday of Advent we begin our journey through this special season of preparation before Christmas and the first Sunday of the church's liturgical New Year. At mass today, we light the first purple candle on our Advent wreath to symbolise that our journey has begun in earnest.

Since early November there is a lot of talk about this Christmas and how it will be celebrated. We know it is going to be different and so it is important to prepare accordingly. The essence of Christmas, of course will be the same, it will never change, for it is about the worship of the child Jesus, God becoming man at a precise time in history.

For all of us as people who journey in faith and who look forward to that act of worship, may these few weeks of Advent help us to spiritually prepare, along with all the other preparations, for that worship and so renew and deepen our faith in its mystery.

Advent is that short period of waiting in hope, a time of expectation. In this difficult time as we all try to keep each other safe, that expectation is real as we look to the future.

Along with all the other decorations, I suggest, to put up the crib early with just the animal figures, that creates a spiritual expectation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. An advent wreath in the home also aids us in that spirit of waiting.

Our hearts always long for something more, may this short period called Advent help us to prepare for that something more which our faith points us to the God of peace & joy.

Fr. Gerard Deegan

Due to Level 5 restrictions there will be no public Mass until further notice.

Mass will be live streamed only

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

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Saturday 6pm Vigil & Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Monday – Friday 10 am

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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.

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



<i>Saturday 28th</i>	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
Oliver Plunkett		Months Mind

<i>Sunday 29th</i>		<i>10:30 am</i>
Gerard Redmond		Anniversary

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the souls of
Betty Collins Anniversary,
Michelle Fitzsimons, Gerry Dalton,
John & Marie Clark,
recently deceased.

<i>Tuesday 1st</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
Patsy Boyle	Recently deceased

<i>Thursday 30th</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
John & Marie Clark	Recently deceased

May they rest in peace

Friday 4th December is the 1st Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.



A message from our Community Food Banks
Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increase, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand.

Crosscare are looking for donations of toiletries in their original packaging (hand soap, shampoo, Shower gel, baby hygiene products) to include in their food parcels.

Donations can be made at the **O'Tooles GAC** Family Fun Day, on **Saturday, 5th December**, between **9:30am & 4pm** at the drop off point or to the **Community Foodbank** in the **New Life Centre, Darndale** on **Friday 11th & 18th December** between **1pm – 2pm**.

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