

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
 Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
 Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
 Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
 May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

*(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps. 121: 1-2,4-9

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

- I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. *[R]*
- It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement



of the house of David. *[R]*

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' *[R]*

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you! For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.' *[R]*

**SECOND READING** Romans 13:11 - 14

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.*

You know 'the time' has come; you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 24:37 - 44

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*



focus on sunday



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27th November 2016

Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.

Immanuel  
GOD WITH US



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.



In the dangers of life we need the confidence of the gospel. Writing this earlier this year I was surrounded by the news items of the murder of Fr Jacques Hamel in Rouen, of violence in our cities, of famine threatened in Ethiopia and many other violent attacks and natural disasters. We read also of the harsh financial concerns which have been caused by economic collapses and greed. What to make of it?

**NO ANSWERS 'WHY'**

Jesus seems to accept that these will happen. He has no answers 'why'. Like the best thinkers of history he has no easy answer to the problem of evil. Jesus offers a path through the suffering of the world and our own personal suffering, not an answer. That is what he will find as he goes through his ministry to the Cross.

The pathway in catastrophe and suffering is a pathway shared with others. Grief is lessened when shared; the response to natural disasters like a tsunami or earthquake can be shattering in its generosity and outpouring of community spirit. The support of loved ones when we suffer through the injustices and violence of others eases our pain.

Jesus also indicated the place of prayer; prayer helps us to survive all that is happening and 'going to happen.' We pray: 'may the Lord be generous in increasing our love and make us love one another and the whole human race'.

*Lord, May our preparation for Christmas deepen faith and hope within us.*

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.*

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## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



First Sunday  
of Advent  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil  
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon  
Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10:00 am  
Mon. 7:30 pm Sat. 11:00 am

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

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

John Hallinan Recently deceased  
& Deceased Members of the  
Hallinan Family

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10 :30am

Aoife Walsh - O'Brien  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Pray for Kathleen & Catherine  
Walsh & Stephen Foran

Kathleen Walsh  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

12:00 noon

Christopher Elliot  
Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

 **The Capuchin Day Center**  
**Carol Singing for the Homeless**

This Annual event will take place outside the GPO on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** December from 9am – 6pm. Singers, musicians and especially collectors are welcome. For more details contact our local organisers **Tommy O'Brien** on **087 2651831**

### Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

are available in the Sacristy, €5 each.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 11am mass will be offered for all on the Mass Bouquet List and the The memorial of *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

### Ayrwaves

Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the Christmas edition of Ayrwaves is **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Email: [ayrwaves@gmail.com](mailto:ayrwaves@gmail.com) or contact the parish office on **8160984**



**Baptism Preparation** night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of December, will take place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

### Sacrament of Baptism

The following Babies were welcomed into the faith community of our parish during November.

*Hollie Marie Mc Keever*

*Emily Ann Griffin*

*Brody Anthony Roe*

*Emma Shauna McKinney*

*Layla Cody Kearney*

*Saoirse Erin Brennan*

*Sophie Elizabeth O'Leary*

**Thought for the day: 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.

### Confirmation Meeting

In preparation for Confirmation, a meeting for parents/guardians of the girls and boys who are making their confirmation in 2017 will take place on **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016** at **8.00pm** in the **Parish Church**. Fr. Paddy Boyle will facilitate this meeting. This is a very important meeting and we would ask all parents/guardians to attend.



### Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal

Dear Parishioner, Hundreds of people in our communities are in urgent need of help. As demand for basic food items continues to rise this winter, Crosscare is seeking the support of parishes in order to get the food donated to those most in need as quickly as possible.

The diocese launched a programme to replenish the stock of the **Crosscare Food Banks**. The Food Bank gives food to services for homeless people and young people, to local community food banks and charities. In response to this growing need, we are asking you to bring non-perishable food items to the church next weekend **10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December** and place them in the boxes provided. Please give what you can. Suggested Items for donation • pasta/rice • fruit juice • tea/coffee • soup • sugar • biscuits • tinned meat/fish • tinned veg/fruit • powdered milk • hygiene products.



### Shout out to Northsiders!

Can you volunteer one or two hours between 10am and 3pm? We are looking for volunteers for Carol Singing on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016** in The Jervis Centre. Song books provided. Proceeds will be shared between **The Dublin Simon Community and Community Awareness of Drugs**. Thank you to those who have volunteered already. Contact: **Bernie McDonnell 087 2464995**

**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.*