



**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Forth Sunday**  
**of Advent**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December 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 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
**Margaret Gough** Anniv.  
**Conor McCormack** 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
**& Deceased members of the McCarthy & McCormack Families**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30am  
**Sandra Purcell** Anniversary  
**Shay Mahady** Anniversary  
12:00 noon  
**Mary, James & Alice Poole** Anniv.  
**Michael Carey** Anniversary

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*Your prayers are requested for*  
**Joe Rock, Paddy Murphy & Patricia "Pat" Matthews**  
 recently deceased

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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
**Paul Martin** Months Mind  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
**Nodlaig Carr** Birthday Rem.  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
**Mary & William Balf** Anniv.  
*May they rest in peace*

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**Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group**  
 Meeting will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** of December at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

**Thought for the day: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to all who enjoy His favour**

The world awaits the birthday of the prince of peace and the gift of peace. Today many people suffer war and violence. Leaders threaten, armies wage war and the innocent die: especially women, children and the elderly. Local wars and disputes bring bloodshed and terror to the streets and towns in all parts of the world. These events and dreadful situations affect us all for we are living in a world where no one is an island anymore and what happens to one has its impact on all.

The message of the Prince of Peace, the Christ- Child born in the stable in Bethlehem is needed now more than ever. All the things that Jesus said are true: the world needs love and forgiveness, peace and reconciliation to restore harmony among the peoples of the world so that future generations may live and prosper in peace and safety.


**Prayer:**  
*Lord, make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love...*

**Baptism Preparation Night** for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of January, will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

**St. Vincent De Paul** collection last weekend amounted to **€5,120**. Many thanks for all contributions.

**Ayrfield Parish Grand Christmas Hamper Draw**  
 Draw takes place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** in O'Tooles GAC. Tickets €5 each or a book of 5 for €20. All proceeds go to our local St. Vincent De Paul. Tickets available in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

**Parish Annual Carol Service**




Our Annual Carol Service was a great start to all to get into the Christmas spirit. Our sincere thanks to all who took part in our Carol Service on Wednesday night. Thanks to Annette Keane who read a lovely reflection and Jennifer McCay on the Organ. The Nativity play, 'The Bossy King', was performed by our two 4<sup>th</sup> Classes under the guidance of their teachers Ms. Fallon & Ms. Dineen, and directed by the drama teacher Gerry Herbert. The two 3<sup>rd</sup> classes enhanced the play with their performance of songs during the nativity play, guided by their teachers Ms. Rogers & Mr. Treacy. We are sure Feargal Brougham and Sean O'Sea were very proud of their magnificent performance. Thanks to all our church choirs, The Folk Group, The Cool Side of God, Ayrfield Youth, The Community Choir and The Voices of Ayrfield who performed so well. Thanks also to our Altar Servers, the Nowakowska family for their contribution. Thanks to Brendan Walsh for looking after the sound on the night and to Freda Kane and Mai Cass who organised the event from start to finish by collaborating with all the groups involved on the night. Thanks to the ladies who cleaned and prepared the church for the night and again afterwards, including Ann Kane who arranged our floral displays. Thanks also to the gentlemen who assisted everyone, our caretaker Peter Igoe and Liam Donnelly and Robert Woods from St. Pauls Schools.

| St. Paul's Church Christmas Timetable      |             |          |                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                   | 6 pm        |          | Mass & Service of Reconciliation        |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec                   | Confessions |          | 11am – 1pm                              |
| Date                                       |             | Time     | Choir                                   |
| Christmas Eve<br>24 <sup>th</sup> December | Mass        | 5 pm     | Cool Side of God & Ayrfield Youth Choir |
|                                            | Mass        | 7 pm     | Voices of Ayrfield                      |
|                                            | Mass        | 9 pm     | Folk Choir                              |
| Christmas Day<br>25 <sup>th</sup> December | Mass        | 10:30 am |                                         |
|                                            | Mass        | 12 noon  | Cool Side of God & Ayrfield Youth Choir |

**Christmas Remembrance discs**, one way to remember our loved ones at Christmas is to write their names on one of the Remembrance Discs to be hung on the Christmas tree in the Church.

**Holy Trinity, Donaghmede** invite you to join them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Penance Service on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

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



**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.*