



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday of Advent – C      2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018



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## Pastors Desk



With the arrival of the First Sunday of Advent we begin our journey through this special season of preparation before Christmas and also 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.

For many weeks already, the commercial world has been bombarding us with advertisements on television, radio and in print media trying to convince us that we need to buy their products in order to be prepared for their idea of the true celebration of Christmas.

But rather than get caught up on the commercial worlds notion of what's needed for us to have a 'Happy Christmas' we need to focus on what Advent actually means to us as Christians and then use these days to take stock and reflect on our lives and maybe the direction we are going. Perhaps to ask the question 'what do I really need to have a happy Christmas'? Is it the number of gifts I will give or receive or is it more importantly about family coming together to celebrate the Holy feast of the Nativity of The Lord?

Advent challenges us to waken up and shake off the routineness of our usual daily living and let Christ come alive in our lives once more.

Fr. Gerry

### 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.

### You Shall Be My Witnesses



This Saturday, at the 6pm Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also welcome their families, friends and teachers for the **Enrolment Ceremony**.

This is their first step in the "**You Shall Be My Witnesses**" programme in preparation for receiving the **Gift of the Holy Spirit** at **Confirmation** on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**.

### St. Vincent De Paul

The Annual Christmas Collection for St.Vincent De Paul will be held **next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December** at all masses. *It will replace the **Share** collection.*

### Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

are available in the Sacristy, €5 each.



### Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil

Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am

Service of the Word with Communion : Tuesday 10am

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## Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal

Archbishop Martin is once again seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal this weekend **December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** to support the work of the Crosscare Foodbanks.

The generosity of parishioners in last year's food appeal meant that 10,000 emergency hampers were distributed to those most in need before Christmas. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items.

Items that are most needed at this time are:

- A. Toiletries and cleaning products
- B. Non-perishable food
- C. Festive foods

Suggested Items for donation • pasta/rice • fruit juice • tea/coffee • soup • sugar • biscuits • tinned meat/fish • tinned veg/fruit • powdered milk • hygiene products.



### Ayrfield Parish Grand Christmas Hamper Draw

Lots of Turkey & Ham Prizes

**Draw Takes Place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets €5 each or Book of 5 for €20,

available from the sacristy and Parish Office.

Please take a book between family and friends.

**All Proceeds go to our Local St. Vincent De Paul.**

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

will take place outside the G.P.O. next

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** from 9am – 6pm.

**Ayrfield singers** will be there from **11am – 12pm.**

See notice board for more info.

### A Little Lifetime Foundation



Join Archbishop Martin in celebrating our special Christmas Service of Remembrance in St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street Dublin 8 on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at **7pm**. Please come along and feel the presence of companionship, support and love at this very difficult time for you.

Our **Christmas Tree Lighting Service** is on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at **Glasnevin cemetery New Angels Plot at 4pm** – parents and families whose babies are buried in other cemeteries are also most welcome.

**Darkness into Light Advent Carol Service** Join us in the Pro-Cathedral with Blánaid Murphy and St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir for a procession of music and readings by candlelight on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 7.30pm

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



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

**William Murphy &** Anniversary

**Deceased members of the Murphy Family**

**John & Kathleen Curly** Anniversaries

**Michael & Ester McKenna** Anniversaries

**John Lehvy** Anniversary

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**Gerald Redmond** 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm

**Christy Elliott** Anniversary

**Betty Hannigan** 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for*

*the happy repose of the souls of*

**Agnes Lenihan & Catherine Henderson**  
*recently deceased.*

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*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. 10am mass will be offered for all on the **Mass Bouquet** List. The **Miraculous Medal Novena** will be said at the 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. Service of Word with Eucharist and devotion to **St. Pio** at 10am.

**Friday 7<sup>th</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 8<sup>th</sup> December** is the Feast of **The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary** and a Holy Day of Obligation, mass at 10am.

**The Vigil mass for the Feast will be at 7:30 pm on Friday night.**



### **11 day Pilgrimage to the Holyland February 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2019**

Spiritual Directors: **Fr Stephan Park OSA, Fr Owen Gorman OCDS, Fr Peter Okpetu MSP,**

Price €1,450 PPS, to secure a place Deposit €450.00 ASAP  
For Bookings call: Philip **087 2508043** or Brenda **0416863390**

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**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.*