



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday of Advent – C 9th December 2018



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Pastors Desk



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Many celebrities have special requests that must be taken care of in advance of their visit or appearance at a concert venue. They may demand certain types of food or drinks for example in their dressing room or hotel. In advance of the event, the sound checks are done, and the stage adjusted perhaps to ensure that their needs and demands are complied with. Similarly, when a head of state is planning to visit a country, months and weeks of preparation are spent ensuring that security is taken care of and the itinerary for their visit is carefully timed so that they can manage to keep on time and ensure a successful trip.

In today's gospel John's proclamation to his own contemporaries, of the coming of Jesus makes similar demands from us as followers. It reminds us of the need to prepare a way for the messiah in our hearts. If there are any 'valleys' or 'crooked paths' that we have created in our souls or lives by living out our faith in a half-hearted way, or by some dishonest practice, or by harbouring grudges and failing to forgive, then this time of Advent is an ideal time to repair them and make the way ahead straight in order that we can welcome the messiah into our lives and hearts with a renewed spirit and commitment.

May the Lord guide each one of us towards Christmas with renewed strength and grace so that when the Lord comes, he will find us prepared to meet him with open hearts and minds.

Fr. Gerry



Christmas Remembrance discs

Remembering is a fundamental dimension of our Christian tradition, which we call 'the communion of saints'. We believe that our loved ones have only departed this life but are very much alive in another life.

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 in time for the Carol Service. Christmas Remembrance Discs will be available from **Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December.**

Annual Christmas Carol Service



Our Annual Christmas Carol Service, which is a festive highlight for many, will take place on **Wednesday, 12th**

December at 7:30pm in St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield.

This Carol Service heralds the arrival of Christmas with classic carols, seasonal reflection, nativity play "Bethlehem – The Musical" performed by children from St. Paul's Senior school and our parish choirs will be singing a selection of seasonal favourites.

St. Vincent De Paul

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

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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Advent Preparations

Carol Service :

Sunday 9th December

St. Doulagh's Church, Malahide Rd 3 pm

St. John the Evangelist, Tonlegee Rd 7:30 pm

Wednesday 12th St. Paul's, Ayrfield 7:30 pm

Sunday 16th Holy Trinity, Donaghmede 5 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Tuesday 18th December

Holy Trinity, Donaghmede 7:30 pm

Saturday 24th December : Confessions

Holy Trinity Church, Donaghmede 10 am – 11 am

St. Paul's, Ayrfield, 11 am – 12 am



Anam Cara North Dublin,

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 19th of December at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Ayrfield Parish

Grand Christmas Hamper Draw

Lots of Turkey & Ham Prizes

Draw Takes Place on Sunday 16th

December 2018



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.

St. Francis Hospice Tree of Light Ceremony will

take place on **Thursday 13th December at 7:30pm.**

You can remember a loved one by dedicating a light on the Hospice Christmas Tree; €5 per light. Contact the Hospice on 01-8327535 for further information.

Joy Sunday Next Sunday at 12:30pm Family Mass the leaders, children and parents of the Cool Side of God and Ayrfield Youth bring gifts for the less well off children and teenagers in our locality. Feel free to bring wrapped toys with a label identifying if boy /girl and the age.

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



Saturday 24th

(Vigil Mass)

6:00 pm

Kathleen & Paddy Lambe & Anniversaries
Deceased members of the Lambe Family

Ann Rao Months Mind

Ann Mc Loughlin Months Mind

Sunday 25th

10:30 am

Masia Ortega Casey Recently Deceased

Sunday 25th

12:30 pm

Shauna Dowdall 22nd Birthday Rem.

Patrick Murphy 2nd Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for  
the happy repose of the soul of*

***Bernadette Timmins*** recently deceased.  
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Monday 10th

10:00 am

Patricia (Pat) Matthews & Anniversaries
Deceased members of the Matthew Family

May they rest in peace

All Eucharistic Adoration has been cancelled for next Monday & Wednesday, mornings & evenings due to the preparation and presentation of the Annual Christmas Carol Service .

Reminder: Next Sunday at the 12:30pm Family Mass is the next mass in the **Do This In Memory** programme for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

are available in the Sacristy, €5 each.



11 day Pilgrimage to the Holyland

February 11th to 21st 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.*