



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday of Advent – C 16th December 2018



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THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Today the people ask John 'what must we do'. He urges them to share what they have with others who are less fortunate. Christmas can be a time when we over indulge on many fronts. The amount of food and alcohol we may purchase. Expensive gifts that we may buy for each other and exchange on Christmas day. We can be fooled by the Television advertisements that we need lots of things in order to have a 'Happy Christmas'.

But at this time of year it's also important to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This weekend we have the opportunity to support those in our Parish community who need our help and support. It's our opportunity to show that we care.

As we begin the 3rd week of Advent today the question we might all ask ourselves is '**what must I do Lord in order to celebrate Christmas this year?**'

Fr. Gerry.

Joy Sunday



This 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.

Do This In Memory

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the **12:30pm Family Mass this Sunday.**



As we come closer to Christmas, the pace of things speeds up, so that often the spiritual side tends to get lost. Let us pause to make room in our hearts and minds so that, with Mary, we may say 'Yes' to Christ during the Eucharist.

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 and are very much alive in another life. One way to remember our loved ones at Christmas time is to list their names on any of the **Remembrance Discs** that can be obtained from **Mai** in the **Sacristy**. These are hung on the Christmas tree in the Church over the advent and Christmas period to help us remember our departed loved ones.

Christmas Mass

Bouquet Cards

are available in the Sacristy, €5 each.

Christmas Dues

Envelopes

available at the church doors.



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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St. Paul's Parish Annual Carol Service

Our Annual Carol Service was a great start for all to get into the Christmas spirit. Our sincere thanks to all who took part in our Carol Service on Wednesday night. Thanks to Fr. Gerry for getting it started with the congregational hymn "O come all ye faithful", and Jennifer McCay on the Organ. The Christmas tree was blessed and was followed by prayers to begin the evening.

The Nativity play, '**Bethlehem – The Musical**', was performed by our three 4th Classes under the direction of their drama teacher Gerry Herbert and the guidance of their teachers Ms. Dinneen, Ms. Di Murro & Ms. Downes. The three 3rd classes enhanced the play with their performance of songs during the nativity play, directed by Ms. Fallon and guided by their teachers Ms. Rogers & Mr. Maher. Thanks to Gertie, Sandra and Lyndsey the SNA's for their assistance. We are sure Feargal Brougham and Sean O'Sea were very proud of their magnificent performance.

Thanks to our **church choirs**, The **Cool Side of God** directed by Aisling Kane and **Ayrfield Youth** directed by Clodna Gilroy and music by the **Nowakowska Family & Friends, St. Paul's Community Choir** directed by Freda Kane, **Voices of Ayrfield** and Marguerite and Accompanists, who all performed so well on the night.

Thanks to Noreen Delaney, Mai Cass and Freda Kane 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. Thanks also to the gentlemen who assisted with organising the stage and lightening, Liam Donnelly and Robert Woods from St. Pauls Schools and our own caretaker Peter Igoe.

St. Paul's Junior School will have a **Christmas Carol and Prayer service** in the church on **Monday the 17th Dec at 11:30am**, followed by their annual **Jingle Bell Jog**.

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Carol Singing takes place in Clarehall shopping centre from 3pm – 6pm on Thursday 20th Dec. Volunteer singers, musicians & collectors are welcome to join. All money raised goes to our local S.V.P.

St. Paul's Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2017 are available on the church stands.

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



Saturday 15th (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Joanna Foley &	Anniversary
Deceased Members of the Tormey Family	
Maureen Woodraffe	Remembrance
Thomas Eivers	6 th Anniversary
Larry, Catherine & John Ryan	Anniversary
Bill Kathleen & Helen Cullen	Anniversary
Joseph Rock	2 nd Anniversary

Sunday 16th 10:30 am

Sandra Purcell	Anniversary
Mary & Albert Purcell	Remembrance

Sunday 16th 12:30 pm

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose  
of the souls of **Vera Dolan** late of Millbrook Avenue,  
funeral mass on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am and for*

**Gerry Kane**, whose funeral mass  
will take place on Tuesday at 10am.

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Wednesday 19th 10:00 am

Agnas Lenihan	Recently deceased
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May they rest in peace

Tuesday 18th Dec : Sacrament of Reconciliation
Holy Trinity, Donaghmede at 7:30pm

Monday 24th December : Confessions
Holy Trinity Church, from 10am to 11am &
St. Paul's Church from 11am to 12pm.

St. Paul's Church Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Eve 24th December

5 pm Family Mass	Cool Side of God & Ayrfield Youth Choir
7 pm	St. Paul's Folk Group

Christmas Day 25th December

10:30 am	Voices of Ayrfield
12:30 pm	Cool Side of God & Ayrfield Youth Choir

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.*