



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Fourth Sunday of Advent – C 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

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## Pastors Desk

FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

With Christmas just around the corner, the days of Advent waiting are almost over. In today's gospel we hear the account of how Mary and Elizabeth meet, and we are told they were filled with joy. Experiencing Joy is one of the cornerstones of human living. We can experience Joy at the birth of a baby, the homecoming of family members for Christmas, finding employment once more, when we pass an exam, when we get good news after a health scare etc. so the types of joy we experience throughout our lives can be very diverse.

In today's gospel we find the two women sharing the joy of the miracle of new life that is stirring within them. Both of their pregnancies were touched by wonder. Elizabeth for example was getting on in years and Mary was a virgin. Both of their lives had been touched by God and we are told that they were filled with joy.

All our lives are touched by God daily even though it may go unnoticed. Maybe during these final days of Advent, we might take time to reflect on how God has touched our lives individually so that we may enter a Joyful celebration of Christmas.

Perhaps our prayer could be 'Here I am Lord, I've come to do your will'.

*Fr. Gerry.*

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> December

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

#### Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December, St. Stephen's Day,  
Mass in St. Paul's Church at 10 am.**



Weekday masses will be held at 10am  
and will be offered for all those on the  
Christmas Mass Bouquets List.

### 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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## 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.

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

### **VACANCY FOR CARETAKER St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Belmayne, Dublin 13**

Part-time, with general caretaking duties - grounds and building maintenance. Driver's Licence necessary.

C.V., Letter of Application and referees to be sent to: [www.jobselmayne@gmail.com](mailto:www.jobselmayne@gmail.com) or by post to: Chairperson, St. Francis of Assisi Primary School, Belmayne, Balgriffin, Dublin 13.

## **An Irish Christmas Blessing**



*God grant you lightness in your step,  
A smile on every face you meet,  
Loved ones gathered at your hearth,  
And at your door, good friends to greet  
A holy hymn upon your lips,  
A window candle burning bright,  
And may the Good Lord bless your  
Heart and come to dwell there  
Christmas night.*

*We wish all our parishioners a  
very Happy, Holy and  
Peaceful Christmas.*

*Fr. Gerry, Fr. Paddy, Fr. Matthias &  
Parish Staff - Freda, Mai & Peter.*

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



Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

<b>Maureen Doherty</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Margaret Gough</b>	Anniversary
<b>Jason Kane &amp;</b>	Remembrance
<b>Deceased Members of the Kane, Cronin &amp; Hurley Families</b>	
<b>Fr. Tom Colreavy</b>	Remembrance

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 am

<b>Bernadette Timmons</b>	Recently Deceased
<b>Margaret &amp; James Fitzsimons</b>	Anniversary
<b>Keith &amp; Gosh Fitzsimons</b>	Anniversary

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:30 pm

<b>Mary, James &amp; Alice Poole</b>	Anniversaries
<b>Michael Carey</b>	Anniversary
<b>Mary &amp; William Balfe</b>	Anniversaries

*May they rest in peace*

As **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Eve**, there will be **no 10am Mass**

**Eucharistic Adoration** is finished for the Christmas period and will begin again in the New Year.  
Have a Holy & Peaceful Christmas.

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

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available at the church doors.

**Christmas Dues** are an annual diocesan collection, part of the Common Fund for the support of priests. This collection does not stay in the parish, it is an income that supports all the priests of the diocese including sick and retired priests.

### **St. Paul's News**

Copies of St. Paul's News have been distributed to households in the parish. Spare copies are available on the Church Stands.

Copies of **St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2019** are available on the church stands

**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.*