

Family of Parishes Newsletter

**Our Lady Crowned Church
St Joseph's Church ~ Holy Family Church**



**Sunday 8th December 2024
Second Sunday of Advent – Year C**

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Public Mass Times

Our Lady Crowned Church
Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am & 12.00 noon

Daily Mass

Monday to Friday
9.30am each morning

St Joseph's Church
Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil for Sunday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 11.00am

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10.15am each morning

Holy Family Church
Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 10.15am

Gospel Reflection

Preparing... for what... for who?

In these days we are bombarded by newspapers, television, radio, shop windows, social media and more all telling us we need to prepare – **what are you preparing for...**

Are you preparing for one or two days of celebration with family and friends? Are you preparing to receive visitors – planning meals, buying gifts, sending cards, preparing for the party season. All of these are part of the life of every family and rightly so – we need to gather, to celebrate, to share love with family and friends.

Our Gospel reading today reminds of more than just these few days at the end of 2024... it speaks of Advent as a time to prepare our hearts to receive a greater gift... **the gift of Jesus Christ... the Prince of Peace.**

Today, our world is crying out for peace among all nations - this will need each of us to let down the barriers that mark difference and indifference to each other... it will need each one of us to let go of hurt and disagreement and make peace with one another. It will need each of us to be the example to others to show them what Christmas is really all about – **it is more than just a few days of celebration, it is for us the birth of our Saviour, God's greatest gift to the world.**

A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND SONG

Our Lady Crowned Church

You are invited to

A Festive Evening of Song

Friday 13th December 2024 at 7.00pm

Featuring Our Lady Crowned Church Choir
and Guests ~ Conductor: Michael Joyce

Fundraising for LOURDES 2025

Tickets €10 ~ Children Free ~ Raffle

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ~ in the church
porch before and after Masses, in The Parish
Office & on the night of the concert.

Bambinelli Sunday ~ next Sunday

On next Sunday at all our churches we celebrate a beautiful Advent Tradition called Bambinelli Sunday and the Blessing the Christ Child. The tradition follows that on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to Mass where they are blessed. After Mass the families will take back to their homes the Baby Jesus figures to be placed under their Christmas trees and placed in their Nativity Scene on Christmas Eve. All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed.

"It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus."

Ministry of the Word and Eucharist

Please note that there will be **Training for New and Existing Members** for the Churches in our Family of Parishes. We are currently looking for additional people to be part of our teams. If anyone is interested, please hand in your names and contact details to the Sacristy in any of our churches.

Training Nights

Ministry of the Eucharist

Tuesday 10th December at 7.00pm

Ministry of the Word

Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm

Venue: Our Lady Crowned Church

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

Baptismal Preparation Team

Meeting of members of the Baptismal Preparation

Team on this Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm

Venue: Our Lady Crowned Church.

Mayfield Indoor Christmas Market

Mayfield Sports Complex – Old Youghal Road

Sunday 8th December ~ 10.00am to 3.00pm

Recent Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathies to the families of those who died during the past week:

Tommy Hurley – Mayfield

Helen Murphy – Tracton Lawn

Beatrice Gaffney – Montenotte

May all our deceased loved ones
rest in eternal peace. Amen

Christmas Giving Tree

At Our Lady Crowned Church ~ The Parish Pastoral Council have organised our Annual Christmas Giving Tree and all gifts will be distributed to those in need in our community on next Sunday December 15th. You can bring your gifts to the church during this week or on next Sunday.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards ~ €3 each ~ are now available in all our churches.

Tree of Remembrance

Official Lighting and Blessing of the Tree of Remembrance on Iona Road on:

Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.00pm

All are welcome

Christmas Dues/Offerings Envelopes

Christmas Dues/Offerings Envelopes are now available at the entrance to the Church and for collection from the Parish Office.

Christmas Visits to the Sick & Housebound

Fr Liam will visit the Sick and Housebound of both Our Lady Crowned Church and St Joseph's Church starting on Monday 9th December. If you are not already on the list please contact the Parish Office or Sacristy with your name, phone number and address.

Weekly Offertory Collection Envelopes

The Box of Weekly Collection Envelopes for the year ahead are now available for collection from the Parish Office. If you don't have one just call to the Parish Office for details.

Society of St Vincent de Paul – this weekend

"The December Collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place, as usual for Christmas, on **this weekend December 7/8**. The Society would like to thank all the parishioners and Mass-goers who have contributed and supported our work in the Parish throughout 2024. We continue to hold you in our prayers.

Family of Parishes Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the Family of Parishes Weekly Newsletter is **12.00 noon Wednesday**. Please send news items to the Parish Office at Our Lady Crowned Church where the Newsletter is prepared.