God of *hosts*, bring us back; Let your face shine on us and we shall be *saved.*

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday of Advent - B

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1st Sunday of Advent



Pastors Desk — *Light for the journey*

In faith and in hope we begin Advent this week with its first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles are lighting the way for them - and for us! The coming light of Jesus lights both our waiting and our journey in life. May it shine the light of Christ into the darknesses of the year since last Christmas - bereavement, illness, depression, disappointments?

We prepare best for Christmas by spreading this light. The way to celebrate Christmas is rooted in our following of the gospel. Among our ways are caring more for the poor, some focused daily prayer, and the wish to forgive more and be forgiven.

All the different images of Christmas prepare us for this birth
- the carols we hear and sing, - the lights in the streets,
- the star over the church and our Christmas trees and the ways we pray with anticipation and remember other Christmas days with joy.

Everything of this month can remind us of God. The Christmas trees, lights, cards, carols, parties, Santa hats, the houses lit up with reindeer and all the things we see about Christmas, all remind us that God is near.

We welcome the lights in the spirit of Pope Francis:

'Those who have opened their hearts to God's love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves. Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light'

(The Light of Faith, 37).

Spend a little time this Advent remembering some people or family memories that make you grateful for Christmas. Thank God for these in your own words.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our world of gold and grey, which needs you so badly today.

~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs?
A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 624,000+ family carers nationwide. **Contact 057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit **www.familycarers.ie**.

Mass Times :	*Ayrfield*	*Donaghmede*
Saturday (Vigil) :	5:30 pm	6:30pm
Sundays :	10:30 am	9:30am & 11:30am
Weekdays 10am :	*Tuesday & Thursday*	*Mon, Wed & Fri*
Service of Word with Communion 10am	Monday	Tue & Thur

This Sunday 29th November:
You are invited to join in the Annual Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree in **O'Tooles GAC** from **5 pm**



St Francis Hospice
A Time to Remember

Due to extensive building works, our Tree of Life Ceremony cannot be held in Raheny this year. A Christmas tree will be in place at St. Francis Hospice Raheny, and lights can still be sponsored in memory of a loved one. **Please sponsor a light on the Hospice Christmas Tree.**

Visit wwww.sfh.ie or call 01-8327535

Dates For Your Diary :

Capuchin Day Centre Annual Collection



Carol Singing for the Homeless
The date for the collection is **Saturday 5th December.**
The collection is changed this year to the **Jervis Street Centre**. Anyone from **Ayrfield Parish** who would like to volunteer to sing or collect on the day are asked to be there for **9am - 10:30am.**

Join **Singsation** & guests, **The Kill Singers** for a musical afternoon on **Sunday, 6th Dec** at **4pm** in **St. Brendan's Church, Coolock.** Tickets **€ IO** (available at the door) Under 18's Free.

St John the Evangelist Church Coolock is holding its annual **Community Carol Service** on **Sunday. 6th Dec.** at **7pm.**

Dolce Choir invite you to a Magical Musical Christmas in Our Lady **Mother of Divine Grace Church, Raheny Thur 10th** Dec.at 7:30pm **Tickets €15**

St. John Vianny Church, Ardlea Road, invite you to Christmas Carols by The Artane Senior Band. **Sunday 13th** December at **3pm**

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

Saturday	*5:30 pm*
Elizabeth Darby	1st Anniversary
Bert Reaney	Anniversary
Angela Dunne	Anniversary
Sunday	*10:30 am*
Patricia Muldoon	Months Mind
Niamh Collender	2nd Anniversary
Kathleen 'Kay' Walsh	Anniversary
Frank O'Reilly	Birthday Remembrance
Deceased members of the Kelly Family	

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of ***Joseph Doyle*** *recently deceased.*

Tuesday	*10:00 am*
Ann Blake-Clancy	Rec. Deceased
Thursday	*10:00 am*
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May they rest in peace

3rd December is the **1st Thursday,** 10am mass will be offered for all on the **Altar List of the Dead.**
Devotion in honour of St. Pio
Blessing with oils and the relics of Padre Pio after 10am mass

Notice to Coeliacs: If you are gluten intolerant, we have *Low Gluten hosts available in a chalice at the side of the alter at communion time.*

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