



# St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

## 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Third Sunday of Advent – C



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### Pastors Message



Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Today we light the pink or Rose-coloured candle on our Advent Wreath as a sign of our Joy in the Lord.

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. In these weeks of preparation for Christmas may our deeds of kindness make Christ's presence felt in a special way in the lives of others. 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*

**Tickets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses will be available from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**

#### **Christmas Mass Times :**

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**Mass at 10 am**

Confession in the **Parish Centre after 10 am Mass**

*There is **No** 10am Mass or confessions on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>*



*Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm, 6 pm & 7:30 pm*

*Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am & 12:30 pm*

*Sat 25<sup>th</sup> no vigil mass*

*Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am & 12:30 pm*



#### **Grow In Love**

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the masses this weekend. 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.

#### **Mass Times**

**Saturday 6pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 10:30am & 12:30pm**

**Weekday: Monday – Friday 10 am**

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The Annual indoor Christmas collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend. It is our opportunity to support the work of our local Conference of the Society as they reach out to the most vulnerable in our community on our behalf.

*It replaces the usual Share collection.*

Copies of St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2022 are available on the church stands.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy, €6 each.



Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the church doors.

### Advent Traditions Around The World

The two most common Advent practices around the world are the Advent wreath and candles and the Advent calendar. The wreath is a circle representing God's continuous love and the soul's immortality.



**China:** Chinese Christians light up their homes with colourful lanterns during Advent.

**Croatia:** Some Croatians begin Advent on November 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Catherine's Day.

**Germany:** Families set up their Advent wreath and gather each Sunday to sing Christmas carols and light a candle.

**Mexico:** A beautiful tradition in Mexico is Las Posadas Uthe Inns. The nine day celebration marks the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

**Scandinavia:** Families light candles around a wheel and offer prayers to the God of Light (Christ Our Light)

**The Philippines:** Misa De Gallo, the mass of the rooster, is celebrated in the Philippines beginning on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4am.

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



<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Joe Rock</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Larry, Catherine &amp; John Ryan</b>		Anniversaries
<b>Bill, Kathleen &amp; Helen Cullen</b>		Anniversaries
<b>Maureen Foley</b>		Birthday Remembrance

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Joanna Foley</b>		Anniversary
<b>Seamus &amp; Phyllis Wearen &amp; Son Pierre</b>		Anniv.

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>12:30 pm</b>
<b>Patricia William, &amp; Brian Foy</b>		Anniversaries
<b>Thomas Eivers</b>		9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Patrick Murphy</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Annie Brodigan</b>		Birthday Remembrance

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Frank Kane</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Patricia Matthews</b>		Anniversary
<b>Deceased members of the Matthews &amp; Wynne Families</b>		
<b>Gretta Behan</b>		Remembrance

<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Connor McCormack</b>		20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Deceased members of the McCormack &amp; McCarthy Families</b>		
<b>Ann Keogh</b>		Recently Deceased

*May they rest in peace*

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