



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Third Sunday of Advent – A

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Pastors Desk



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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.

While he is in prison, John hears about the work that Jesus is doing. Typical of his outspokenness he sends one of the disciples to ask Jesus directly if he is the one, they have been waiting for or will it be someone else in the future. Jesus reply is equally forthcoming. He tells the disciples to go back and tell John what they have seen and heard themselves. People who were blind can now see, some have had their hearing restored, lepers are healed, and the

dead are raised to life once more. He basically tells John 'Judge for yourself' adding the line 'Happy is the one who does not lose faith in me'. John rightly concludes from that answer that Jesus was indeed the long-awaited messiah.

The season on Advent is a time for each one of us to assess the impact this has on our lives as followers. It's that time of good will towards others, especially those who may be less fortunate than we are. Jesus always had great care for those living on the 'margins' of society. He embraces wounded hearts and bruised souls. His work continues throughout time through us his followers.

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.

Fr. Gerry.



Confirmation Preparation

This Saturday, at the 6pm Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also welcome their families, friends and teachers. The theme this week in the programme of preparation is "Presentation of the Gospels"



Grow In Love

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the **10:30am 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.

Gaudete / Joy Sunday



St. Paul's Community Choir & Friends

would like to invite you to join them for some **Christmas carol singing** and readings in **St. Paul's Church, Ayrfield on Tuesday 13th December at 7:45pm**



Bambinelli Sunday



We invite you to bring the baby Jesus from your crib to mass to be blessed this weekend.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

are available in the Sacristy, **€5** each.

Christmas Dues Envelopes

Are available at the church doors.



Church of the Holy Trinity Donaghmede

invite you to their **Christmas Carol Service**. Come and join the **Holy Trinity Parish Choir** in their celebration of the most popular Christmas Carols on **Sunday 18th December at 5pm.**



Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30pm
Weekdays : Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am
Service of the Word with Communion : Monday 10am
Weekday service is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am

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St Monica's Church, Edenmore.

Join us for Mass and reflection on the **Advent Scriptures**, led by Fr Bryan Shortall OFM Cap, to help us prepare our hearts and spirits for the celebration of the wonder of Emmanuel - Christ with us.



Continues on Thursday 15th & 22nd at 10am

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



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 are available in baskets at the door of the church. These are hung on the Christmas tree in the Church over the advent and Christmas period to help us remember our departed loved ones.

Anam Cara North Dublin,



the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 21st December at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, **Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924**. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

This Christmas, we are asking our supporters to remember and celebrate a loved one by lighting up our virtual Christmas Tree with a very special "Light of Love".

If you would like to support our Lights of Love appeal, simply follow this link <https://visufund.com/lights-of-love-in-aid-of-anam-cara> and click "dedicate".

By donating, you will be helping Anam Cara be there throughout the whole year to support Bereaved Parents.

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm
Patricia Matthews 6th Anniversary
& Deceased members of the Matthews & Wynne Families and Gretta Behan
Joe Rock Anniversary
Jean Pearson Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 10:30 am
Joanna Foley 10th Anniversary
Paddy Murphy 6th Anniversary

Sunday 12:30 pm
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Tuesday 10:00 am
Stephen Deegan 40th Anniversary

Wednesday 10:00 am
Gerry Kane 4th Anniversary
Monica Grange 7th Anniversary

Thursday 10:00 am
Nina Brodigan Birthday Remembrance

Friday 10:00 am
Shay Mahady Anniversary
Conor McCormack 22nd Anniversary
Deceased members of the McCormack & McCarthy Families
Ann Keogh Remembrance

May they rest in peace



Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up this weekend in place of the Share collection

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed every morning, Monday – Friday at 9:40am, before 10am mass



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.*