

To you,
O Lord
I lift up
my Soul.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday in Advent - C
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Pastors Desk *Slow waiting*
The four weeks of Advent are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

Christmas should come quickly - the message of the ads.

We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already. The carols have been playing for weeks now.

The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child - like Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

How is my faith this year from last year? And what would I be asking for? Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for Jesus

- ~ Mass more often than Sunday, ~ the Angelus every day,
- ~ to read the gospel each day, ~ to be kinder and more just,
- ~ to care for the poor and needy at home or away in war torn or climate challenged countries.

Let my Advent bring me closer to God and effect for the best the lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols being sung and the celebrations begun too early, can remind us of the God who is coming soon in Jesus Christ, to be born of Mary.

Mary, may I wait with you in joy, reflection, patience and hope. ~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.

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**. The theme for the Mass is : **Advent**



Weekday service in St. Paul's is preceded by the Rosary at 9:40am (Mon, Tue & Thu)



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

St. Paul's Knitting Group will hold a fundraising coffee morning & raffle on **Sunday 1st December** from **10am – 12noon** in the Pastoral Centre

Reflection Morning for Ministers of the Word We invite our Ministers of the Word to a reflection morning on **Saturday 7th of December** at **10:30am** in **Holy Trinity Church** for the Parish Partnership.

These will be lovely opportunities for our Ministers from all five parishes to gather together to grow in our Ministry through prayer, reflection and discussion.

Dates For Your Diary :

St John the Evangelist Church, Coolock is holding its annual **Community Carol Service** on Sunday 1st Dec. at 7pm.

The Capuchin Day Centre - Carol Singing for the Homeless will take place outside the **G.P.O.** on **Saturday 7th December** from **10am - 4pm**. **Ayrfield singers** will be there from **10am – 11am**. All are welcome to join in the singing and collecting.

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 10th December** at **7pm**

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



Saturday	5:30 pm
Christy Lester	1 st Anniversary
Jim D'Arcy	38 th Anniversary
Deceased members of the Hurley, Cronin & Kane Families	
Devasty	Recently Deceased

Sunday	10:30 am
Gerald Redmond	Anniversary

*Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **Stephen Brady** recently deceased*

Tuesday	10:00 am
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Thursday	10:00 am
Monica Grange	9 th Anniversary

May they rest in peace

5th 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

St. Vincent De Paul will take up its annual Christmas Collection **next weekend, 7th & 8th December** at all masses. *It will replace the **Share** collection*

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy.

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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