

*Sing and shout for Joy*

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**

Third Sunday of Advent - C

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



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*Advent*

**Pastors Desk *Brings Out Our Best***

This mid-point of **A**dvent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet **J**ohn has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others how they should repent.

His words were tough but quite ordinary - don't overcharge, ~ share your surplus with the needy ~ and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

**C**hristmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help. Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others.

**C**hristmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom.

**T**he Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that **G**od who meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

*Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God. Come into our world of joy and sorrow.*

*Stay with us always, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. ~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.*

**Gaudete / Joy Sunday**



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

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

**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. These are hung on the Christmas tree in the Church over the advent and Christmas period to help us remember our departed loved ones.

**St. Vincent De Paul** annual Christmas Collection last **weekend, was €2760.00**

**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm** 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. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call **01 4045378** or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**An evening of Christmas Carols with the Raheny Folk Group**  
**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.** in the Church of Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace, Raheny at 6pm.  
 Admission is Free. Special guest appearance by Santa Clause.

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



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Eileen Doyle</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Billy &amp; Liam Doyle</b>	Anniversaries
<b>Wayne Hegarty</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Shay Mahady</b>	Anniversary
<b>Anne Clavin</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Patricia Matthews</b>	Anniversary
<b>Deceased members of the Matthews &amp; Wrynn Families</b>	
<b>Gretta &amp; Kevin Behan</b>	Anniversaries
<b>Maureen Foley</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Noel Cullen</b>	Birthday Remembrance

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Joanna Foley</b>	Anniversary
<b>Ann Brodigan</b>	Birthday Remembrance
<b>Thomas Eivers</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Gerry Kane</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Connor McCormack</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Deceased members of the McCormack &amp; McCarthy Families</b>	
<b>Ann Keogh</b>	Remembrance
<b>Tommy Kevitt</b>	Recently Deceased
<b>Jean Pearsons</b>	Remembrance

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Nodlaig Carr</b>	Birthday Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Junior School Carol Singing</b>	

**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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