

The *Word*
was made flesh,
and *lived*
among us.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Second Sunday of Christmas - C

5th January 2025

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Pastors Desk

Thought for the 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Beginning again is an invitation to look in two directions. What happened for me in the last year, both in my ordinary life and in my life as a believer, a person of faith? For what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward and the new beginning gives us a chance to start again on the Way of discipleship. Both thanksgiving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is an invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Prayer

Wake us up, O God, at the start of a new year and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday, that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person every day of our lives.



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



Monday 6th January is The Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass at 10:00am**
There will be no Vigil

Thought for the Epiphany of the Lord

In our deepest selves, each of us is a mystery: Where do I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? How should I live? The risk in our present culture is to sleepwalk through life, to be satisfied with a merely material existence. But the human "project" is much greater. Each of us is really on a pilgrimage, or better on a quest — a quest to become my true self, in image and likeness of God. My truest self is found by being open to God, in whom we live and move and have our being. By following that star, by listening to our conscience and our inner selves, we come home to God.

Prayer

You are the mystery at the heart all that exists: draw us to yourself, O Lord, that knowing you we find our true selves, and finding our true selves, we may come to know you.

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



Saturday	5:30 pm
Mass Intentions will be read out from the altar	
Sunday	10:30 am
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Tuesday	10:00 am
Mass Intentions will be read out from the altar	
Thursday	10:00 am
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New Year Prayer:

Thank You Lord for giving me,
The brand new year ahead.
Help me the way I should,
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom,
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and Courage,
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new filled with joy,
And happiness it brings. Amen

St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2025
are available on the church stands

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

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