

What marvels
the *Lord*
worked for us!
Indeed we were
Glad.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday of Advent - C

8th December 2024

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2nd Sunday
of
Advent



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Pastors Desk *Advent reminds us God is near*

A poet wrote: "when I am an old woman I shall wear purple", to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary.

All of the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation - like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match.

If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - all reminders that God is near.

Give us this day our daily bread and daily truth, Lord God. ~ Fr Donal Neary,



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 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**



Anam Cara North Dublin,

the organisation that
supports bereaved parents, will hold its
monthly Parent Support Evening on
Wednesday 18th 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

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

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards
are available in the Sacristy



An evening of Christmas Carols with the Raheny Folk Group

Sunday, 15th December 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*



Saturday	5:30 pm
Wayne Hegarty	1 st Anniversary
Michael & Esther McKenna	Anniv.'s
John Curley	Anniversary
Jean Leavy	Anniversary
Violet Byrne	Birthday Remembrance
Sheila O'Farrell	Birthday Rem.
Joe Rock	Anniversary
Alan Keegan	Anniversary
Bernadette Timmons	6 th Anniversary
Margaret & James Fitzsimons	A's
Keith & Josh Fitzsimons	Anniv's
Veronica Van der Vear	Recovery

Sunday	10:30 am
William Murphy &	Anniversary
Deceased members of the Murphy Family	

Monday 10:00 am
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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.

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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