God of *hosts*, bring us back; Let your face shine on us and we shall be *saved.*

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

First Sunday of Advent - B

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Pastors Desk — *The Invitation*

I like these words of the late Cardinal Hume: ***"There are times when I can visualize Our Lord at the break of day standing by my bed and saying: "Get up, follow me."*** Whether I am conscious of it or not, in effect that invitation, that loving but insistent command, is given to me every day. Each new morning is the opportunity to start again. Yesterday there may have been inadequacies and failures but today Christ renews his call: "*Follow me. I have chosen you. I need you."* Who can fail to respond to the thought that God needs our willing collaboration."

We are carers of creation and of his people. Take this seriously, it is our world. God has made himself so vulnerable and this gospel reading is just before the passion. An area or parish improves if enough people do something. We look at areas in a locality which are now clean of drugs, more prosperous and just. This has been the work of people co-creating the world with God. Making it a better place. Doing the world a world of good.

Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation. Stay awake to the season – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith --- maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray a bit every day, make time to be awakened to the centre of our world who is God, and to his central action in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son.

A** question for the first week of Advent:* ***How can I help someone today?

Lord, send me, use me, create me for your work in the world. ***~ Fr Donal Neary, S.J.***

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland. the national charity supporting Ireland's 624,000+ family Carers nationwide. **Contact 057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit **www.familycarers.ie**.

St. Paul's Knitting Group are holding a knitting fair & monster raffle in the Pastoral Centre on **Sunday 29th from 10am to 1pm**

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

This Sunday 29th November:



You are invited to join in the Annual Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree in **O'Tooles GAC** from **5 pm**

St Francis Hospice
A Time to Remember

Due to extensive building works, our Tree of Life Ceremony cannot be held in Raheny this year. A Christmas tree will be in place at St. Francis Hospice Raheny, and lights can still be sponsored in memory of a loved one. **Please sponsor a light on the Hospice Christmas Tree.**

Visit wwww.sfh.ie or call 01-8327535

Dates For Your Diary :

Capuchin Day Centre Annual Collection



Carol Singing for the Homeless

The date for the collection is **Saturday 5th December.** The collection is changed this year to the **Jervis Street Centre**. Anyone from **Ayrfield Parish** who would like to volunteer to sing or collect on the day are asked to be there for **9am - 10:30am.**

Join **Singsation** & guests, **The Kill Singers** for a musical afternoon on **Sunday, 6th Dec** at **4pm** in **St. Brendan's Church, Coolock.** Tickets **€ IO** (available at the door) Under 18's Free.

St John the Evangelist Church Coolock is holding its annual **Community Carol Service** on **Sunday. 6th Dec.** at **7pm.**

Dolce Choir invite you to a Magical Musical Christmas in Our Lady **Mother of Divine Grace Church, Raheny Thur 10th** Dec.at 7:30pm **Tickets €15**

St. John Vianny Church, Ardlea Road, invite you to Christmas Carols by The Artane Senior Band. **Sunday 13th** December at **3pm**

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.*

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

Saturday	*5:30 pm*
Amelia Ní Mhaoltuile	Months Mind
Elizabeth Darby	1st Anniversary
Bert Reaney	Anniversary
Angela Dunne	Anniversary
Sunday	*10:30 am*
Patricia Muldoon	Months Mind
Niamh Collender	2nd Anniversary
Kathleen 'Kay' Walsh	Anniversary
Frank O'Reilly	Birthday Remembrance
Deceased members of the Kelly Family	

Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of ***Joseph Doyle*** *recently deceased.*

Tuesday	*10:00 am*
Ann Blake-Clancy	Rec. Deceased
Thursday	*10:00 am*

May they rest in peace

3rd 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

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