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St Vincent's Parish

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THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Week 4 of the Psalter

Please remember our sick in your prayers: : Mary Windle, Nora Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Chow, Christine Baker, Joseph Allen, Margaret Massey, Tina Frost, Dave McGuinness Sean Keane, Valerie Ashforth, Frank McCready, Clifford Browne, Terry Finn, Violet Strain, Christopher Joyce, Michael Joyce, Mary Tang, Pat O'Connor, Michael Finn, Rebecca, Charlie Richards, Michaela, Jim Foley, Jo Sullivan, Alison Richards and family, Fr Kieran O'Connell, Alison Howell, Gwen Holmes, Terry Sleaney, Frank Cassidy, Dennis Gerrard, Jean Fitzpatrick, John Zachary, Tony Murphy and Johnathan Elbel, Margaret Shore, Kieran Kirwan, Fr. Tony Attree, Pam Harris. **Lord give them healing and peace.**

Anniversaries: "Robert Burns (24/12/80), John Vincent Messenger (24/12/86), (Adolf) Josef Mattli (24/12/91), Winifred Hobson (24/12/96), Charlotte Parkin (24/12/97), Harry Gordon (24/12/96), Irene Mara (25/12/76), Irene Lennon (26/12/00), Dereck Wilson (26/12/06), Mary Ellen Higgins (26/12/68), Mary Archbould (26/12/74), Sean Mahoney (28/12/89), Agnes Taylor (28/12/89), Joan Lemmons (28/12/03), Tony Brock (29/12/16), Eleanor Stephens (29/12/84), Agnes Mary Wheelhouse (30/12/85), Michael Carney (30/12/07). **Latly dead:** Kathleen Foley, Tony Wormack. **May they rest in peace.**

Parish collection last weekend 17th December was £641.63 plus S/O £170 totalling **£811.63**. Thank you.

The parish website: contains new articles of interest. Please view all at www.stvincentschurch.com

Christmas Masses are 6pm and 9pm **Christmas Eve** and 10am **only on Christmas Day**. The 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve is **not that of 4th Sunday of Advent** but First Mass of Christmas.

New Year's Eve Vigil at **St. Marie's Cathedral**, followed by Mass at Midnight (Sun 31st Dec/Mon 1st Jan): on New Year's Eve after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. There is vigil prayer in the Cathedral, followed by Mass at midnight to usher in the New Year.

Funeral Mass of Kathleen Foley will take place on Friday 29th December at 1.00 pm here at St. Vincent's church.

White Flower SPUC Appeal: the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal on **Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th January**. Please be generous in support of this worthy cause. Leaflets and stickers are available in the Narthex.

Used postage stamps can be donated to charity. Please use the dedicated box in the narthex.

The underfloor heating is still erratic especially when the outside temperature drops significantly. It stubbornly remained on 12 degrees during the recent cold snap when it should have been at least 16. The company which put in the system are coming in the New Year to see what the problem might be. Let's hope they can get to the bottom of it.

Christmas is a family time and that includes our church family here at St Vincent's. As brothers and sisters in Christ we thank God for the many graces and blessings we've received during the past year. Since it's the season of goodwill we also ask forgiveness of God and any member of our church family with whom we've been less than Christian in the past year. We pray that during the coming year, as a community, we may grow in faith and love. I wish you and your family all the very best for Christmas and the coming Year.

Christmas reveals that all Christianity has to offer is a person. Not theory, not an 'ism', not an 'ology'. Every now and then a new 'ism' appears which claims to have done with mystery, to have opened the riddle of the universe. Alas, all 'isms' become 'wasms'; the night returns, the mystery remains.

PARISH PRAYER - God our Father, pour forth your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service. So that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THIS WEEKEND (24th December to 31st December)

SAT	10.00 am	Confessions (till 10.30am)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Sunday <i>Yvonne Reaney (recently deceased)</i>
SUN	10.00 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) <i>Tony Canello (recently deceased)</i>
	6.00 pm	Christmas Eve <i>People of the Parish</i>
	9.00 pm	<i>Lily Saccomando (anniv)</i>
MON	10.00 am	Christmas Day <i>Mary Greatorex (anniv)</i>
Tues	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wed	12.00 noon	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast <i>Bridie McGough (recently deceased)</i>
Thurs	NO MASS	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast
Fri	1.00 pm	Funeral Mass <i>Kathleen Foley R.I.P.</i>

NEXT WEEKEND (31st December to 7 January)

SAT	10.00 am	Confessions (till 10.30am)
	6.00 pm	Vigil Mass of the Sunday. <i>Michael Abbott (recently deceased)</i>
SUN	10.00 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast <i>A private intention</i>
	6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>

I'm also saying the 8.30 am Mass at the Cathedral on Christmas Day.

Children's Liturgy: I hope to have a meeting early in the New Year with the catechists for the children's liturgy. There is one or two things which we need to talk about so that things run a little more smoothly and efficiently.

There is a new Altar servers Rota available for collection. If you're a server please take one and put it in a safe place where you can easily refer to it. The rota is also on the main page of our website.

*"When the soul is clothed in faith,
The devil is ignorant of how to hinder it."*

Saint John of the Cross (1542-1591)