

❖ Mass for the coming week:
Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Thursday next is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Vigil Mass at 6.30p.m. on Wednesday, 7th December.

❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Christmas Penance Service (Pardon Sunday) will take place at all Masses next weekend.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual **Christmas Appeal** will be held during all Masses next weekend. It will replace the Share collection. Thank you very much for your continued support.

❖ Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is introduced to us as the herald. He is the one foretold by the Isaiah, who will prepare the people for the long awaited Messiah. Jesus is seen as fulfilling the Old Testament promises.

First Reading: (Isaiah 11:1-10)

This reading tells us about the coming of the Messiah and the kind of peace and justice he would bring.

Second Reading: (Rom.15:4-9)

The importance of hope is emphasized here. It mentions also how we should treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ did.

Gospel: (Mt.3:1-12)

We hear the voice of John the Baptist preaching to his people: Repent, for the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repentance is the way to welcome Christ.

❖ Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes (Dues)

An envelope containing the Christmas Schedule of Masses are in the process of being distributed to parishioners homes. If you are not from the parish and would like to know our Mass times please take an envelope from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

The closing date for receipt of applications for St. Vincent's Castleknock College for First Year 2018 is 31st December 2016.

On Monday, 12th December at 7.30pm a Special Christmas Carol Service will be held in our church. Everyone is welcome to this wonderful opportunity to join all our Parish Choirs and enter into a Spirit of Prayer and Joy as we await the birth of Jesus our Saviour. Mince pies and a cuppa in the Day Chapel following the Carol Service.

Since January this year you have contributed approximately €22,000 at the monthly outdoor collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This money has been distributed to various needy families in the area to cover essentials, for example - light, heat, food and education. The Society thanks you most sincerely for your support and generosity, without which they could not function.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

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| SATURDAY | 6.30pm | Kay O'Neill Anniversary |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Martha and Dan Kelly Anniversaries |
| | 11.00am | Thomas Geraghty Anniversary |
| | 12.15pm | Patricia Hill Anniversary |
| | 5.30pm | Frank Kehily Anniversary |

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Maureen Walters, Joseph Keogh, Fiona Plunkett, Baby Madison Moore, Sadie Niblock, Theresa Ross, Rory Hayes, Michael Doody, Bernadette Assad and deceased members of the Casey family whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.