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December 17th/18th 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express their sincere thanks for your generosity at last weekend's Christmas Appeal which amounted to €18, 940.

❖ Fourth Sunday of Advent

All three readings deal with the identity of the "one who was to come." The identity of the child, was vaguely described, by Isaiah in the Old Testament; no prophecy is fully understood until after its fulfilment.

First Reading: (Isaiah 7:10-14)

This reading foretells the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, which means: God-with-us.

Second Reading: (Rom. 1:1-7)

These opening lines of St. Paul's letter draws attention to the human and divine roots of Jesus.

Gospel: (Matthew 1:18-25)

This reading shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

❖ Christmas Schedule

Masses on Christmas Eve: 5.30p.m., 7.00p.m. and Vigil at 9.00p.m. preceded by carols from 8.30p.m.

Christmas Day: 10.00a.m., 11.00a.m. and 5.30p.m.

No Evening Mass.

St. Stephen's Day 10.00a.m.

❖ Christmas Carol Service

A special word of thanks is expressed to all who took part in the Carol Service last Monday evening. Adults and children shared through music, song, prayer and Scripture the meaning of the Christmas story. The evening was organised and produced by Denis Twomey whose expertise enhanced the Christmas celebration. To those who provided refreshments after the service, a thank you is extended.

Christmas Goal Charity Mile. Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL's humanitarian and development work in developing countries on Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park, anytime from 10.30a.m. to 12noon.

Senior Help Line: Ireland's only national listening service for older people will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10a.m. to 10p.m. They are there to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Senior Help Volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. Locall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30cents. All calls completely confidential.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Eamonn Carroll 2 nd Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Norah and Martin Lavin Anniversaries
	11.00am	Olive and William Newman Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Liam Kelly Anniversary
	5.30pm	Ann Marie Corcoran Anniversary

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families of Desmond O'Keeffe, Sophie Ryan and Breda Stanley (mother of Edel McGrath, Castleknock Drive), all recently deceased,

Also, Josephine Manning, Jerry O'Neill, Jane and Gerry Fallon, deceased members of the McKeon family, John McGivern, Charles and Anne McDonald and Patrick McKeown whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those on the November Altar List of Dead.