

**THIS WEEK'S LAMP DEDICATIONS ARE FOR:**  
**Sanctuary Lamps - Billy Cashin (Intentions)**  
**Our Lady's Chapel - Joan Greengrass (RIP)**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 21ST JANUARY TO 29TH JANUARY 2023**

<b>22nd January 2023</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	Rosemary Jones (Birthday Intention)
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Christine Tiernan (RIP)
<b>Year A</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Thomas O'Brien (RIP)
	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	
<b>Monday 23rd January</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Ollie Cullen (RIP)
	<b>12 noon</b>	Funeral - Thomas Murray (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 24th January</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>St. Francis de Sales</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Noreen McGloin (Intentions)
<b>Wednesday 25th January</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Steve Tierney (RIP)
<b>The Apostle</b>		
<b>Thursday 26th January</b>	<b>NO MASS HERE TODAY</b>	
<b>Ss Timothy and Titus</b>	<b>The Church will remain closed all day.</b>	
<b>Friday 27th January</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Anne Johnson & Seamus Somers (RIP)
<b>Saturday 28th January</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Deceased Members of the Mussi Family (RIP)
<b>Sunday 29th January</b>	<b>5.30 pm (Sat)</b>	Harriet Byrne (RIP)
<b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Steve Tierney (RIP)
<b>Year A</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Michael Adami (RIP)
	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	

**DURING JANUARY, THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED DIRECTLY  
AFTER THE MORNING MASS EACH DAY.**



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**22nd January 2023**

**3rd Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A**  
**Divine Office Week 3 - Mass Book Page 127**

**PARISH TEAM**

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**The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays.**

Christian Unity: is Christ Divided?

We live in a world where strife and violence between different groups of people is sadly a daily reality. The sad spectacle of such conflicts ought to make us, as Christians, reflect more deeply on the paramount importance of unity, and especially unity among the followers of Jesus. This was one of the great insights of the Second Vatican Council: the recognition that the Christian Church is and must always be a sacrament of unity of the entire human race. A sacrament is of course, an action which signifies and effects; it is a sign, but also a cause. Christians therefore must be, for the world, both a sign of unity and indeed a cause of unity, wherever we find our-selves. Indeed, according to Tertullian, it was the unity of Christians which so im-pressed the pagan world. And so in our own time, when societies and peoples are divided by suspicion and by the memory of painful historical events, the followers of Jesus Christ need to be the ones who show to others that reconciliation is possible. In this way, we become a sign and a cause of a wider unity.

But unity does not come cheap, nor is it guaranteed, as we know. We see the need to struggle for unity among Christians in the letter to the Corinthians where St Paul laments the divisions that had arisen in the Christian community of Corinth. The fact that St Paul was compelled, at some point in the first years of the Church, to intervene in order to restore unity among the followers of Jesus can give us certain reassurance. We can be tempted at times to think that the early period of the Church was somehow pristine and immune from the struggles which have come into existence later. And yet, of course, we know that this was not the case. And this fact leads us to an important conclusion: Christians have always had to fight divisions and must always continue to do so. This struggle is not characteristic of only one age; it is a part of our Christian calling. So while the existence of divisions in the Early Church should keep us from falling into despair over the divisions which we see now, such divisions must never be accepted by us with complacency. Because unity is not just some utopian dream; it is absolutely possible through the grace of Christ.

*Homily given 21st January 2014 by Archbishop Charles J. Brown, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland,  
at St Anne's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Belfast.*

## CURRENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

For all vacancies in the Diocese please visit the website

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have recently joined the parish, or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years, please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-

Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Micah McKennon, Mary Temple, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Bridget Finch, Angie Webster, Mary Wallace, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, Nora Demello, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Peggy McNicholas, Gillian Burke, Alan Downes, John Higgins, Maxi Giambrone, Mary O'Regan, Nollaig Donegan, Kamini Mahida, Salvatore Giambrone, Francis Thone, Gary Sheppard, John McCarthy, John & Agnes Keane, George Alden, baby Wilf, Joseph Jackson, Kitty Kiely, Isabella Czerniajew, Bernie Killeen, Doreen Sullivan, Audrey Farrell, John & Phil Boyne, Philip Rodgers, Rita Clli, Mary Theresa Mills, Laura Madeira, Tom Doyle, Jim Kennedy, Pamela Murray, Ciaran Murphy, Lilian Scott.

*(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME. WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME:

William Gerrard, Joan Greengrass, Christine Tiernan, Thomas O'Brien, Ollie Cullen, Thomas Murray, Steve Tierney, Anne Johnson, Seamus Somers, Deceased Members of the Mussi Family.

### RED SANCTUARY LAMPS / BLUE LAMP BY OUR LADY

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, or for someone's intentions please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10 for the Red Sanctuary lamps and £5 for Our Lady, the names will appear on the newsletter for the specific week.

### COLLECTIONS 15/01/2023

Standing Orders      £1192.38

Envelopes                £ 196.50

Loose Plate              £ 378.74

### WEDDINGS

Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP NEWS)

I wonder if Blessed Frederic Ozanam realised what a global organisation the SVP would become, when he founded it in 1833? Today, the SVP has conferences ie local groups, in many countries and the SVP HQ encourages each conference to twin with at least one conference in another country. This has some great upsides in that ideas and lessons learnt can be shared, prayers can be offered for each other, friendships can be nurtured and resources can be distributed to where they are most needed. One downside, however, is the language barrier. We are twinned with a conference in Romania but are really struggling to communicate effectively - even with the help of Google Translate! Can you, or do you know anyone who can, speak or read Romanian? We would truly welcome your help as we strive to better know our Romanian Twin!! We look forward to some help with this request! Finally, as always, please remain 'Aware' of need around us and do not hesitate to contact your SVP Team if our help is needed - 07563 775777, [info@svpsouthruislip.org.uk](mailto:info@svpsouthruislip.org.uk) and/or [www.svpsouthruislip.org.uk](http://www.svpsouthruislip.org.uk).

### ITEMS THE SVP WOULD LIKE FOR THE FOOD BANK THIS WEEK

Long life fruit juice	Tinned Fruit	Tinned tomatoes
Lentils	Chickpeas	Kidney beans
Coffee	Tinned corn	Mash
Biscuits	Sugar	Instant noodles
Long Life Milk	Toilet Roll	Tea
Tinned Meat	Pasta Sauce	Tinned Potatoes
Jam	Rice	

### CHURCH CLEANING

We are again appealing for volunteers to help to clean our church. Our regular team (now diminished to only 2/3 volunteers) come along every Saturday morning at 8.30am and do a fantastic job. However, we need more volunteers to come along and lend a hand. As we have said before, it does not have to be on a Saturday morning. If there were a few people who could spare an hour at another time during the week then we could have a few teams to do the cleaning at regular intervals. Please contact Gillian in the parish office if you are able to assist.

### World Day of the Sick

The Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11th February 2023 is the 31st World Day of the Sick. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Admittance is by ticket only. If you wish to attend please contact Gillian in the parish office to book your ticket.

### PRAYER FOR AFTER COMMUNION

*Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*