

THIS WEEK'S LAMP DEDICATIONS ARE FOR:
Sanctuary Lamps - Frank Collopy (RIP)
Our Lady's Chapel - Patrick & Kathleen Sugrue (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 10TH DECEMBER TO 17TH DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B	5.30 pm (Sat)	Harry Hickman & Martin Byrnes (RIP)
	10.00 am	Donal Farrell (RIP)
	12 noon	Ollie Cullen (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Anthony O'Leary (RIP)
Monday 11th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Teresa Kiely (Intentions)
Tuesday 12th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Steve Howley (RIP)
	12 noon	Funeral - Baby Shay Costello (RIP)
Wednesday 13th December St. Lucy	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Noreen McGloin (Intentions)
Thursday 14th December St. John of the Cross	NO MASS HERE TODAY The Church will remain closed.	
Friday 15th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Philomena Rafferty (Intentions)
Saturday 16th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Andrew, April & Bert Howe (RIP)
Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B	5.30 pm (Sat)	Donal O'Sullivan (RIP)
	10.00 am	Teresa Kiely (Intentions)
	12 noon	Jimmy Quinn (RIP)
	6.00 pm	Gladys & Patrick Moon (RIP)



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PARISH TEAM

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The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays.

St. Lucy

According to the traditional story, Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283 AD. Her father was of Roman origin, but died when she was five years old, leaving Lucy and her mother without a protective guardian. Her mother's name Eutychia seems to indicate that she came from a Greek background. Eutychia, suffering from a bleeding disorder, feared for Lucy's future. She arranged Lucy's marriage to a young man of a wealthy pagan family. Saint Agatha had been martyred 52 years before during the Decian persecution. Her shrine at Catania, less than 50 miles from Syracuse, attracted a number of pilgrims; many miracles were reported to have happened through her intercession. Eutychia was persuaded to make a pilgrimage to Catania, in hopes of a cure. While there, St. Agatha came to Lucy in a dream and told her that because of her faith, her mother would be cured and that Lucy would be the glory of Syracuse, as she was of Catania. With her mother cured, Lucy took the opportunity to persuade her mother to allow her to distribute a great part of her riches among the poor. Eutychia suggested that the sums would make a good bequest, but Lucy countered, "...whatever you give away at death for the Lord's sake you give because you cannot take it with you. Give now to the true Saviour, while you are healthy, whatever you intended to give away at your death." News that the patrimony and jewels were being distributed came to Lucy's betrothed, who denounced her to Paschasius, the Governor of Syracuse. Paschasius ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the emperor's image. When she refused, Paschasius sentenced her to be defiled. The Christian tradition states that when the guards came to take her away, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. Bundles of wood were then heaped about her and set on fire, but would not burn. Finally, she was killed by a sword. According to later accounts, before Lucia died she foretold the punishment of Paschasius and the speedy end of the persecution, adding that Diocletian would reign no more, and Maximian would meet his end. This so angered Paschasius that he ordered the guards to remove her eyes. Another version has Lucy taking her own eyes out in order to discourage a persistent suitor who admired them. When her body was prepared for burial in the family mausoleum it was discovered that her eyes had been miraculously restored. This is one of the reasons that Lucy is the patron saint of those with eye illnesses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.15pm

Link to our live broadcast: <https://www.churchservices.tv/southruislip>



SAFEGUARDING

If anyone has any concerns regarding the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the parish priest or the designated safeguarding officer, details below.

Danuta Howe - ruislipsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.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, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Gillian Burke, Alan Downes, John Higgins, Maxi Giambrone, Mary O'Regan, Nollaig Donegan, Kamini Mahida, Salvatore Giambrone, Gary Sheppard, John McCarthy, George Alden, baby Wilf, Joseph Jackson, Isabella Czerniajew, Doreen Sullivan, Audrey Farrell, John Boyne, Philip Rodgers, Rita Clli, Mary Theresa Mills, Laura Madeira, Tom Doyle, Ciaran Murphy, Lilian Scott, Phelmene Henry, Josie Lambert, Pat Naylor, Jim Moir, Amanda Remedios, Tom McDonagh, Michael McDonagh, Bridget McDonagh, Jerry Mallett, Mary Cotter, Innis Mussi, Helen Dooley, Francine Williams, Jo Crann.

(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:

Baby Shay Costello, Frank Collopy, Patrick & Kathleen Sugrue, Harry Hickman, Martin Byrnes, Donal Farrell, Ollie Cullen, Anthony O'Leary, Steve Howley, Andrew, April & Bert Howe.

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 03/12/2023

Standing Orders	£1034.31
Envelopes	£ 268.00
Loose Plate	£ 531.71

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)

Today, Sunday, is the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a document translated in to more than 500 languages! 115 years before that, however, in 1833, Blessed Frederic Ozanam founded the first SVP conference in Paris. Being guided by the Holy Spirit, burning within him, he set out to help those suffering from Poverty within his neighbourhood. Since then, the SVP has also become universal and the same Holy Spirit guides each conference today, as it did that first one in Paris. If you would like to join our conference then why not get in touch - though the UDHR is 75 years old today, there is still so much Need to address. Have a think and then reach out to us if you'd like to know more!! To close, as ever, please remain aware of need within our community and just get in touch with us if you think our help is needed - we can be contacted on 07563 775777, info@svpsouthruislip.org.uk and/or www.svpsouthruislip.org.uk. We will always try our best to help. God Bless.

ITEMS THE SVP WOULD LIKE FOR THE FOOD BANK THIS WEEK - FULL LIST IN PORCH

Tinned fish/meat	Tinned vegetables	Tinned fruit/custard/biscuits
Chickpeas/Kidney beans	Tea/Coffee/Sugar	Long-life milk & Squash/Juice
Rice/Pasta/Curry Sauce	Cooking oil	Nappies size 5 &6 & Toiletries

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING - CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Please collect an information sheet from Fr. Paulo after any Sunday Mass. Then contact Gillian in the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Paulo.

CANDLES

With the cost of supplies increasing, unfortunately we have found it necessary that we will have to increase the price of our votive candles from 20p to 25p. This is the first increase we have implemented in over 20 years so we hope you understand.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Tuesday 12th December at 8pm in the Church hall. Please telephone Gillian at the Presbytery as these meetings are by appointment only.

BIBLE STUDIES

There will be no Bible studies now until February, date to be announced.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Christmas envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you are considering your offering to be personal to your parish priest please put his name on the front of the envelope.

CURRENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE - Visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>