

THIS WEEK'S LAMP DEDICATIONS ARE FOR:
Sanctuary Lamps - Agnes & Sean Keane (RIP)
Our Lady's Chapel - Mary Comerford (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 17TH DECEMBER TO 24TH DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 17th December	5.30 pm (Sat)	Donal O'Sullivan (RIP)	
3rd Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Teresa Kiely (Intentions)	
Gaudete Sunday	12 noon	Jimmy Quinn (RIP)	
Year B	6.00 pm	Gladys & Patrick Moon (RIP)	
Monday 18th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am	Edmund Thavapragasam (RIP)	
Tuesday 19th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am	Deceased Members of the Bradley & Escalante Families (RIP)	
Wednesday 20th December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am	Peter, Josephine & Donal Farrell (RIP)	
Thursday 21st December	NO MASS HERE TODAY The Church will remain closed.		
Friday 22nd December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am	Michael Adami (RIP)	
Saturday 23rd December	9.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am	Deceased Members of the Galpin, Allum & Murphy Families (RIP)	
Sunday 24th December	5.30 pm (Sat)	Agnes & Sean Keane (RIP)	
4th Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Peter Masterson (RIP)	
Year B			
Christmas Eve	5.00 pm	People of the Parish	
24th December	7.00 pm	People of the Parish	
	Midnight	People of the Parish	

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



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PARISH TEAM

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The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays.

GAUDETE

Gaudete! Rejoice! says Mother Church to us on this Sunday. This rejoicing that the Church invite us to, though, is not just a feeling of being happy, but something that goes much deeper, that is life-changing.

This is the same invitation to joy that the Angel gave to the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation. It is the same joy that God wishes to his people who is suffering, who feels abandoned and forgotten by Him. It is the same invitation to joy that St. Paul gives to the Christian communities: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!'

But what is this joy that we are invited to enter into, which is so important and life-changing that God himself calls us to enter into it? It is the joy of knowing that God is acting; that God loves us and he is in action in order to save us. It is what is called the "messianic joy", the hope of the coming of Christ in which he will finally destroy all that in our lives have been the cause of suffering, division, anger, pain, abuse, resentment, our sins, while strengthening and making eternal everything in us that He recognises as His: love, forgiveness, peace, our very selves. On this Sunday we stand at the point in which we look at all dimensions of the History of Salvation that God has done, is doing and will continue to do for us; today we can both contemplate and rejoice in the lowly coming of Christ as one of us, in flesh and weakness in Bethlehem and what he has done for us through his Death and Resurrection. We also look into and rejoice at his Second Coming, at the end of time, when God will put all things together under Christ, destroying death forever. At this we rejoice and celebrate his Coming among us in this Sacrament of the Eucharist and offer to the Father this sacrifice of praise. In doing so we can experience the life-changing power of this joy that comes from God's loving actions to us, breaking our bonds to sin and vice and making us truly free.

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, Josie Lambert, Pat Naylor, Jim Moir, Amanda Remedios, Tom McDonagh, Michael McDonagh, Bridget McDonagh, Jerry Mallett, Mary Cotter, Innis Mussi, Jo Crann, Francine Williams.

(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:

Phelmene Henry, Agnes & Sean Keane, Mary Comerford, Donal O'Sullivan, Jimmy Quinn, Gladys & Patrick Moon, Edmund Thavapragasam, Deceased Members of the Bradley & Escalante Families, Peter, Josephine & Donal Farrell, Michael Adami, Deceased Members of the Galpin, Allum & Murphy Families.

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 10/12/2023

Standing Orders	£1034.31
Envelopes	£ 173.50
Loose Plate	£ 393.30

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)

The SVP Team would like to wish all of you a very holy and peaceful Christmas and the very best of wishes for the New Year! It has been a challenging year for the team, during which your support has given us the energy to keep going! The strapline of the SVP is 'Turning Concern into Action'. Generating Action requires energy though. So, we thank you for all your material help but also for all your prayers. Please continue to pray for us, and for those we try and help, as this will give us the energy to journey in to 2024. 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/Tea/Coffee/Sugar Chickpeas/Kidney beans/Long-life milk/Squash/Juice Rice/Pasta/Curry Sauces

GIFT AID

If you make regular donations to our church by standing order or by envelopes and are a UK tax payer, we could claim back 25p for ever £1 you donate to us from the Government, at no extra cost to you? If you haven't already done so, could you please complete and sign a gift aid form that you can find at the back of the church. If you would like to start making regular donations to our church please complete and sign the form and return it to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

SAFEGUARDING

Any child who goes out to the toilet during Mass, **must** be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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.

CAR PARK

Following other parishes in the Diocese and due to various concerns, in the New Year, the car park will be managed by Creative Car Parks. This will mean that each time you enter the car park, you will need to enter your registration number into a tablet that will be located in the hall, church porch or parish office. If you do not enter your details you will incur a fine which the company will post out to you. We thank you for your patience and understanding with this challenging but necessary change for our parish. More information to follow.

KNITTING / CROCHET GROUP

Thank you to those who supported us by visiting the sale and purchasing our goods and also to those who gave very generous donations. A total of £1525 was raised and all this will go to Mary's Meals to feed hungry children throughout the world.