

St. Nicholas News

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—WHAT THEY DO



Our goal is to fight poverty in all its forms through the practical assistance to people in need. We offer direct, personal assistance that is non-judgemental and based on the need of the individual or family. In addition we provide a wide range of services for vulnerable people through our local offices, shops,

resource centres, housing, day care and holiday schemes amongst other things. Our main area of work is person to person contact with people who need help and assistance. When someone contacts us with a request for help, they can expect to receive a visit from two friendly SVP volunteers who are there to listen and see what help or information we can offer. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is one of the largest providers of services to people out of home in Ireland. We believe that no one should ever have to sleep rough, under any circumstances, and that everyone has a right to a safe, secure and comfortable home. The Society currently provides services to over 300 people experiencing homelessness on a nightly basis. We have emergency homeless services for men in Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Ennis, Limerick, Letterkenny and Longford. We also provide night-shelter accommodation in Newbridge, Co. Kildare and Cavan Town. In addition to emergency accommodation the Society also provides a range of tenancy sustainment, resettlement support and day-care services throughout the country. The Society currently provides over 1000 units of social housing throughout the country. Approximately 800 of these units have been designated by Government as Special Needs housing, funded to provide housing for Older People (Over 60 years), people with a disability, or people who are currently homeless. The Society also provides approximately 200 units of General Needs housing, primarily for single people and families. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul operates six Resource Centres countrywide - in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Kerry and Mayo. Through our Resource Centres we reach out to thousands of people throughout the country, helping to build self-esteem and confidence, to re-skill or simply instil a sense of belonging in the community. We have over 180 charity shops (known as Vincent's in most parts of the country) located nationwide. Our Vincent's shops are a very important aspect of the service SVP provides. Not only do they provide people with new and lightly worn items at affordable prices, they also provide an income source for the Society, which is recycled directly back into the community. SVP runs 6 holiday centres to provide holiday breaks for individuals and families in various locations in Ireland. All of the holiday centres provide a safe and welcoming environment, away from the stresses and strains of everyday life. Holiday homes are mostly for older people but some, such as Bundoran cater primarily for families. Sunshine House is exclusively for children aged 7 - 11 & Teenhols for teenagers. Our Daycare services support older people to continue to live independently in their own homes and communities, with a range of social and health supports. Services include cooked meals, social and recreational activities, self-care services such as showering and laundry facilities. Do you know about 'Young SVP'? Whether you are at school, a third-level college, or are looking to get involved in your community; the SVP Youth Development Programme offers a wide range of opportunities to engage in positive social action in your local area.

This is a brief account of the range of services offered by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. As you can see they cover a wide range of areas of real need. To continue to run these services and provide hope to people, who might well be forgotten, they need your financial support. Think of how much you will spend on your own Christmas and then decide what you should give. All the members of the SVP are volunteers. What they collect goes directly into the services they provide. Thank you in advance.

NOTICES

Money Matters

Sunday 02 December 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

1st Collection: €300
2nd Collection: €330
Share: €55
Family Offering: €295



Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: David Hogan (4th Ann), John, Josephine & Mary Hannon, Rita & Richard Tester, Liam & Agnes Murphy, Ann & Tom Murphy, Evelyn, Patrick, James, Patrick Jnr. Brennan & Nugent Families.

Sun 11.30am: Gregory Whelan (8th Ann), Sonny Boland & deceased family, Rose Cole, Pat Moorhouse (9th Ann) Martha Coughlan (3rd Ann), Barry Coughlan (28th Ann), Chrissie Oman (7th Ann), Paddy Oman (21st Ann), Maureen McDonald (5th Ann), Robert McDonald 12th Ann,



Annual Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul takes place this weekend the 08-09th December. This collection will be taken up in the church. It will be the **SECOND COLLECTION**. This is a really important collection for our St. Vincent de Paul as it provides a great deal of their annual income. Please be as generous as you always are. Thank you.



St. James' Graveyard

A new conservation project that is currently underway for St. James' Graveyard, located behind the former church, now the Pearse Lyons Distillery, in Dublin 8.

Dublin City Council together with Howley Hayes Architects have

Fr. Martin

embarked on a conservation project to restore the graveyard as a place of repose and reconnection to relatives and ancestors. St James's Graveyard is a National Monument and is of considerable historical and cultural significance. It is one of Dublin's oldest and most historic graveyards and has up until now been inaccessible for decades. There is a masterplan currently being implemented over the coming year for the conservation and landscaping works and a new website has been launched to detail the progress of these works as they unfold.

The New Website: www.stjamesgraveyard.ie



Online Advent Calendar

Please visit our Advent 2018 web feature on www.dublindiocese.ie/advent-day/ As well as publishing details of Advent Services and events in the Diocese, you might also take the time to view the on-line Advent Calendar produced by our colleagues in the Catholic Communications Office. The on line calendar has a reflection for each day



SWICN Clubhouse Showcase

Tuesday 11th December from 5.00-6.30pm is the annual Winter Showcase with live performances, film screenings, and lots of creative projects by young people at the Clubhouse. The Showcase is a public event, open to all, so bring your family and friends. It is a great opportunity to visit the Clubhouse and show our appreciation to all our amazing members that have made this year so special. SWICN Clubhouse on Rainsford Street

2nd SUNDAY SEASON OF ADVENT

A reading from the Prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it

seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R/

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R/

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R/

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Phillipians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception. so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

