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Sun 9th December 2012 Advent Week 2 (C)

Income: Parish Dev.: €3,752 (inc annual); Share: €670. Many thanks.

Society of St Vincent DePaul (SVP) Diocesan Collection

takes place this weekend. It allows us to support their charitable service to the local poor. St Vincent wrote: "*Christ chose to be born in poverty and took poor men as his disciples. He became the servant of the poor and so shared their condition that whatever good or harm was done to the poor, he said he would consider done to himself. Since God loves the poor, he also loves the lovers of the poor.*"

THE PENITENTIAL ACT. This is an opportunity to prepare for the Eucharist by reflecting on the things that we might have done wrong and for which we need forgiveness. One of the ways in which God shows his love is by always forgiving us for those times when we haven't been as good as we might have been. There are different kinds of prayers that the priest can use at this part of the Mass. These prayers do two things. They help us to remember the times when we haven't been as good as we might have been. More importantly they remind us of God's love for us.

Catholic Bishops' Conference:

Their initial response to the *Report of the Expert Group on the Judgement in A, B and C v Ireland* is at the back. Three key quotes from it are as follows: ¹"By virtue of their common humanity the life of a mother and her unborn baby are both [equally] sacred... Where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are morally permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both the mother and her baby."
²"Of the four options presented by the *Report*, three involve abortion –

the direct and intentional killing of an unborn child. This can never be morally justified. The judgement of the European Court of Human Rights does not oblige the Irish Government to legislate for abortion."
³"The 'X-case' judgement includes the threat of suicide as grounds for an abortion. International experience shows that abortion on the grounds of mental health effectively opens the floodgates for abortion."

New Sound System installation - which we are confident will remedy our acoustics problem - will take place this Wed, Thu, Fri. Please excuse any related inconvenience.

Advent Penitential Service takes place on Thu 20th at 7.30pm.

Coelaics are invited to receive Holy Communion from the chalice by coming up at the end of the line and asking the minister. They may also ask the priest before Mass to prepare a gluten free host.

Advent Preparation: Lectio Divina on Wed 12th at 9.45am & 7.30pm in baptistery; *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* with Rosary on Saturday 15th Dec from 11.30am – 12 noon.

Other Events in Brief: *YOUTH 2000* will host a retreat in Newbridge this coming weekend for 16-35 year olds. It is a great opportunity to deepen one's faith. See website or Fr Morty. *ATHY MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY* are having their 20th presentation of 'While Shepherds Watched' in the Dominican Church, Athy on Thu 20th at 8pm – proceeds will benefit the SVP. Tickets from 'The Gem', 'Winkles' and a limited supply on the door - €5 each, families €15. Wine reception in the Hall afterwards. *ATHY GFC* bingo every Sunday til Christmas at 3pm in GAA hall. To support underage sports development. *ATHY CHRISTMAS LEAFLET* with upcoming festivities is on the noticeboard. *CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR* at Mount St Mary's Resource Centre opposite back of Perry's every Thu morning in Dec from 8.30am onwards.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7pm

Month's Mind: Tom Wilkinson
Anniversaries: George Aldridge Jnr, Bridget O'Brien, Fintan Lalor, Mikey & David Harris, John Kavanagh, Deceased Members of Kavanagh Family, James Rowan, John & Julia Ann Hyland, Paddy 'Skinner' Foley, Deceased Members of Foley Family, Jim Flanagan, George Donaldson, James Haughton, Christina Byrne nee Brennan, Bernadette Byrne, Eilish O'Neill, Candice Bergin, Eileen Doyle, William 'Bill' Kelly.

Sunday

8.30 am: Special Intention

10 am Barrowhouse:

James & Elizabeth O'Keeffe
Pray for Mary Brennan.

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Walsh, Michael Tully.
Anniversaries: Fintan Lalor, Mikey & David Harris, Jimmy McDonald, Ronan Friel, William, Margaret & Jack Brogan, Leah Walsh, Deceased Members of Brogan, Rainsford, Mulhall Families, Tyreake Kane, Marie Heffernan, Michael Piert Jnr., Michael Piert Snr, Deceased Members of Piert Family, Martin Tynan, James Moore, Margaret McCann, Elizabeth Doyle, Sarah Davis, Matty Maloney, Michael & Margaret Byrne, James & Kathleen Leigh, Kathleen O'Brien, Paul Stafford, Margaret, Joseph & Kevin Murphy, J.J. Leonard, Oliver Davis.

12 Noon:

Monday 9.15am:

Kathleen Foley, Henry Foley, Deceased Members of Foley Family

Tuesday 9.15am: Fintan Lalor, Mickey & David Harris

Wed 9.15am: John Kavanagh

Thur 9.15am: Billy Stewart

Friday 9.15am: Jack Brogan

Saturday 11am: