

## Parish Announcements and Events!

**Are you Missing a Sacrament? Are you Interested in Becoming Catholic?  
RCIA sessions are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 5pm in the Church.  
Next Session will be on 20th December.**

### **ADVENT Biblical Reflection Evenings in December:**

Every Tuesday in advent we will be offering a Biblical reflection in preparation for the Christmas Season. Please join us for an evening of prayerful bible study on: The Anunciation, The Angels and Shepards, The Birth of our Lord and the Veneration of the Wise Men.

**The next biblical session will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the sacristy.**

### **Fr Riq on personal Christmas gifts**

Priests are always deeply grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by parishioners at Christmas, especially through thoughtful gifts such as chocolates, sweets, or bottles of wine (or liquor). Your expression of appreciation truly means a great deal.

In Fr. Riq's case, however, due to pre-existing medical conditions, **he is unable** to enjoy these particular items.

If you were considering a Christmas gift for him, a Christmas donation towards the Church would be the most helpful and appropriate alternative, please.

Thank you for your understanding, kindness, and continued generosity.

May God bless you and your families abundantly this Christmas season.

**Our Next Baptism Course for parents is in 2026** at St Vincent's Parish with Fr Riq, Vivek and Jessica: The date for the Baptism course evening will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm here in our Parish Building. Please email the Office for more Information [Becontree@brcdt.org](mailto:Becontree@brcdt.org)

### **Friday Night at the Films**

We will be showing **THE CHOSEN Christmas Story** in our Parish next Friday 19th at 6pm.

We will then take a short break and resume the rest of the episodes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

### **A Humble Reminder on How to Receive Holy Communion:**

We are called to maintain reverence to the Most Holy Eucharist; therefore, we are kindly reminded:

- Please refrain from chewing gum prior to approaching the altar for holy communion.
- Please receive the Sacred Host with both hands or directly on the tongue; do not grasp with fingers.
- The Sacred host MUST be consumed immediately in the front before returning to your seat.
- Please approach and depart with reverence, mindful of the Real Presence of Christ in the Church.

### **St. Vincent's Parish Building projects needed:**

1. Boiler basement needs to be treated for black mould.
2. Front church doors need to be changed with Fire Push door opening handles.
3. Fire alarms and signs need to be placed and installed.
4. The original back altar (**done**)
6. Church floors need to be professionally polished in order to extend their life span.
7. Repair of recently discovered cracks in the front of the church wall.
8. Presbytery house dining room to have a built extension outwards into a multi-use meeting room for parish use, as we don't have a parish hall.
9. Ashes garden of remembrance needs to be revitalised and beautified.
10. The current leftover loan debt from Fr Pat Salmon's (RIP) chapel build is at £15.000, which is the reason that we are not allowed to get any further funding for any new works.

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

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**New Website: StVincent-Becontree.co.uk & our Facebook and YouTube Channel**

**Parish Mobile: 07759643394 (for WhatsApp Group Chat and EMERGENCIES)**

**OFFICE HOURS – Tuesday to Friday from 10am -12md or by APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

**Mrs. Helen Craft, Headteacher**

St Vincent's Primary School 02082706695



**13<sup>th</sup>/12/25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Yr A– Mis. P13**

(We say all the psalm together if not sung)

**R. Come, Lord, and save us.**

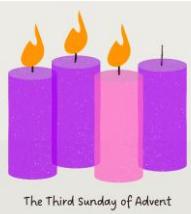
It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

**R. Come, Lord, and save us.**

The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

**R. Come, Lord, and save us.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age.



The Third Sunday of Advent

The 3rd Sunday of Advent known as "Gaudete Sunday," is a time for rejoicing because the Lord's coming is near, often marked with rose vestments instead of the usual purple, emphasizing hope and joy amidst the waiting for Christmas.

## WEEKLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, yr A</b> <b>Gaudete</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>  <b>12 Noon Mass</b>	Francis Haw Fan Lun (RIP)  Deceased relatives of Yolande's family (RIP)
<u>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Feria</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	Fr Riq's Mental Health Day Off. <b>Office Closed</b>
<u>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9:00am – Morning Prayer &amp; Service</b>	Bishop Thomas' Funeral Brentwood Cathedral
<u>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9:00am – Rosary &amp; Mass</b>	Mary Joseph (RIP)
<u>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9:00am – Morning Prayer &amp; Mass</b>	For the mental health of young people and children in our parish (Sp Int)
<u>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>Feria</b>	<b>9:00am Rosary and Mass</b>	Bob Cook (RIP)
<u>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December</u> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent</b>	<b>Confessions 3pm</b>  <b>4pm Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	In the main Church*  Christine Prudent (RIP)
<u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December</u> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, yr A</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>  <b>12 Noon Mass</b>	Robert and Elizabeth Durand 51 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary & Joanne do Jacob's wedding (Sp Int)  Mary and Brian Bocarisa (RIP)

**MASS INTENTIONS** are needed **URGENTLY** please, FOR WEEKDAY **MASSES!**

Please take a Parish envelope in the back of the Church, fill the form and bring it back ASAP if you would like to offer a Mass.

## Parish Collection Sunday

Gift Aid: £TBC + Loose Plate: £TBC  
= Total: £TBC

**NO CASH is kept on Church premises!**

Thank you for your generosity and continual support.

## We need your help, if possible, please!

We are hoping for our parishioners to help us with £3 or MORE (only if you can afford it please), each week for the offertory giving during Masses.

This will help us greatly especially with parish repairs, projects, the children's activities and parties. Thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity.

**We continuously PRAY** for those Parishioners who are sick and housebound. Please email the Parish Office with names of those in need of prayers.

## RED BOX MISSIO:

It's time for the annual Red Box collection!

If you have one or have been collecting for MISSIO, then please can you empty them and bring your donation to the Sacristy by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Many Thanks for your generosity!



*Please note that CCTV is in use in and around the church*

