

Parish Announcements and Events!

Are you Missing a Sacrament? Are you Interested in Becoming Catholic?

RCIA sessions are held on the 3rd 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 Annunciation, The Angels and Shepherds, The Birth of our Lord and the Veneration of the Wise Men.

The next biblical session will be December 9th at 7pm in the small chapel.

✦ 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 (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 donation 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.

St Vincent's Church Advent/Christmas Carol Service:

On Sunday 14th of December at 3pm, the different church groups, children, young people and choirs from our church will be presenting a variety of Christmas Hymns, biblical readings and prayers for all of us to get into the Season Spirit. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

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 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm here in our Parish Building. Please email the Office for more Information **Becontree@brcdt.org**

Friday Night at the Films

We will be showing the acclaimed series **THE CHOSEN** in our Parish every Friday at 6pm.

We will show 2 episodes per night, with some shared food and drinks in between.

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 (**almost 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

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

Mrs. Helen Craft, Headteacher
St Vincent's Primary School 02082706695



07 /12/25 – 2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr A– Mis. P9

(We say all the psalm together if not sung)

R. In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement.
2. In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the river to the bounds of the earth.
3. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help. He will have pity on the weak and the needy and save the lives of the needy.
4. May his name endure for ever, his name continues like the sun. Every tribe shall be blest in him; all nations shall call him blessed.



The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A points us to something new. Isaiah speaks of a branch growing from Jesse's stump. It is a sign of hope. God is doing something fresh. The old ways are ending. A peaceful king will come. Justice and harmony will grow again. Even nature will change. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches repentance. May God give us the grace to turn around our lives and be ready. For someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire.

WEEKLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 7 th December 2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr A	9am Mass	Mary Anastasie, Marie-Sainte (RIP)
	12 Noon Mass	Philomene Tsangui (RIP)
Monday 8 th December <i>Immaculate Conception, Sol</i>	5:30pm - Rosary 6:00pm - Mass	Fr Riq's Mental Health Day Off. Office Closed
Tuesday 9 th December <i>St Juan Diego</i>	9:00am – Morning Prayer & Mass	George White (RIP)
Wednesday 10 th December <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	9:00am – Rosary & Mass	Phil Haden (Sp Int)
Thursday 11 th December <i>St Damasus I, Pope</i>	9:00am – Morning Prayer & Mass	For a couple seeking God's blessing with the gift of a child (Sp Int)
Friday 12 th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9:00am Rosary and Mass	Private family Intention for healing of young child (Sp Int)
Saturday 13 th December <i>St Lucy. Virgin & Martyr</i>	Confessions 3pm	In the main Church*
	4pm Sunday Vigil Mass	Christine & Elizabeth Haw Fan (Sp Int)
Sunday 14 th December 3rd Sunday of Advent, yr A Gaudete	9am Mass	Francis Haw Fan Lun (RIP)
	12 Noon Mass	Deceased relatives of Yolande's family (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS needed URGENTLY, 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 23rd/11

Gift Aid: £475.00+ Loose Plate: £617.15 = Total: £1,092.15

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.

VACANCY:

Education Support Administrator- Cathedral House

A vacancy has arisen to provide administrative and general departmental support to School Advisors across the Education Department of the Diocese. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to hr@brcdt.org



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

