

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 first biblical session will be December 2nd at 7pm in the small chapel.

2025 Christmas St. Nicholas Fair

Our Christmas St. Nicholas Fair on Sunday 7th December, from 10am to 3pm in the school hall. We're asking for as many donations as we can possibly get to help make the day a great success. It's going to be a fun-filled day with all our usual stalls and games — tombola, hot dogs, tin-can knockdown, ping-pong sweets, and lots of other stalls and activities for the children. There really will be something for everyone and we'd love for the children to come dressed as angels or any nativity character.

We also kindly ask parishioners to bring food to sell, especially traditional dishes, which always go down well and help us raise a fantastic amount each year.

If you can't attend on the day, donation envelopes will be available so you can still support us. We are still working to clear our £15,000 debt, so every contribution truly helps.

Everyone is welcome — please tell your friends, your family, and anyone you know. Let's make this a successful and joyful day for our whole community. Thank you, and God bless.

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 is to be incorporated into the current chapel. **(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.

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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**.

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30 /11/25 – 1st Sunday of Advent, Yr A– Mis.P5

(We say all the psalm together if not sung)

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD

1. I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. As it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray, 'May they prosper, those who love you'. May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers.

4. For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, 'Peace upon you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek good things for you.



The season of Advent officially starts today and ends on Christmas Eve. It marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and is a time of waiting and hope. We look forward to Jesus coming again, and we remember His birth in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us to be ready, not just for Christmas, but for the day when Christ will return. It is a season to pray, watch, and live in the light of the Lord.

WEEKLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 30th November</u> 1st Sunday of Advent, Yr A	9am Mass	John Simpson (RIP)
	12 Noon Mass	Hugh Wooriskey (RIP)
<u>Monday 1st December</u> <i>Feria</i>	No Mass	Fr Riq's Mental Health Day Off. Office Closed
<u>Tuesday 2nd December</u> <i>Feria</i>	9:00am – Morning Prayer & Mass	For the Sick & House-bound our Parish (Sp Int)
<u>Wednesday 3rd November</u> <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9:00am – Rosary & Service	For the Migrant and Refugees (Sp Int)
<u>Thursday 4th December</u> <i>St John of Damascus</i>	9:00am – Morning Prayer & Mass	Young People of the Parish (Sp Int)
<u>Friday 5th December</u> <i>Feria</i>	9:00am Rosary and Mass	David C Ntochukwu (Sp Int)
<u>Saturday 6th December</u> <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i> <i>St Nicholas</i>	Confessions 3pm	In the main Church*
	4pm Sunday Vigil Mass	Mary & Brian Bocarisa (RIP)
<u>Sunday 7th December</u> 2nd Sunday of Advent, yr A	9am Mass	Mary Anastasie, Marie-Sainte (RIP)
	12 Noon Mass	Philomene Tsangui (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.

Interested in Parish Volunteering?

There are many small jobs in our Parish that you could help us with, if interested and would like to know more, please send us a text message or an email. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

Parish Collection Sunday 23rd Nov:

Gift Aid: £253.00+ Loose Plate: £398.00 = Total: £651.00

For BCYS collection: £179.45

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.



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

