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3rd Sunday, Advent, Gaudete Sunday.

# SENT TO BRING GOOD NEWS

Like many foundations, it is often obscured but this invitation/challenge must be the cornerstone of our Christmas preparations and celebrations. The Good News is that Jesus was sent among us to enable us to be truly children of God, each of us uniquely treasured by our loving Father. This gift of Jesus the Son, empowers us to live through love, imitating his example and generosity, kindness, respect, forgiveness (accepted and shared).

Each true gift (big or small) has the potential to nourish the seedlings of goodness, even in our selfish hearts.

Anonymous giving through Trocaire, Vincent de Paul, Share, Simon and many other charitable groups can bring powerful good news of hope and of new beginnings. More intimate personal gifts can bring the good news of thanks, well wishes, healing forgiveness, the reassurance that one is loved, and can nourish friendships and family bonds.

Let every Christmas gift, given or received, be a reminder of the goodness God has sown in each of our hearts through the gift of His Son, Jesus.

"The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor".

Gospel Acclamation.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

## **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil:

6.15pm

Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays

9.30am

<u>Holydays</u>

9.30am & 7.00pm

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# Such is our Christmas calling.

#### PARISH NEWS!!

A series of work projects must be carried out in the parish, hopefully completed by Easter, some completed before Christmas:

Removal of debris from various venues on the Church grounds:

Roof to be rendered safe from leaks

Upgrading of the Parish Office and Parish Meeting Room

Putting railings in the Crypt area

Protective fronts on steps on choir carpet

Finishing the cleaning of the floor in the Church.

Some economies will be necessary as overall the parish income is down by 30%, not unlike other parishes. It is not intended to fundraise at this time.

#### PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Bulletin is available **weekly** on the Parish Website: \_or can e-mailed by forwarding your e-mail addréss to

### ALTAR SERVERS !! AT LAST !!

Meeting of new Altar Servers in the Church at 4.30pm on Saturday, 17th December.

#### SATURDAY MORNING CLEANING:

We are looking for volunteers to do a general clean-up of leaves and debris on the Church grounds after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday 17th December. An hour at most should do it !! Thank you.



### **PARISH NOTICES**

#### St. Vincent de Paul:

The Christmas church door collection will take place this weekend 10th and 11th December. We are grateful to all who were so generous during the year and a special thank you to our collectors.

### **Weekly Collection Envelopes:**

Still available for collection in the Sacristy, before and after all Masses. Please come and collect your box for use in January, 2023.