



1st Sunday Advent – 01 December 2024

## THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ISN'T JUST ABOUT HANDOUTS



implementation of the White Paper on Ending Direct Provision. Ensuring everyone has access to secure and affordable homes, within sustainable communities is our ambition. Working with our partners across the housing sector to support and uplifting their work to bring about change to the housing crisis in Ireland.

### Education including early years

Every year we spend between €4.5 and €5 million helping children, young people, adults and families to access education. Tackling educational disadvantage is key to breaking the cycle of poverty in Ireland. Investing in education from early years right through to adult education is one of the best investments the Government can make. SVP campaigns for an adequately funded education system to promote participation and inclusion for all, regardless of income.

### Income adequacy

One of the main reasons people request help from SVP is the struggle to make ends meet. This can be the case, even for people who are employed. Everyone should have sufficient income to live with dignity. Campaigning for the introduction of a Living Wage and a strong social protection system prevents poverty and deprivation from happening in the first place.

### Energy, Utilities and Climate Justice

High energy prices, poor housing quality, and persistent poverty in Ireland greatly affect the households SVP supports. SVP advocates for everyone to live in a warm home free from energy poverty, campaigning for sufficient Fuel Allowance payments and fair energy prices. We aim for energy efficiency across all housing tenures and a just transition in addressing climate change.

### Putting the Ideas into Action

The SVP puts these ideals into action through, Personal Visiting, Education Grants, Social Housing Projects, Community and Family Services, Adults & Older People Services, Child & Youth Services. **Next weekend** the Annual Collection will take place in the church. Please be as generous as possible. Think about how much you will spend on Christmas and based on that make your contribution to the collection.

*Fr. Martin*

### Housing

At SVP we have several Key goals. We want to see an end to homelessness, more social and affordable homes, greater security for renters and better standards across tenure type. We campaign for the full

### Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us who have died. We also remember those who have died and are dying through violence, hunger and war.

### Communion & Confirmation

James's Street School  
1st Communion 16 May 2025  
Confirmation 30 May 2025

### Christmas Services

The timetable for Christmas Services at the back of the church. Download [here](#)

### Christmas Fair

30th November and 1st December. A weekend filled with creativity, community and connection at the Richmond Barracks Christmas Fair, in the heart of Inchicore, Dublin 8. Meet artists, makers, producers and small businesses, buy Christmas gifts and celebrate the winter season. This annual festive event is family-friendly, with entertainment and free creative workshops for all ages. expected to start later in 2025.

### Winter Fair

Dublin Steiner School will hold its Winter Fair on Sunday 1st December in F2 Centre in Rialto. 12-1500. All welcome!

### World Youth Day Celebration

Join the Diocesan celebration for the 39th World Youth Day in Christ the King Church, Cabra, on Saturday, November 23. Bishop Paul Dempsey will be the main celebrant of the Mass with music from members of Aontas Youth Choir. Stay after for refreshments, to hear about the Jubilee of Youth trip to Rome & have your say on the direction of youth ministry in the Diocese going forward.  
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## FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT

### Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration,  
we call to mind your great goodness to us O Lord.

You lead us to Hope. Lord have mercy

You share with us, your Dream. Christ have mercy

You call us to live and work in the hope of your final coming. Lord have mercy

May our gracious God, who calls us to prepare,  
have mercy on us, forgive us our sin and bring us to  
life everlasting. Amen

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks -  
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the  
House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days  
and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land. In  
those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell  
in confidence. And this is the name the city will be  
called: the Lord-our-integrity.'

### Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and  
make you love one another and the whole human race  
as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your  
hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the  
sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ  
comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers and sisters,  
we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to  
make more and more progress in the kind of life that  
you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you  
learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You  
have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the  
authority of the Lord Jesus

Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving  
help. Alleluia

### Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the  
sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony,  
bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;  
men dying of fear as they await what menaces the  
world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And  
then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud  
with power and great glory. When these things begin  
to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high,  
because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch  
yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with

debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and  
that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.  
For it will come down on every living man on the face  
of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the  
strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to  
stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### Prayer of the Faithful

Lord God, you are a family of Father, Son and Spirit,  
and by your love we are part of that family. Praise to  
you. Lord hear us

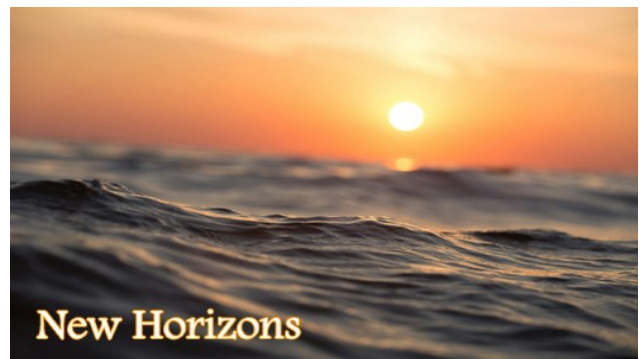
Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, come among  
us to bring the light of your justice and peace. We  
praise and thank you. Lord hear us

Holy Spirit, you open our hearts to those who are  
vulnerable and in need. We praise you and thank you.  
Lord hear us

May this season of Advent, give us hope, when hope  
seems impossible. May it bring light into our darkness.  
May it give us trust in God's faithfulness to his  
promises. Lord hear us

We call to mind all those who have died, and all who  
mourn for them. As we prepare for the coming of the  
Lord, we prepare also for that day when we will be  
united again in your kingdom of love. Lord hear us

In silence we remember those in need of our prayer  
and support.....Lord hear us



### Reflection

The season of Advent means there is something on the  
horizon the likes of which we have never seen  
before ... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it,  
to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to  
grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of  
the rock, watching God's back fade in the distance. So  
stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder.  
There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For  
worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something  
is on the horizon.

God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and  
yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep  
alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping  
to your precepts. My hope is in you.