

St Vincent's RC Church Dartford

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Parish Newsletter for
Sunday 14th December 2025

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT – A (Gaudete
Sunday)**

Please remember in your prayers: the sick and the housebound, at home, in hospital or in residential care.

We remember especially:
Grace Rabino, Herbert Brandstetter, Albert Crisci, Elizabeth Nightingale, Bernadette Clark, Enda Quinn, Clare Graydon-James, Geraldine Day, Margaret Tuszynska, Emmanuel Agholo, Sharon Docherty, Euan Labouchardiere, Doreen Nightingale.

May the Lord bring them comfort and healing and bring strength to those who care for them.

Please pray for those who have died, and remembering especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time.

Kieran McCarthy, Kathleen Francis, Kathleen Curd, William Burns, Ronald Thomas, Patrick Briody, Joan Thorne, Eileen O'Sullivan, Norma Jarvis, Vincent Bowgett.

May these and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of Christ.

THIS WEEK – MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	13th	10.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls
Sunday	14th	9.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	Third Sunday of Advent – A (Gaudete Sunday)	People of the Parish
Monday	15th	9.00am	Communion Service	
Tuesday	16th	9.00am		Bill Ward RIP
Wednesday	17th	9.00am		Catherine Silva RIP – Canty Family
Thursday	18th	9.00am		Leo & Kathleen O'Connor RIP – J Crowley
Friday	19th	9.00am		
Saturday	20th	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Penitential Service First Mass of Sunday	Rev Vincent Bowgett RIP – J Crowley
Sunday	21st	9.00am 10.30am 5.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent – A	People of the Parish

Regular Parish Activities

Monday to Friday: Exposition & Adoration at 8.30am

Wednesday – Children's Choir meet at 6pm in the Conference Center.

Wednesday – Legion of Mary meet at 6pm in the Sacristy.

Wednesday – Senior Parishioners Afternoon Tea Party - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm in the Conference Center.

Thursday – Knights of St Columba: Every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Holiday

Fr Emeka will be travelling in January for his holiday to celebrate his Priestly Silver Jubilee anniversary. Kindly make your January bookings now before he travels.

Christmas Offerings

Over the Christmas period the main collection, by tradition, will be our personal offerings to Father Emeka. Christmas and Easter are the two times in the year when we can show our love and support for him in this very practical way as he receives no salary from the diocese or the wide church. **CASH DONATIONS** should be made using your Gift Aid envelope if you are a scheme member and **CHEQUES** should be made out to **RCAS DARTFORD ST VINCENT**. If you are not able to make the Christmas services you can drop an envelope clearly marked "Father Emeka", with your gift aid number if appropriate, through the parish house door. Alternatively, you can donate either by **BANK TRANSFER to 07536283 Sort code 600633** and use the reference "Emeka or Christmas Offering" or by our **CARD READER** at the back of the Church.

Christmas Services – advance details

Penitential Service Saturday 20th December at 10.30am

Wednesday 24 December 5.00pm (Christmas Mass)

Wednesday 24 December 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December 9am (Christmas Day Mass)

Thursday 25 December 10.30am (Christmas Day Mass)

Friday 26 December 10.00am (St Stephen's Day Mass)

New Year

Wednesday 31 December 11.30pm Mass (to welcome new year)

Thursday 1 January 9.00am (Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God)

Christmas Flowers and Decorations Collection

Next weekend we will have a retiring collection to cover the costs of the flowers and other decorations for our church at Christmas. We are very grateful to the team who take care of this Church at Christmas, and indeed all year.