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St. James, Seaforth



St. Patrick's, Dublin



St. Patrick's, Kinkora



St Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

December 24th, 2023—4th Sunday of Advent—PEACE
December 31st, 2023—The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Pastor: Rev. Philip Joseph

Associate Pastor: Rev. Ronnie Tagnines

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Regular Mass Times

Check inside Bulletin for Mass Time Changes

Saturday

5:00PM—St. James, Seaforth

7:00PM— St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

Sunday

9:00AM—St James, Seaforth

9:00AM—St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

11:00AM— St. Patrick's, Dublin

11:00 AM— St. Patrick's, Kinkora

Weekday

7:00PM— **Tuesday** St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

7:00PM— **Wednesday** St James, Seaforth

9:15AM— **Thursday** St. Patrick's, Dublin

9:15AM— **Friday** St. Patrick's, Kinkora

Confessions:

Saturdays, 11:00am—Noon

St. Patrick's Kinkora and St. James Seaforth

Or by Appointment

Weddings: Booking 8 months in advance.

Baptisms: Please contact the office to register.

Christmas Eve— 7pm Mass at St. Vincent de Paul,
the choir will begin singing at 6:30 pm. Please come
early to enjoy some songs of the season.

December 26-29, 2023

No weekday Masses

Private Masses by Father Philip

4x Ross Daly by Mary Daly

Private Masses by Father Ronnie

4x Lin and Tanner Steffler by the family

Mass Intentions: January 2-5

TUESDAY January 2nd, 2024 7:00 pm Mitchell

+ Herman & Elizabeth Klaver by Carol Ryan

+ Lennie Ryan by Carol Ryan

+ Michael Bos by Arnold & Anne Marie Bos

+ Darryl Seigner by Ann & Rob Sawyer

WEDNESDAY January 3rd, 2024 7:00 pm Seaforth

+ Judy McCarthy by Cathy Melady

+ Emmanuel & Carmen Harmsworth by Wayne & Melita
Cronin

Special intentions for family of Mary & George
Kreutzwiser

Special intentions by a parishioner

THURSDAY January 4th, 2024 9:15 am Dublin

+ deceased members of Dublin CWL by the CWL

+ souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

Intentions of the Parish Office by Peter & Margaret
Luyten

FRIDAY January 5th, 2024 9:15 am Kinkora

+ Gerard VandeWalle by the family

Intentions of Joel Nyenhuis by Jim & Carla-Mae
Nyenhuus

SPECIAL FUNDRAISING BRUNCH
FOR LUCAS AND MARIA STOCK

The Kinkora Knights of Columbus will be
serving Brunch on Sunday, January 14 after the 11 am
Mass. We hope you can come out to enjoy a delicious
breakfast in the Kinkora Community Center and also
help support Lucas and Maria.

As usual we will be accepting cash donations.
If you would prefer to write a cheque please make it
out to the Kinkora Knights of Columbus.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mass Collection December 16/17, 2023

ST. JAMES SEAFORTH - \$5,397 PAPs \$4,111

ST. PATRICK'S DUBLIN - \$2,101 PAPs \$1,615

ST. PATRICK'S KINKORA - \$13,555 PAPs \$2,855

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - \$3,361 PAPs \$3,260

2024 Offertory Envelopes are Delayed.

**As soon as they arrive, they will be distributed
to the churches.**

**NOTE: The Parish Office is closed December 25th
until January 2nd. Donations received by
December 25th, will be counted as a 2023
contribution for income tax purposes. Call the
office to update your mailing info. Box numbers
are required.**

CWL & Knights news

St. Patrick's Dublin CWL is hosting Coffee
Sunday and Oliebol (a Dutch type of donut) after
11 am Mass on Sunday, January 7th in the church
hall. Everyone is welcome to come, socialize and
welcome in the New Year.

THANK YOU! St. Patrick's Dublin CWL & Choir
wish to thank all who attended our **Making Spirits
Bright Concert!** We are so grateful for the
community support for our fundraiser. We were
able to donate generously to both the Bhatti
Family and some local needs within our Family of
Parishes! Special thanks to the members of our
Choir for such a wonderfully memorable
performance. You truly did make Spirits Brighter
this Advent Season.



R.C.I.A.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

The R.C.I.A. is the process that welcomes and introduces adult inquirers (18 years of age and older), who have felt the call of God to join our Catholic Faith. The initiation process

is primarily for those who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian tradition, or for those who may have been baptized in the Catholic tradition but have never been catechized and/or fully initiated (have not received the Eucharist and Confirmation).

The emphasis in the initiation process is on one's relationship with God, on commitment to Christ, on conversion and discipleship. *Contact Karen Doyle.*

Plenary Indulgence

To celebrate the 8th centennial of the world's first crib/nativity scene (1223- 2023) by St. Francis of Assisi, in Greccio, Italy, Pope Francis has approved a Plenary Indulgence.

The faithful are being offered the opportunity to receive a Plenary Indulgence, from December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024, at our Franciscan churches where the Nativity Scenes will be available. **If you**

- * **pray before the Nativity Scene,**
- * **celebrate the sacrament of Confession,**
- * **receive Holy Communion,**
- * **pray for the intentions of the Pope,**
- * **pray the Creed and Our Father, a Plenary Indulgence will be granted.**

The Franciscan parishes in the Diocese are:
St. Andrew the Apostle; Mary Immaculate; Holy Cross;
and St. Leopold Mandic (London); St. Mary (Blenheim),
St. Michael (Ridgetown) and St. Paul's (Thamesville).

A plenary indulgence is a particularly powerful way to obtain remission of punishment -- on earth or in purgatory -- that would have resulted from sins that were already forgiven. It covers all sins, mortal or venial, that the recipient has committed up to that time, if the person sincerely repents, detests their sins and fulfills all requirements of the indulgence.

Christ's Coming is Near...



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace.

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Candle —PEACE

*"Lord God, our joy overflows as we see
your love come to life in the infant Jesus.
We praise You for sending Him among us
and for his willingness to come. Bless us and
our families as we draw close to the feast of
your Son's birth. We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen."*

Fun Fact: No 4th Sunday of Advent This Year

That's right. Because Christmas is on a Monday, the Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord, a Vigil of the 1st Class, takes precedence over the 4th Sunday of Advent on the 24th. So instead of opening your missals to the 4th Sunday of Advent on Christmas Eve, turn over a page or two to the Mass of the Vigil.

The last time it happened was 2017. The leap year causes a 5-year gap and it will next occur in 2028, so enjoy this rare occurrence!



Adoration

1st Friday of the month from 9am—9 pm at St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend

Over 80% of couples report that they saw a notice in their parish bulletin. Retrouvaille has helped rebuild marriages for over 44 years and over 175,000 marriages worldwide. We CAN help your marriage. Register retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or call 519-243-0687.

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Confirmation News

Parent Spiritual Night at St. Patrick's Dublin
on Monday, January 15th.

This is for **PARENTS ONLY** of children who have registered to be Confirmed in 2024.

Both parents are welcome, however only one parent needs to attend.

Questions were raised among the faithful about the meaning of *Fiducia supplicans*, recently released by the Holy See.

The statement: "With respect to the Declaration *"Fiducia supplicans"* issued by the Holy See's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the CCCB offered the following statement from Bishop William McGrattan, president of the CCCB.

'On 18 December 2023 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith released the Declaration *Fiducia Supplicans*, which responds to questions that had been raised regarding the possibility of offering blessings to persons living in irregular unions, including same-sex relationships. While explicitly affirming the Church's traditional understanding of marriage, *Fiducia Supplicans* allows pastors to bless people who freely request a blessing, seeking divine help to live in fidelity to God's will. The Declaration makes clear that such blessings must be directed to the persons themselves rather than their situation and that they must be spontaneously requested and are not ritual or liturgical actions.

The guiding principle in the Declaration is the fact that the very request for a blessing represents an openness to God's mercy and can be an occasion for greater trust in God."



Beginning Sunday, January 7th, 2024, at 9 am

Children's Liturgy
at St. Vincent de Paul.

Children 3 and up are all welcome.

To volunteer with us, please contact

stvdpsundayschool@gmail.com

Cursillo! Are You Interested?

From the London and Area Cursillo movement: Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'a little course'. Cursillo, which begins on a Thursday night through to Sunday afternoon, helps us to look at ourselves and our relationships with others and God, through a series of talks by others who have made a previous weekend.

Day 1: We look at ourselves.

Day 2: We consider God's love for us.

Day 3: We consider the world around us and how we can be a Godly influence to those around us.

All who make the weekend find a deeper joy in their faith, their Church, and their community around them.

Need something to boost your faith and spirit? Consider joining us on **February 1-4, 2024 for the Men's Weekend, or Feb. 8-11, 2024 for the Women's Weekend.**

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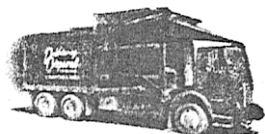


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Bishop Fabbro's 2023 Christmas Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At Christmas, we will listen once again to the Gospel accounts of the birth of our Saviour, the story of God's great love for us. We who have seen his light and experienced the joy he brings us are called to make him known to the ends of the earth.

In our Families of Parishes, we will continue our efforts to be a missionary Church that forms disciples of Jesus, to go out and proclaim the good news of his coming. Reflecting on the past year, we have much to be thankful for. Many of our parishes are reporting an increase in Mass attendance over the past year. This is a sign of hope for us. I am very grateful to see the Cathedral full at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, with many young people, college and university students, from all parts of the world.

We need these people – young and old – to be part of our communities and must ensure they are warmly welcomed. We need to be living signs of Christ's presence in the world, active in works for justice, peace and the ecology. I ask you all to get involved, by volunteering for a ministry in your parish or for Catholic groups like the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus or the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Last year at Pentecost, we launched the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, which lasts until Pentecost 2024. Take some time to pray for Vocations. Pray alone, with your families, with your parish. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide men to a life of faith and service as priests of our diocese.

In his address to the donors of the Nativity Scene that was placed this December in St.

Peter's Square in Rome, Pope Francis noted that the creche pays tribute to the first Nativity Scene set up by St. Francis of Assisi in Greccio, 800 years ago, in 1223. After his journey to the Holy Land, St. Francis wanted to reproduce the Nativity of Jesus. To mark this anniversary, the pope approved a Plenary Indulgence* that can be obtained at any of the Franciscan churches in our diocese until February 2, 2024.



The creche is particularly meaningful this year, the pope said, as we witness the tragic war in the Land where Jesus was born: "While we contemplate Jesus, God made man, small, poor, and defenseless, we cannot help but think of the tragedy that the inhabitants of the Holy Land are experiencing, showing to these brothers and sisters of ours, especially to children and parents, our closeness and our spiritual support. These are the ones who pay the real price of war."

This Christmas, we will be praying with Pope Francis for peace and an end to the violence that plagues our world today, in areas such as the Holy Land and the Ukraine.

May the blessings of the season be plentiful for you and your loved ones. May Christ, born to us of the ever-virgin Mary, shine his light on you and bring all of us an abundance of peace and joy in the coming year.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+ Ronald Fabbro, CSB

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Advent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

9am-Noon in Seaforth/Kinkora

1:30pm-6pm in Dublin/Mitchell

Saturday, December 23rd, 2023

St. James, Seaforth 5:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell 7:00PM

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

St. Patrick's, Dublin 9:00AM

St. Patrick's, Kinkora 11:00AM



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

St. James, Seaforth 5:00PM

St. Patrick's, Kinkora 5:00PM

St. Patrick's, Dublin 7:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's, Dublin 11:00AM

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell 9:00AM

No Weekday Masses December 26-29

Saturday, December 30th, 2023

St. James, Seaforth 5:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell 7:00PM



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SCHEDULE (Sunday, December 31st)

St. James, Seaforth 9:00AM

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell 9:00AM

St. Patrick's, Dublin 11:00AM

St. Patrick's, Kinkora 11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE The Solemnity of Mary—January 1st ~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

St. James, Seaforth 9:00AM

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell 9:00AM

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