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 **Dominican Newsletter**

 **St. Catherine’s Church, Dominic Street, Newry.**

 **3rd December 2023**  Tel: 028 3026 2178 - **1st Sunday of Advent Website:** <https://newrydominican.com/> **Facebook**: [www.fb.com/newrydominican](http://www.fb.com/newrydominican)

 **Watch live**: newrydominican.com/live **Lectio Centre**: lectio.newrydominican.com

**Advent**

We begin a new season. The season of Advent prepares us for the celebration of the Coming of the Lord – the Nativity – Christmas.

It is a season of Hope. The people hoped that their saviour would come and save them. We celebrate that First Christmas as we echo the cry of the people who waited. We wait and we prepare to elebrate the coming of The Lord to us. We echo the first Christmas when there was no place for the birth of Jesus except in a stable among the animals. We prepare by making a home for Jesus in our lives and making him welcome. As we prepare a place for the Lord we free ourselves from sin and make room for the birth of Jesus. ***Maranatha!***

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 **CHRISTMAS BAZZAR**

 **Next Weekend!**

*Delicious Christmas bakes,*

*Cakes,Mince Pies, Shortbread etc.*

 *Festive Food Hampers large & small,*

*Popular Christmas Wreaths,*

*Garlands and Planters also available*

*Fantastic Tombola Prizes & Raffle*

**Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December** *(in Dominican Hall)*

***Don’t miss it!***

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Annual Christmas Collection**

  **Next Weekend at Masses 9th and 10th December**

(1st Monday) **Anointing of the Sick** Monday 7.30pm Mass

**Youth 2000**

 Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Friday 6.45 to 7.30pm

Young adults invited

**LECTIO and Advent**

The Lectio communities are now meeting to journey and reflect more deeply on the Advent Gospels.

The Lectio booklets accompanying the series are available from the Lectio office.

The **Living the Word- Meditate on the Way** podcast will be available this weekend and accompanies the series. It is available on the Lectio website: **lectio.newrydominican.com**

or on all the usual podcast platforms.

**Friday 8th December**

**Feast of the**

 **Immaculate Coneption** *(Holyday)* Masses

Vigil Mass Thur. 7.30pm

 Fri. 7.30am, 11.00am 7.30 pm

**UKRAINE** *........ part 3.*

**Letter from Dominicans in Kyiv**

November 13, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*There are continually more and more victims of this war. We visited a cemetery in the first days of November, I went to the nearby Lukianivske Cemetery, one of the oldest in Kyiv, which now has a whole avenue where the modern heroes are buried. When I went there, a funeral of two soldiers was taking place. I saw so much pain on the faces of those coming to bid them farewell. A bit further on, an older woman was arranging flowers. I delicately asked her if it was the tomb of her son.* ***“He died in Bakhmut,”*** *she responded and immediately led me to the neighbouring tombs, naming the buried soldiers.* ***“These are his friends. They died together when the shell hit the trench.”*** *She talked about it in a way that made me think all three are now her sons.....*

Fr. Jarosław Krawiec OP (Kyiv)

November 2023

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

Church Gate Collection

after Masses today.



**EWTN**  Television will again this year broadcast their **Advent Series of Talks** from the Dominican Church Newry. *First broadcast is today Sunday at 8.30 pm & Wed 6th 10.30 am with fr. Adrian Farrelly*

**Youth 2000**

 **Christmas Retreat**

Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

8th-10th December 2023.

Booking is now open.

Please donate what you can afford).

See [WWW.YOUTH2000.ie](http://WWW.YOUTH2000.ie) for details

Or visit Youth 2000 on Friday at meeting in Blessed Sacrament Chapel *(6.45 – 7.30pm)*

**Divine Mercy: *Holy Hour*** *in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady here in Dominican Church**this afternoon at 3.00pm****.***

 *Come spend one hour with the Eucharistic Lord.*

The Collection for Sunday the 26th of November was £2,506. Thank You!