

## Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South - Parish Notices - Sunday 5th January 2025

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Registered Charity Number (CRA Number): 20016166 Revenue Charity Tax Number: CHY 7424

### Mass Schedule

Mon 6th	9.15am, 7.00pm
Tues 7th - Fri 10th	9.15am
Sat 11th	10.00am, 6.00pm
Sun 12th	10.30am, 12 Noon

### Divine Mercy Food Bank

Divine Mercy Food Bank reopens on Monday 6th January, 11.00am - 12 Noon.

**Donations of non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church. We thank the Food Bank volunteers for the tremendous work they have done throughout 2024.

### St. Vincent de Paul Contact Information

If you require assistance from the St. Vincent De Paul Society: Dublin Office: 01-8550022, [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

### Mon Jan 6th- Epiphany of the Lord Holyday of Obligation

Monday Jan 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, a holyday of obligation. Mass is at 9.15am and 7.00pm.

### Bingo

Bingo in the St. John Paul II Room will resume on Weds January 8th at 7.30pm.

### Happy New Year To All Parishioners

We wish a very Happy New Year to all our Parishioners. Thank you sincerely for your support of the parish during 2024. May the Lord bless all in our parish abundantly during 2025.

### Christmas Dues

Christmas Dues envelopes are available if you wish to make a contribution to the Christmas Dues. We thank you for your generosity to all our parish collections.

### Pray for Fr. Tobias Chukwujekwu Okonkwo RIP

Please pray for Fr. Tobias, age 40, who was murdered in Nigeria on Dec 26th. Fr. Tobias was a diocesan colleague of Fr. Samuel. May he live with Christ into eternity.

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### From the Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell on the Launch of the Jubilee Year

Hope and trust go hand in hand. This was brought home in a wonderful experience relayed by Father Henri Nouwen. In his later years, Nouwen had developed a particular friendship with a troupe of trapeze artists. He had been particularly fascinated by a remark from one of the 'flyers'—the seeming star of the trapeze act—who told him that, in fact, "the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything." As the flyer explained, "when I fly to (the catcher) I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me...A flyer must fly, and a catcher must catch, and the flyer must trust with outstretched arms, that the catcher will be there for him." In the insight of these circus artists, Nouwen discovered an empowering and consoling wisdom. So often we measure our identity and success by how well we remain in control. But in the end the depth of our lives is to be discovered in our capacity to let go, to trust, to place ourselves in the hands of another. Hope and trust go hand in hand. This mirrors the hope of Christ on the cross: even when his mission appears to have come to a halt, Jesus can still pray the words of the Psalm, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." (Matt 27:46, citing Psalm 22:1) Hoping against hope, he can place his life in his Father's hands: "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." (Luke 23:46)