

## **Statement read at Masses in the Diocese of Limerick**

for 2nd Sunday in Advent 6th December

Following the publication of the Murphy Report Bishop Murray has been listening to all voices. Especially to survivors of abuse, the people of the Archdiocese of Dublin, the people and priests of Limerick Diocese, as well as all members of the public who have contacted him by phone, mail and email. Bishop Murray is acutely aware of the pain and anguish that has been experienced and expressed in the last week. Bishop Murray thanks all those who have responded to him. He is particularly grateful for the guidance from survivors of abuse, and for the many and varying pieces of advice that he has received and for the messages of support. He is reflecting on the decision that he now has to make and asks for your continued prayers especially over the coming week. Bishop Murray also asks us to continue to pray especially for people whose trust was betrayed when they were children so that they may find healing, peace and closure.