



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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13th Sunday Year A

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Mass Times this week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07:30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

Homily Notes

The Shunammite woman was rich and childless; traits that might harden the hearts of many. Yet, she had a great sensitivity to the presence of God around her.

She recognised the itinerant prophet Elisha as a holy man and wanted her house to be blessed and graced by his presence. So, she built a room for him to stay whenever he came.

Since the end of covid restrictions do we still practise the welcome we used to give to people who passed by our church? Do people still feel welcome as they come through the door? When we go to our place, do we just sit down and look forward, avoiding eye contact with the person next to us? Do we greet each other or, even better, do we exchange names and pleasantries?

When we come to the Eucharist, we come to a community gathering around the table of the Lord. It is the Lord who invites us. The Lord speaks to us through the readings and the sharing of the Word of God. He comes to us through Holy Communion and through the fellowship of disciples.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus expects his disciples to always go that extra distance. There are costs to being a disciple, he says: "Take up your cross.... To find your life you must lose it". Elsewhere he tells us: "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect". Mt 5:48.

At the end of the Eucharist, the Presider says to the assembly "Go forth, the Mass is ended." Really, though, the Mass is not ended. In fact, we are being sent forth into the world to live the Mass. Just as Christ welcomes us at the Eucharistic Assembly, so also, we are sent out to welcome people into Christ living within us. Every encounter we have with someone beyond the doors of the church is an encounter with Christ. In Christ's name we welcome that person into the space of our heart, as Christ welcomes us and welcomes them.

There is always a room for Elisha in the heart of a true disciple of Christ..

Terry

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst"



Mass Intentions

Sat 1/7 Marty & Patsy Crane

Sun 02: Eileen Braithwaite

Mon 03: Parishioners

Tue 04

Wed 05

Thu 06

Fri 07

Sat 08. *To be announced*

Sun 09. *To be announced*

Where is Fr. Ferdinand?

The answer to that question is easy: he's in Brussels! But, what, why and where? Well, here goes!

Most of you are aware that the priests, presently abiding in the

parish, are not quite the same as the diocesan priests in other parishes. To begin with, we live in community and very rarely live alone. Also, we have all had the experience of long years of missionary life, mostly in Africa. We belong, in fact, not to the archdiocese but to a church society of missionary brothers and priests, called "The Missionaries of Africa". We are also known as "The White Fathers" – but that's another story.

As any group of people, we missionaries need some kind of organisation. Catholic priests are organised into dioceses. The head of the diocese is the bishop or archbishop. He is responsible for all the priests in his area or diocese. We missionaries are organised into a world-wide society, with a government and an organisation laid out in our "constitutions". Presently, there are 1,112 members, scattered across 36 countries, mostly in Africa, Europe and N&S America, with some in Asia.

For convenience and efficacy, these countries are grouped into "provinces", of which there are 11. Most members of the society leave their "home province" to live and work in a "mission province". It is there that they live their missionary commitment.

Members originally from Europe (here I include Great Britain") come from 11 European countries. There are also members working in Europe who come from 12 non-European countries. These members (405 of them) all come under the auspices of "The Province of Europe".

Like all provinces, the Province of Europe is led by a "provincial", who has an assistant provincial to work with him. Together with the provincial treasurer, they form the "Provincial Team". Their mission is to govern the society in Europe and care for all its members. They also have a delegate in each of the countries where there is a community. These delegates form the "provincial Council".

Fr. Ferdinand is now the "Assistant Provincial of Europe".

Got it? Let's keep him in our prayers!!!

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Please Note

All weekday Masses will be at 7.30am. This is to allow the work on the kitchen to continue without interruption. Also there will be no Adoration on Friday.

Fr James Nugent Walk

The St Michael's Parish Social Justice Group is organising this year's short walk to celebrate the life and ministry of James NUGENT.

The walk happens on SUNDAY 2ND JULY, at SFX church, at 4pm. It ends at the Nugent Statue in St. John's Gardens at approx. 5pm. (1/2 mile)

Refreshments can be taken in the **Dr. Duncan's Pub** at the end of the walk.

Peter's Pence Collection

With the "changing of the guard", we missed the offerings for Peter's Pence today. So, a 2nd collection will be taken up next weekend for that purpose. Peter's Pence supports the Pope's charitable activities.

Lottery Results – 25th June

03 04 06 07 09 11

Jackpot:

OFFERINGS 25th June

Envelopes: £ 25.00
Plate: £ 181.53
Candles : £410.58

Many thanks to you all

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT during the work on the kitchen.

MESSAGE FROM FERDINAND

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St Vincent de Paul,

A sign of life from Brussels! On Monday, I arrived safely after the crossing by ferry and journey by car. The welcome was warm. I have unpacked my bags. I am settling down while I am being introduced to this new 'job'. So far, so good.

I have very good memories of the farewell mass at St Vincent's last Friday, with lively singing and good participation, and the wonderful, shared meal afterwards!

I am moved by your kind messages, cards, prayers and generous gifts. Thank you very much!

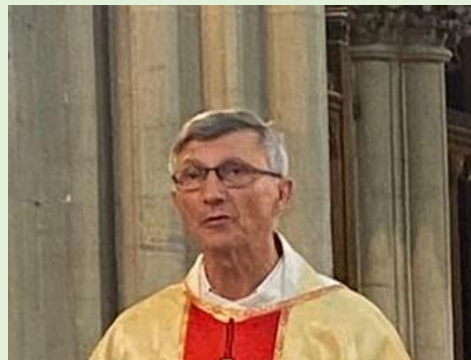
Please, keep me and the colleagues here in your prayers, as I will remember you fondly.

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Keep up the good work, God bless,
Ferdinand



KITCHEN: The work is progressing... slowly but surely. Much of the plaster has been done and is drying – if you go in, please don't touch it. The fittings were decided after much discussion and are now being prepared.

We'll soon be appealing for plates, cups, a trolley, etc... Keep watching!



Pre - Loved Clothes Sale @ St. Charles

Sale of pre-loved good quality clothes on Saturday, July 15th, in the parish meeting room of St Charles and St Thomas More, Aigburth Rd., L17 9PG (82/60 bus route), between 10am - 12Pm. *Come along and grab a bargain. Everyone welcome Free Entry.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Frances HAYES, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, David TAGUE, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Ronnie & Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

Those who have died recently: Bernard CAMPOS, David COYNE, June DUNNE,

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