



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

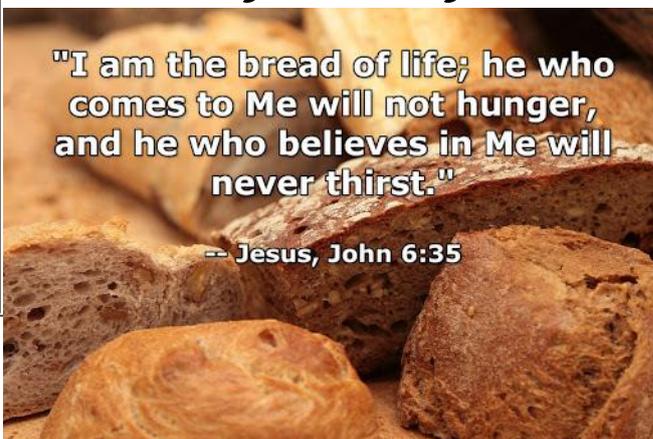
Newsletter

8th August 2021

19th Sunday Ordinary Time B

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Mass Times	
Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00



Homily Notes

When Jesus distributed the bread to his apostles at the last supper, the night before he died, he said, “This is my body” and when he gave them the of wine, he said “This is my blood”. From the earliest days after Jesus’ death and resurrection, the disciples would gather and recognise his living presence in the Eucharist.

I have to ask myself, if I really believe that Christ is truly and wholly present in the bread and wine, why do I not feel it deeply each time I receive them at Mass? I ask myself too if we are really reverent enough when we come to communion and take the body of Christ in our hands? When we get back to our seats, do we really stop and pray and thank God for this gift of his Son? Do we really control our thoughts and try to concentrate on what we have just done, in receiving the very God we profess to worship into our own bodies?

The host and the wine physically recreate the reality that God dwells within us. If we can swallow the body and blood of Christ, then we can also be inhabited by God “who makes his home in us”. God dwells in us, not just at the moment of Communion, but at all times. God never leaves us.

If God dwells in me, God dwells in everyone else too. By his incarnation, by becoming one of us in Jesus Christ, God renders everyone capable of being God’s dwelling place. So, my neighbour is also the dwelling of God. God dwells in her. God dwells in him.

The next question, then, must be how respectful am I of my neighbour? How do I treat my neighbour? It’s worth reading today’s second reading again, the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. His observations make sense when we know that God dwells in each of us! If I cannot recognise God in my fellow human beings, can I ever recognise God in the host and the wine? Both realities are as preposterous as each other: except, that is, to the one who has faith.

Terry

Mass Intentions

Sat 7: Nancy Farrell
Sun 8: Tony Macklin
Mon 9: Varnissa Bearden-Cole
Tue 10 : May Rodriguez
Wed 11: Denise King RIP
Thu 12:
Fri 13: Sheila Bryan RIP
Sat 14: Imelda Foster
Sat 15: Joseph Morley

PAX CHRISTI

Pax Christi members joined peace activists around the world to

remember the **76th anniversary of the dropping of the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki** on the 6th and 9th August 1945. Up to 226,000 people were killed instantly in the blasts. By 1950 more than 340,000 people had died as a result and generations were poisoned by radiation. Many survivors of the initial blast burned to death, while cancers caused by the radiation affected countless others and their children, causing years of misery. Homes, schools and livelihoods were destroyed and communities ruined.

If these bombs were detonated today, they would have such an impact on the climate that survivors would be facing devastating famine. But on 16 March 2021 the Prime Minister announced that the UK's nuclear warhead stockpile would increase by more than 40 per cent - meaning the stockpile could be as high as 260 warheads by the middle of the 2020s. Each one of those warheads is around eight times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Japan in 1945. They have the capacity to kill millions of innocent people and generate catastrophic consequences for God's creation.

As a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the UK is legally obliged to negotiate the reduction of their nuclear arsenals towards their eventual abolition, as set out in Article 6. The decision to expand the warhead stockpile represents a clear breach of the NPT. In addition there is a risk that it could ignite an arms race between states with similar sized nuclear arsenals.

Pax Christi is working with Christian CND and other peace groups to oppose this decision and we continue to call for the elimination of nuclear weapons in the UK and around the world.

*This article is taken from **The Independent Catholic News**, an excellent on-line daily publication of news of the Catholic Church and more; well worth subscribing to.*

Terry

Parish Notice Board

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25. 37-41)



The Food Bank is returning to

the church this Tuesday, 10th Aug. **VOLUNTEERS** will be **needed** to offer a welcome to the people who come. We can begin with simple refreshments this week and assess the needs as we progress through the month. Please let Moira, 07725 746066, or Andrea, 07480 322428, or Terry, 07591 106021, know if you can come along to help from 10am until 1pm, even for only half an hour!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
Sacrament of Reconciliation available

SUNDAY MORNING MASS STREAMING
NOW ON YOUTUBE:
St Vincent de Paul Parish Liverpool L1

GOSPEL SHARING

Continues every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm. Want to grow in faith, in knowledge of the scriptures? Then join us. No great knowledge of the Bible needed. Just faith and a desire to grow closer to Christ!



Last Saturday & Sunday 40 people signed the letter of support and together donated £100. Many thanks to you all for your participation in this snap appeal, showing how much we disagree with the racism and hateful language shown by a minority of people against the refugees and asylum seekers.

Pastoral Associate Update: It seems surreal writing this, my final update to you all. I have been appointed as "Advisor" in the new Pastoral Development Department in the Archdiocese. The Department will be supporting the implementation of the Synod Pastoral Plan.

These two and a half years of ministry on the Pilot Programme, which will end for me on 13 August, have been such a wonderful journey – I have learnt so much from you all, and deepened my own spirituality in the process. The highlights have been so numerous – whether a hug from a first communion mum, an affirmative email from a parishioner taking part in one of the zoom groups, the Lent pilgrimage just before lockdown, the online Advent Service, the countless Synod groups, the teas & coffees & cake (not good for my ever-expanding waistline!) and working with such dedicated parishioners from across the Pastoral Area.

Thank you for putting up with my failings and helping to craft the Pastoral Associate role for Liverpool South. But most of all it has been your generosity of spirit, your incredible commitment, and your unshakable witness to your faith that has humbled me and profoundly touched me. I am so privileged to have spent this time with you, albeit virtually during lockdowns, and I ask you to keep me and my family in your prayers, as you will be assured of my prayers for you. I will no doubt be popping up in my new role in the future, and look forward to seeing you as I start that journey at the end of August.

When I began my ministry in Liverpool South, I quoted the African proverb which I will end with for we have truly travelled far together on the road becoming the Church that God is calling us to be: *"If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together."* God Bless,
Helen www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

The funeral of **THOMAS JOHN CAIN**, of South Hill Rd, L8, who died on 28th July 2021, aged 70 years, will take place in this church on **Thursday 12th August**, at 10am. We extend our sympathy to his children and his family. **May he rest in peace.**

Love is... dancing in the rain



Lottery Results

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🌸🌻 A winner for £50!! 🌻🌸

Offerings on 1st August

Envelopes £71.30
Plate £127.16

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Loretta ASHCROFT, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Pat BURKE, Josie CALVEY, Billy CARTLEDGE Jr., Vera CARTLEDGE, Sean CONNEELY, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNN, Jean ENNIS, Mr. FERNANDEZ, Joan FORD, Uzoma A LARIBE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Mary MELODY, Alfie MONTGOMERY, Katherine MORLEY, Bernadette MURPHY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Pat O'DONOVAN, Sarah PAUL, Mary PEERS, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip SCOTT, Elizabeth STABRAWA

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Kristine STABRAWA, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT

And for those who have died: Duncan BROWNE, Imelda FOSTER, Thomas CAIN,