



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Regular Mass Times

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09:00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00



Mass Intentions

Sat 09: Laura Gilbertson
 Sun 10: PALM SUNDAY PRAYER
 Mon 11: Tommy Gillespie
 Tue 12: Anne Dunne
 Wed 13: Betty Carden
 Thu 14: Frank Benjamin
 Fri: No Mass
 Sat: Vera Cartledge
 Sun: Parishioners & Confirmations

WELCOME, WALK, WATCH

“Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!” With this shout the crowds *welcome* Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. They recognize him as the Promised One. We too are called to *welcome* Jesus and to recognize him as our King, our Saviour and our Hope. We are called to recognize his presence among us, to recognize him in our fellow human beings wherever they come from, to whatever religion they may belong, *welcoming* them as our brothers and sisters, appreciating their needs, respecting their dignity.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowd *walked* with him. They did not know that Jesus was going forward to his Passion and Death, to be followed by the Resurrection. We are called to *walk* with Jesus. We sing: “I want to follow, to follow Jesus...no turning back, no turning back”. Following Jesus means going through suffering with him, facing up to death with him, always with the hope of New Life. In this way we *walk* with Jesus during Holy Week. We are called also to *walk* with Jesus in our brothers and sisters, accompanying them in their difficulties, helping them in whatever way possible.

The journey of Jesus took him to the Cross. Our walk with Jesus leads to the foot of the Cross. There we are called to stand and *watch* with Mary, his mother. We can only *watch* and hope. We see him breathe his last and we declare with the centurion: “In truth this man was a son of God”. As we go through the difficulties of our lives, as we accompany others in their difficult situations, we *watch*, seemingly helpless, yet with hope that all will be well. We pray that we may persevere to the end, *watching* faithfully, hoping against hope. We ask Mary, the Faithful Virgin, our Mother, to help us.

+ Michael

Thoughts of the Day

It was the third time this week that I have heard people speaking about the

pain of belonging to a minority group: of the prejudice they feel, of the demeaning, even offensive treatment they all too often receive at the hands of the “majority” population. The prejudice may be because of their physical appearance, different skin colour or shade. It may be an injury or a handicap that makes them appear different. Or it could be due to their religious beliefs. It was last night at the Iftar at Pier Head that I heard speak of this injurious problem that brings so much pain to many in our own society. The first occasion was on The “Sunday Programme” on BBC Radio 4, when a Muslim cleric complained of the preferential treatment given to Ukrainian refugees, compared to the lack of welcome or aid given to people from Afghanistan, Syria, the Sudan (the list is too long). Last night, a representative of Amnesty International in Liverpool cited a report on a TV News Programme from the USA in which the reporter said, “The victims of this war are not dark-haired Muslims in Syria but are blue-eyed Christians here in Europe. We have an obligation to them”.

Tell me how the colour of your hair or the orientation of your faith – or the orientation of your sexuality, for that matter – make any difference to your humanity, to the pain you feel when your house is destroyed, or your children can’t go to school, or your Mother is lying dead in the street, her corpse unrecoverable because of the snipers who are only waiting to take you out too!

When I see the welcome that the people at last night’s Iftar gave to over 3,000 people, sharing their food, sharing their enthusiasm of belonging to Liverpool, I cannot remember the last time I saw a similar sharing by my Church. Yet, Jesus fed the 5,000. He asked for water from the Samaritan women, he ate with the pharisee.

We have to learn to look on the other at a level deeper than what we perceive as difference. We have to learn to look on the other as a sister or brother, with the same heart-strings and the same human needs. Everyone, says Jesus, is our neighbour. And the first commandment is to love our neighbour AS ourselves. Terry

Parish Notice Board

Holy Week Ceremonies

Palm Sunday

Sat 18.00: Procession of palms from the church yard. Eucharist & reading of Passion.

Sunday 11.00: Pilgrimage to St Michael's Church, Ecumenical Prayer

Mon 11th: Mass at 07.30

Tues 12th: Mass at 07.30

Wed 13th: Mass at 09.00

Holy Thursday

19.00 Mass of the Lord's Supper. After Mass, adoration until 22.00

Good Friday

15.00 The Lord's Passion and death

Holy Saturday

20.00 Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.00 Eucharist

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

If you like singing in the church, if you can help brighten our prayer, come and practise at 7pm on Wednesday 13th April

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No morning adoration on Good Friday

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on:

Jacqueline Rice and Gary Mitchell during the Eucharist on Easter Sunday Morning by Bishop Thomas Williams. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

All are welcome to participate in the welcome of the Confirmands

Wild Flowers

Barbara Tolmie, *stirring singer* and member of the parish J&P Group, will talk to us this weekend of the **Wild Flowers Project** she has been working on with the J&P Group. Under the red notice boards, you will find the seeds of wild flowers which you can sow almost anywhere, to give succour to the Bees and beauty to our streets and gardens.

Barbara has prepared the seeds, placing them in packets and is providing pots for those who need them. She has done this with the help of Whittaker's Garden Centre, Prescott. Her goods and work are a free gift to us all.

She will explain. *Let's bring nature back into our city.*

'He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.' (Phil 2:8,9)

Offerings on 4 April

Envelopes: £32.00

Plate: £107.76 Ukraine £83.30

STO March £310

On Good Friday

There is a retiring collection for the **Holy Places.**

This collect is made across the whole church, in all parishes, and is managed by the Vatican.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please donate, if you can, to help enhance the beauty of the church at EASTER.

Thank you greatly



A return of Tradition

Remember this?

This is the first Walk of Christian Witness since before the Pandemic.

A new inclusion is a dramatic performance to enhance the message. A marching band will accompany the procession.

Start: The Piazza in front of the Catholic Cathedral at **2pm on Holy Saturday 16th April.**

Walk through town to the Anglican Parish Church with Final Prayer at 3pm.

The more the merrier. Do join in!!



EASTER RAFFLE

The draw will take place on Tuesday after the Food Bank

Tickets on sale in the church porch

Lottery Results 3 April 2022

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Jackpot £800 WOW 😊

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sheila & Mike, Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Eddie M'KENNA, Mary MELODY, Cathy MURRAY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Marian DAVIES, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: Joan BAXTER, Vera CARTLEDGE, May FLEETWOOD.

Tuesday Café – Food Bank

Many people have been donating used clothing to share with the refugees who come to the Food Bank on Tuesdays. It is heart-breaking to see them cry in gratitude for the help you give.

We also need **BEDDING, TOWELS and SUITCASES.**

Thank you.