



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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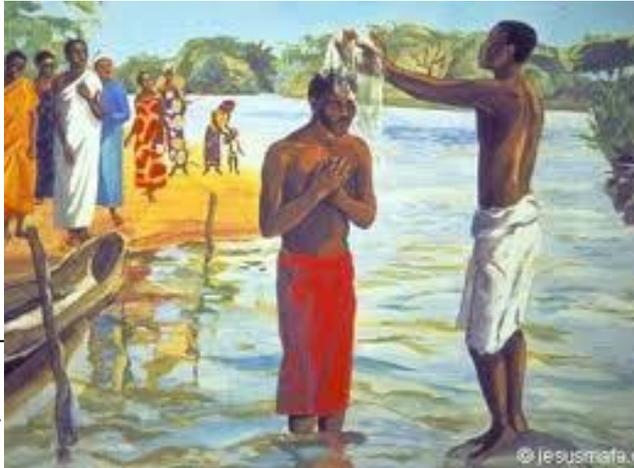
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## The Baptism of the Lord

### 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



### Homily Thoughts

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks a moment of transition in the church's calendar: we have come to the end of the Christmas season. On Monday we will start Ordinary Time.

Baptism was also a moment of transition for Jesus: before his Baptism Jesus led an ordinary life as a carpenter. The descent of the Holy Spirit at his Baptism changed everything: the Spirit empowered Jesus to initiate his public life as a wandering preacher.

In today's account of Jesus' baptism, we hear that the Spirit came down on Jesus, not during, but after his baptism while he was at prayer. The evangelist Luke often writes about Jesus at prayer at the important moments of his life.

The Spirit is so important for Jesus at this moment: the Spirit gave him understanding and wisdom to know what to do, the Spirit filled his heart with compassion, and with perseverance to keep going.

Just as for Jesus, so for us, his disciples, prayer is important: daily prayer and prayer at the moments when we have to make decisions.

In life we cannot just go with the flow. At times we have to stop and ask ourselves: what do I really want? What does God want for me?

Prayer is important because when we pray the Spirit of God comes down on us. The Spirit is already in our hearts. And yet, we continue to invoke the Holy Spirit, because we need to nourish her presence in our hearts, constantly.

As we are entering a New Year, we ask the Spirit to fill our hearts: with the gift of wisdom to make decisions which are life-giving; with the gift of perseverance, as we continue to battle with the Pandemic, and with the greatest gift, the gift of compassion and love.

*Ferdinand*

### Mass Intentions

Sat 08: Joseph & Shelly Glanville

Sun 09: Tommy Baxter

Mon 10: Parishioners

Tue 11: Mary Blackman

Wed 12: Cecilia Flatley

Thu 13: Meadow Cavanagh

Fri 14 : Shelly Glanville

Sat 15: Theresa & Frank Hastie

Sun 16: Kathleen Brown

### Sunday Obligation

Not long before Christmas, there was question of the bishops reimposing the obligation, under

the sanction of mortal sin, to attend Mass every Sunday. If I remember rightly, it did not materialise because of the appearance of Omicron.

But why re-impose this obligation with its implied penalty for failure? Surely, the original obligation was to keep the *Sabbath holy*. This did not necessarily mean go to Mass. The Sabbath was a day set aside to rest and be peaceful. It was a means of giving the workers time: family time, rest time and prayer time. To keep it holy meant giving time to all three. The sabbath was a time to restore and strengthen oneself and one's relationships: in short, a means to a healthy lifestyle.

The Sabbath rest these days seems to be lost for most. Sunday is a day when we are under pressure; to take the children to activities and clubs, to shop, to clean the house, to visit relatives, and to work in shops and entertainment venues to earn the money to... Sunday is now catch-up day, not rest day!

It is the loss of the Sabbath that we bemoan. For the Sabbath would be the day when the Family of God could assemble to both worship and socialise as a Family. It would be a day when we would meet to find support and draw strength to continue our efforts to grow in love with God and with the neighbour. The Eucharist would be part of this weekly occasion to rest and be thankful, to rest in God and with our fellow disciples.

The Sabbath would be something we would look forward to, not something we would do out of obligation and the dread of hell!

*Terry*

# Parish Notice Board

## Nugent Charity Shop:

is in urgent need of donations.

We accept the following donations: clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac.

We are unable to accept the following: toys, soft toys, furniture, electrical items.

Please kindly consider donating any items to our Charity Shop, which can be dropped off at: Nugent Charity Shop 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DA

For more information, or to book a collection, please call: 0151 737 2951 or visit our website at: [Nugent Allerton Road \(Charity Shop\) - Nugent \(weare Nugent.org\)](http://Nugent Allerton Road (Charity Shop) - Nugent (weare Nugent.org))

Our Charity Shop is open: Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm



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



## Universal Synod 2023:

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the **Universal Synod on**

**synodality 2023**, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join.

Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020.

To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from

**Monday 10 January 2022**, as well as submit your responses online at [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod 2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023). **The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022.** For queries: [vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk).

## Little Church

### Volunteers Needed

to relaunch Little Church - a way of caring for the Little Ones while the Adults pray and listen to the Word of God at Mass...

This is for the Sunday 10am Mass only. The New Year is a good time to relaunch this activity. We need people to volunteer for this. Interested?

Please contact Fr. Ferdinand

## Listening to the Margins of Hope

with **Christine Allen**,  
Director of CAFOD

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 1.30pm  
on ZOOM

*Concerning the lives of Frs Tom Cullinan, Kevin Kelly & Austin Smith - 3 remarkable priests of Liverpool*

For more information go to:  
[www.fr-tom-cullinan.co.uk](http://www.fr-tom-cullinan.co.uk)

## Reminder:

*At the beginning of the month, we check the names on the prayer list. If there is no news about the person, we take the name off. If you wish the mention to be re-instated, please let us know; we are happy to reprint it. This is to avoid an unnecessarily long list. Names of those who have died are generally left on 3 weeks, unless someone requests a longer period.*  
Terry



Dr Lorna Gold will talk on: The Environment in relation to Synodality.

Register at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuf-mvrzWuG9PD06IFRwfu8PF66XLA4B8d>

**Memorial Lecture 2022**  
**16 January 2022, 2 – 4pm**

## Do You Receive the NEWSLETTER by email?

Every week we receive a number of communications from the Archbishop and other diocesan bodies, such as J&P, which we want to communicate with you. They can be really informative and formative for our personal spiritual life and the life of our Parish Community. However, there is not enough room in the newsletter and we do not want to increase the number of printed pages, as part of our involvement in not wasting resources!!

Each weekend we circulate this information with the newsletter to those who have an email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, you are missing out.

If you wish, then, to receive this information from us, please send an email to [stvincent@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:stvincent@rcaolp.co.uk), requesting the newsletter and you will be added to the mailing list.

Don't miss out!

Terry

## Lottery Results 02/01/21

**1. 3. 6. 7. 13. 14.**

## Offerings on 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Envelopes £50 Plate £107.89  
STO & Banked gifts December £320

**Thank you**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Kitty BAXTER, Frank BENJAMIN, Catherine BOWLES, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Raymond JOYCE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, David THOMAS, Robert WARD, Camila WIL D

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne & Joan BAXTER, Denise BELL, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON

**And for those who have died:** Mary HAINS, Joseph Lee GLANVILLE