



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Regular Mass Times

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

*Please note special
Christmas times overleaf*



Third Sunday of Advent

Gospel Thoughts

In today's Gospel, the main actor is John the Baptist. Many people came to listen to him and were willing to change their lives. We hear about three different groups of people who come and ask him each in their turn: *What must we do?*

The crowd, the tax-collectors and the soldiers, they all ask John: *What must we do?* John answers the crowd saying: You must share with the one who has nothing. John answers the tax-collectors saying: *exact no more than your rate.*

The third group are the soldiers: soldiers, like tax-collectors, were not too popular either. They were mainly foreigners and enabled the Roman empire to control the country. John tells them: *no intimidation, no extortion, be content with your pay!*

John's reply is astonishing: he does not tell the tax-collectors and soldiers to change their profession; he tells them to act with justice and charity!

John is telling us that no profession is excluded from salvation; each and every profession, all kind of work, can give meaning to life, as long as we execute them with justice and charity!

According to today's Gospel, many people came looking for John. We wonder, what attracted people to come and listen to John? I think it was his sincerity. They recognized John as being sincere and genuine. What attracted people also was his courage in announcing the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah.

For us as followers of Jesus also, sincerity and courage are important qualities: sincerity in living our faith and courage to share it. Christians who are genuine and courageous will attract others to Jesus.

Courage and sincerity are gifts of the Holy Spirit. We ask the Spirit to help us to be Jesus' courageous and genuine disciples.

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Mass Intentions

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| Sat 11: | Jimmy Gallagher |
| Sun 12: | Kitty & Harry Morley |
| Mon 13: | Parishioners |
| Tue 14: | Holy Souls |
| Wed 15: | Joan Ford |
| Thu 16: | Geoffrey Fitzsimmons |
| Fri 17: | Barbara Simmons & Family |
| Sat 18: | Terri Valiant |
| Sun 19: | Cecilia Flatley |

News from the Archbishop's Office

Young People invited to meet with Regional Church Leaders

If you are between 18 and 35 you are invited to an evening with Merseyside's Church Leaders with an opportunity to meet other young Christians sharing in conversation, friendship and refreshments.



Churches Together in the Merseyside Region (CTMR) brings together a gathering of young adults over 18 with different experiences from right across our traditions. They have invited their Church Leaders and would be delighted to welcome other young adults to this openforum.

When: Monday 13th December, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: Liverpool ONE, Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, L1 3BT

Programme includes: Refreshments, Music, Reflections, Conversation among all

To take part in the event please contact Elisabeth at the CTMR office Tel: 07394 075 951 (WhatsApp is fine) or email office@ctmr.org.uk; to leave a voice message please call: 0151 709 0125

It will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have and have a dialogue with all present. The event will be friendly and informal and will also include a prayerful reflection.

Parish Notice Board

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent is one of those opportunities in the year to turn to the Lord and to the Community in recognition of our sin. We ask for forgiveness and the grace of conversion through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Monday 20th December at 7pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday 14th December at 6pm.

HELP OUR PAT & PAUL

keep the church beautiful with fresh flowers this Christmas, by donating for the CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.



THANK YOU

PREPARING FOR Jesus

The birth of that baby in Bethlehem prepares us for His death on the cross at Easter. That God would come to earth and put on flesh reveals God's loving preparation for the salvation of men.

His Name is Jesus.

Offerings on 4th December

Envelopes £57.00
Plate £126.00
Thank you

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

News from the Pastoral Development Dept.

From December the Liverpool Archdiocesan Office (formally known as LACE) will be renamed the **St. Margaret Clitherow Centre**. The building has been renamed in line with the launch of the Pastoral Plan. We chose the name St Margaret Clitherow Centre as it links to the history of our building.

You can find out more about this by going on the archdiocesan web site.

If you are sending any correspondence, please us this address: St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA.

SVP Justice and Peace & Integrity of Creation Group

Frank Shovlin will present on behalf of the JPIC Group, after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday Morning, the story of the **Refugees who built the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul**.

These are our ancestors.
It will be worth listening to.

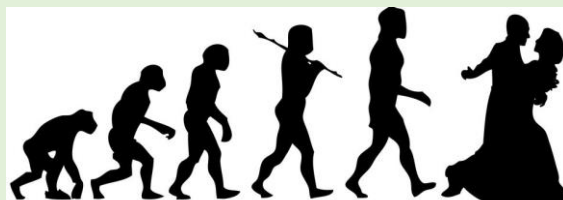
WHAT WE DID NEXT CHOIR PRESENTS Festive Favourites

here in SVP Parish Community Church
Thursday 16th December.

Doors open at 7pm.

Donations on the door.

Profits will go to Liverpool Women's Hospital Charity.



Christmas services at St. Vincent de Paul
Friday 24th December at 8pm
Vigil Mass
Saturday 25th December at 10am
Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 26th December at 10am
Holy Family Sunday Mass
Monday 27th December at 9am
Feast of St. John Mass
Tuesday 28th December at 9am
Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass

RECOLLECTION FOR READERS

Sunday 12th December at 3pm.
This is the first of a series of regular times of prayer and reflection to help Readers realise their potential as Heralds of the Good News.

MICAH NEEDS FOR THE FOOD BANK

Last week MICAH received over 320 guests between here and St. Brides.

They are well stocked with canned foods but low on CANNED FISH, JAM, HONEY, BISCUITS and whatever is your favourite sweet! They are so grateful to you all for donating the toiletries.

Make someone's Christmas less stressful this year!!!

BINGO IS BACK!

Great Fun to be had by Bingo connoisseurs and amateurs alike
SVP Primary School
at 7pm on
Friday 17th December.
ALL WELCOME

Lottery Results 04/12/21

01 02 03 04 09 10
No Winners
Jackpot £800

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HAINS, Raymond JOYCE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, Robert WARD

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

And for those who have died: Jimmy GALLAGHER