



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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3rd Sunday of Advent

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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 10:	Joe Eddie
Sun 11:	Syd Bowles
Mon 12:	Harry Harden
Tue 13:	Mary Hughes
Wed 14:	Pauline O'Connor
Thur 15:	Mary Howard (thanksgiving)
Fri 16:	Leslie Carruthers
Sat 17:	John Dwerryhouse
Sun 18:	Mary Thompson

Homily Notes

The question of John the Baptist to Jesus in today's Gospel is somewhat strange: 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?'

It is strange, because in last week's Gospel, we listened to John the Baptist announcing that the arrival of the Messiah was close at hand. John is doubting because his expectation of the Messiah was quite different from what he hears about Jesus.

John was expecting the Messiah to be tough and merciless, an agent of God's wrath and retribution. Someone who would get rid of the 'bad guys'.

And here is Jesus, sitting down for a meal with the 'bad guys', forgiving those who crucified him, healing the weak and the wounded; preaching about the compassionate Father, who patiently waits for his children to return home.

How different is Jesus from John's expectation!

Jesus sends John's disciples back: tell John what you hear and see. I am the One. You were right. But in your expectation of the Messiah, you were wrong. *You need to make a switch.*

We too need to make a switch, because from time to time we all have an image of God as John did; a God who punishes the bad and rewards the good. We need to change to the God of Jesus, his heavenly Father, who does not pay evil with evil, but who waits patiently for his children and then forgives and welcomes them with joy.

And sometimes people need change in the way they relate with others in their families, street, parish community and wider world.

At times people think in terms of punishing others, by their silence, by their distance or by violent measures. As disciples of the Kingdom, Advent is the appropriate time for getting together again, for reconciliation and forgiveness.

Ferdinand

Advent Thoughts Maranatha!

Maranatha!

*Open our eyes to the dignity of all people
And our ears to the cries of the earth.*

Maranatha!

*Let us walk in solidarity with the poor
And cleanse our world from oppression.*

Maranatha!

*Let us shout out for justice for all
And renew our hope for change.*

Maranatha!

The Lord is coming

Let us share the Good News!

Amen.

Sue Cooper/CAFOD

***Below are some quotes taken from the
Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby's
speech in the House of Lords, 9th December
2022***

"Recognition of human dignity is the first principle which must underpin our asylum policy. A hostile environment is an immoral environment. Each human being has an inherent and immeasurable worth, regardless of their status, wealth, heritage or background".

"Care for the stranger has long been embedded in societies of Christian and Jewish roots and of other faiths right round the world. The welcome arrival in the UK of other religious faiths has deepened those traditions of compassion".

"A compassionate asylum system is one that sees the faces of those in need and listens to their voices".

"A compassionate policy is one that has confidence to reject the shrill narratives that all who come to us for help should be treated as liars, scroungers or less than fully human".

Terry

The Baptism
of Isabel Anderson,
daughter of Eva Anderson,
of Exchange Street,
will take place at
12 noon on
Sunday 11th December.
We welcome Eva into the parish
community.

Parish Council Meeting
Tues 13th December at 6.30pm

Parish Christmas Raffle
This year the proceeds of the
Raffle will go towards the cost of
the new **KITCHEN** to be
installed in a former confessional,
for which we still need a further
£22,000 for completion.
The draw will be on Christmas
Eve. First prize - £50.
Please take a book home to sell
tickets to your friends and
relations.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS
Sr Siobhan offers on her
website, www.sistersiobhan.org ,
reflections for Advent.
Why not take a look?

GOSPEL POWER
The Pauline Sisters offer a book
of **Gospel Reflections** for the
liturgical year A, 2023. Available
at the church door for £6.00

OFFERINGS 4th December
Envelopes: £ 22.00
Plate: £ 190.00
Candles £168.15
Gift £2,144.00
STO for November: £590.00
😊 **Thank you to all our
benefactors.** 😊

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**
With availability of the Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon



Silvesta
renews his
intention
of
continuing
his
missionary
formation.
God be
with him!

The solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception

Come Lord, come again
Come Lord, your wounded world is
yearning
for you to come again.
Come Lord, your weary world is crying out
for you to lift us up
out of our despair, our hunger,
our thirst for something better,
our need for the food that will last.
Come Lord, come again,
we need to begin again.
Sue Allerton/CAFOD

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS



Please don't forget that
you can give gifts at
Christmas that also
support CAFOD's
projects with people
who need a "hand" to
start. Take a look at their "World Gifts in
Action" on their Web Site.

Lottery Results
4th December
03 04 05 06 07 13
Jackpot £400



Christmas Cards, and other new cards, are now
available at the back of the church, at a good price.
Don't miss out!!

**Christmas Flowers and
Christmas Tree**
Please help us decorate the
church for Christmas.
Donations can be put in an
envelope with your **FAMILY**
name and put in the collection.



ON-LINE ADVENT
There are many aids on line to
help us live a more reflective and
meaningful ADVENT and keep
our minds focused on the
Christmas event.
The Archdiocese Pastoral
Development Office offers you
some reflections here:
<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/resources/synod-podcast-series>
Others can be found here, thanks
to the Independent Catholic
News:
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45993>

**ADVENT EVENTS AT
St VINCENT'S**
**15 Dec: Carol Concert by
WWDN choir 7.30pm**
**16 Dec: Nativity Play with SVP
Primary School, in church, 2pm**
**16 Dec: BINGO, in School Hall
at 7pm**
20 Dec: Service of
Reconciliation in church at
6.30pm
24 Dec, Saturday: Christmas
Vigil Mass, 8pm
25 Dec: Christmas Day Mass
10am

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Baby Bobby ENWRIGHT, John BRAGGER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Kai, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Margaret MUCHMORE, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD.,
Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON, A Family trying to conceive.
And for those who have died: Mary THOMPSON, Mary HUGHES,