

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

11th April 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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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

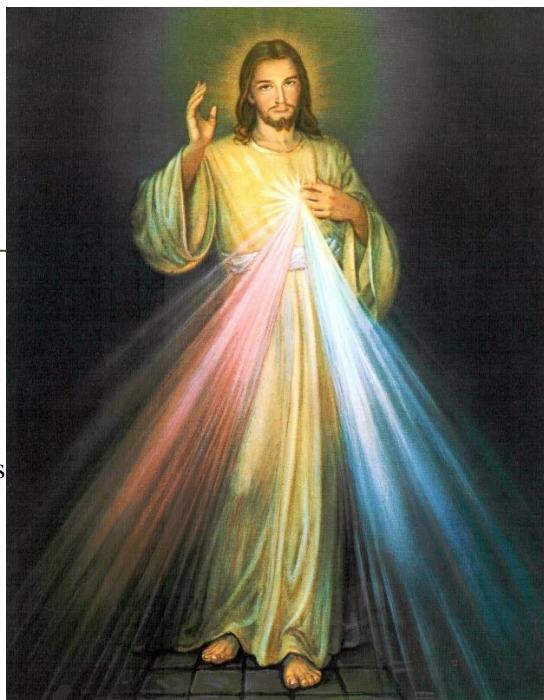
Homily Notes

The image the first reading gives of the church is astounding. It tells us how the first Christians were totally dedicated to their new life in Christ. Their unity was extraordinary and they cared for each other as a would a family. They wanted everyone to hear of their Lord and Saviour, of his teachings and his way of life. The best way to do this was to ACT not to preach; to imitate God's love and the life of Jesus.

They would say that you cannot be a disciple of Jesus by your prayer and your word of faith alone. They fully expected that a new disciple's faith would lead them into a new way of life, in which they would regard every other human being as a brother or sister. Their motto was: "Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions."

In the parable of the last judgement (Mt 25), Jesus says God will say to those who have died, "Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a stranger and you gave me hospitality, naked and you put clothes on me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me".

Just as faith leads us into a new relationship with God, it also leads us into a new relationship with all of God's creation; with other humans and with all nature in which we humans live. Caring for others and caring for creation are an essential consequence of our faith in a loving God, as revealed by Jesus Christ. This is what the radically new way of life of those early Christians witnesses to. *Terry*



Mass Intentions

Sun 11: Marie Norris &
Alan McShane
Mon 12: Mary Mason
Wed 14: Frank Silker
Fri 16: Mary Thompson
Sat 17: Anne Cartledge &
Ann Balmer
Sun 18: Syd Bowles

Accompanying Ramadan

Ramadan, the ninth month of the year according to the lunar calendar followed by Muslims, is expected to start on 13 April. It is a holy month, marked especially by a fast each day during the hours of light. This way of fasting sets Muslims apart from others.

This year also the priests and people of St Vincent de Paul parish, wish to accompany their Muslim brothers and sisters, especially by their prayers,

during this special month. In order to sustain this effort some information about Ramadan, or about Islam in general, will be provided each day on the parish Facebook account.

(Last year's posts on Facebook have been gathered into a booklet. This can be found on the website of the Archdiocese of Liverpool:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Ecumenism>)

On behalf of the parish a message has been sent to Muslims in Merseyside:

Dear Muslim Sisters and Brothers,

In a short time, you will enter into your holy month of Ramadan. We would like you to know that we shall be accompanying you with our prayer during this month. We realize that although the country will be coming out of lockdown, some restrictions will remain which will make some aspects of Ramadan more difficult for your communities. We pray that the Almighty and Merciful God may protect you and pour upon you an abundance of blessings.

Michael

Parish Notice Board



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

Meeting of **Parish Council**
Thursday 15th April 6pm.

J&PIC Group

At today's Mass, it will be explained why we believe that the parish needs a Justice and Peace group and what the aims of such a group are.

Anyone wishing to join the group may contact the members for further information: Andrea Glanville, Moira Potier, Edward Egan and Terry Madden.

All are welcome!

Frs. Michael, Ferdinand and Terry are happy to share with you the results of our **CAFOD WALK FOR WATER**. Together we achieved 825,449 steps and raised **£1,171**.

Much of this was donated by members of the parish community. We are most grateful for all your support.

Many hands make light work!

This is what is happening today in Ethiopia where CAFOD is supporting the people. The humanitarian situation in Tigray, Ethiopia, remains "dire", the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General said on Wednesday.

Following months of escalating tensions between the Ethiopian Government and the dominant regional force, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed ordered a military offensive after rebels attacked a federal army base.

Within days, militias from the neighbouring Amhara region had joined the fray, reportedly followed by some troops from neighbouring Eritrea – a long-time rival of Tigray.

According to government forces, the region had been secured by the end of November, however TPLF resistance has continued amid accusations of extrajudicial killings and rights abuses on all sides.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (**OCHA**) says that an estimated 2.5 million people in rural Tigray have not had access to essential services over the last five months.

As UN humanitarian partners scale up the response, they are grappling with capacity and resource challenges, "which remains inadequate for the estimated 4.5 million people who need life-saving assistance", said Mr. Dujarric.

news from Catholic Near East Welfare Association – CNEWA – New York, 9th April

News from Fr. Charles.

He is very happy to be in his home country with Family and Friends. His plan was to return here towards the end of the month. However, Kenya has been put on the Covid Red List and the date of his return flight is no longer sure.

He sends everyone his greetings. Let us keep Fr. Charles and his Family in our Prayers.

The National Anthem will be played at the end of Mass on Saturday evening as a sign of respect at the death of **Prince Philip**, consort to the Queen. Archbishop Malcom presided Mass at the Cathedral in thanksgiving for his life of service to the Queen.

Lottery Results

For Draw on 4th April

03 05 09 11 12 13

No Winner!!

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available for purchase at the back of the church after Mass on Saturday and Saturday. Thanks to the Finance Committee for organising this!!!

Offerings on 3rd April

Envelopes £64.00

Plate £418.93

CAFOD (Family Fast) £5

Holy Places (Good Friday) £43

Many Thanks to All Contributors

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Floyd ALLCOCK, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Josie CALVEY, Billy CARTLEDGE Jr, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Karl KIRWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^cEVROY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Josie PAGAN, Sarah PAUL, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD,

Also, for the intentions of: Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Anthony SILKER, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT

And for those who have died: HRH Prince Philip, Mrs. Pat HUGHES, Jimmy SHIELDS, Kenny ALLCOCK Pauline ALLEN, John CUMMINS, Joyce DUNNE