



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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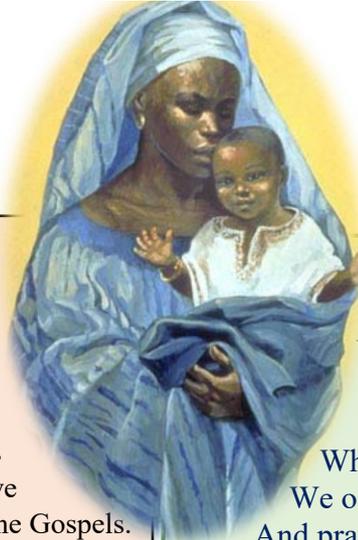
Mass Intentions

Sat 10: Val Warren RIP
Sun 11: Mary Greer Olsen
Mon 12 : Tom Stokes RIP
Tues 13: Lisa Crompton *
Wed 14: Sr. Sylvester RIP
Thu 15: Mary Mwanje RIP
Fri 16: Parishioners
Sat 17: James Bird RIP
Sun 18: Les & Cathy Braham*

Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07.30
Tuesday	07.30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00 & 6.00 pm
Saturday	18.00

11th August 2024
19th Sunday year B



Homily Notes

The Bread of Life

“I am the bread of life”. Bread is for many people the staple food that keeps up life; similarly, Jesus is the source of our Christian life, through his teaching by word and by example, so we are nourished by reading and praying the Gospels. Jesus wishes to share his life with us, so he has given us the Holy Spirit who will help us to know Jesus better and to follow him more closely. Jesus has also given himself to us in the form of bread and wine in the Eucharist; by receiving Jesus we receive the strength to live as he wants.

Jesus was a Jew, and the first disciples, all Jewish, were known as the followers of the ‘Way’. It was in Antioch, when non-Jews joined the movement, that they were called ‘Christians’, the followers of Jesus Christ, in recognition of the fact that Jesus Christ is the true source of this new life.

Bread is a symbol of unity: we eat one bread, so we are one. We are the followers of Jesus, so we should be one. Saint Paul shows us how: “Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other”. This is for all, and we have had some wonderful examples, like the imam of the Abdullah Quilliam mosque who gave food to those who had come to protest against the Muslim community.

Jesus says: “The bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world” - the nourishment that we receive is not for us alone, but to help us serve our brothers and sisters.

Michael

A Prayer for Southport

Gracious God,
Words alone cannot express our sadness and disbelief
Our heartbreak and anguish
When such precious lives are so brutally stolen.
We offer to you the cries of our own hearts
And pray for those families whose grief and loss
Is impossible to comprehend.
Help us all to cling to hope
Even amidst this senseless brutality.
Be close to all whose lives have been so cruelly scarred;
Surround them with your love;
Hold them fast in their sorrow,
And grant them strength amidst their unbearable pain.
We cannot escape our anger and devastation,
But choose to seek hope even amidst this darkness.
For all its horror, may it spur us even more
To never surrender to despair,
But build a world where peace, hope and love prevail.
AMEN

We pray, too, in thanksgiving for all the people of goodwill who came onto the streets this week to show those filled with fear and anger that there is no need to be afraid. By peacefully gathering at Asylum Link Merseyside, on Wednesday, they prevented further damage to community relations and to property and demonstrated to newly arrived people in our country they too are Children of God. This makes them our sisters and brothers, more so since they are in need of solace and succour. With all people of Good Faith, we pray and we act in faith.



Parish Notice Board

Merseyside Faith Leaders – Statement

“The terrible murders of Alice Dasilva Aguiar, Bebe King and Elsie Dot Stancombe shocked and appalled people of every faith – and those of no faith – across Merseyside, and indeed the country.

As we approach one week since that terrible day, they and their families should remain very much at the forefront of all our thoughts.

While this should be a time for quiet reflection and remembrance, since Monday, too many people have sought to use the tragedy to create division and hate.

Division can destroy the very relationships and environment that we depend upon every day of our lives and there is no place for hate in our communities.

It can – and has – left communities in fear and has put people in danger.

At this difficult time, let us remember that there is far more that unites than divides us.

The people of all faiths and none who came out to sweep the streets, to rebuild walls and have so generously donated money in memory of those three girls: that is the spirit that will help us through this incredibly challenging time.

While the events of this week may continue to shake our belief in humanity, it remains intact.

We need to remain calm and peaceful at this time and as faith leaders, we are

Solemnity of the Assumption

Thursday, 15th August, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.** It is a holy day, like a Sunday.

Mass will be at 7.30am and 6pm on Thursday.

Mass is also celebrated at the St. Anne's at 10am.

united in our desire for peace and justice. Now is the time to take pride in our community spirit again.

Within our different communities we pray for all those affected. And for all those injured to make a good recovery.”

Dr Badr Abdullah, *Chair of Liverpool Muslim Society*

Barry Levene, *President of the Merseyside Jewish Representative Council*

The Rt Revd Thomas Neylon, *Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool*

Dr Shiv Pande, *Liverpool Hindu Community*

The Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath, *Bishop of Liverpool*

Hardev Singh Sohal, *Liverpool Sikh Community*

Ibrahim Syed, *Liverpool Region Mosque Network*

TAX REFUND ON GIFT AID 2023

The Finance Committee is happy to inform you that we received **£3,635.66** from your gift aid contributions of 2023. This is an important part of our annual income. Many thanks to all who take the time to commit their tax contributions to the Parish.

FAREWELL MASS

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald who has been part of the Missionaries of Africa community in the parish since September 2018, will leave on Wednesday this week. He is appointed to the missionary retirement community in Ealing, London.

Before he leaves, he will preside the Eucharist on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

After each Eucharist, refreshments will be served so that everyone will have an opportunity to greet Cardinal Michael before his departure.

All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

You may have noticed an asterisk (*) behind some names listed for the Mass intentions on page one.

This is because we no longer receive enough Mass intentions for every Mass celebrated in church. The * indicates that it is an intention received from another parish, willing to support us.

The Mass stipend is a way for members of the parish community to support it financially.

Could it also be seen as an indication of the spiritual health of a community whose members submit their needs to God in prayer and alms? TPM

OFFERINGS 4th August
Envelopes: **£23.00**
Plate: **£197.65**

Lottery Results – 4th August
01 03 06 08 10 13
Good Luck to All

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Paul BIRCH, Maria Luisa DRAGO, Joe EDIE, Teresa HASTIE, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Mora GOLDMAN, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Mark JENKINSON, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maryla KLOTZ, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^cEVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Dermot O'TOOLE, Frankie POWER, Ronnie SALTERS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Martina STEWARD, Abbie SWALE, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Liam WOODS.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Charlotte KELLY, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skylar REID, Maureen RICE, Ronnie SALTERS, Julie SHIELDS, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS

Those who have died recently: Peter O'BRIEN, James BIRD

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