



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time B

## SEA 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

#### Mass Intentions

Sat 10: Catherine Bowles  
Sun 11: May Lewis  
Mon 12: Parishioners  
Tue 13: Alex & Joe  
Wed 14: Maria Osbaldeston  
Thu 15: Geoffrey Fitzsimmons  
Fri 16: Monica Reilly  
Sat 17: Joe Savage  
Sun 18: 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

#### Homily Notes

Amos saw and understood the falsehoods of the prophets in the King's court. Where they refused to listen to God, he refused to listen to them and their machinations. He told the truth.

We might say that we desperately need another Amos today; even more so, another Christ.

Yet, the Christ is amongst us. He is here in our midst. He lives with us and in us. Is not his presence that we celebrate when our children make their first Holy Communion? Are we not celebrating our faith in the presence of Christ, the presence of God even, in the bread and wine of the Eucharist?

When we have our children baptised, are we not saying, "Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who lives with us and in our community. He is the light of my life. It is his way I would walk. We seek baptism for our children because we believe that God alone can save us from our weaknesses. We seek baptism because we want to pass on our faith to the child we have baptised. To pass on the faith, brothers and sisters, we too must grow in faith, we must kindle the flame of faith in our hearts, by our prayer, by reading the scriptures, by playing an active part in the life of the community of disciples, by caring for the wounded and broken victim on the other side of the road."

Christ is the Good News who gives us hope and can bring sense and direction to our lives. He leads us, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, into the service of the community and of society as a whole. Let us heed the call of Amos and follow him.

*Terry*

#### The Importance of Prayer

In this month of July Pope Francis invites us to pray for social friendship. We are to be "architects of dialogue and friendship" to solve the conflicts that exist in society and among individual people.

The Holy Father provided an example. On 1 July he invited Christian religious leaders of Lebanon to the Vatican for a day of prayer and reflection about the crisis in their country. He declared: "In facing this dark situation, we, as pastors, have sought together to be guided by God's light. And in God's light, we have seen our own lack of clarity: the mistakes we have made in failing to bear consistent witness to the Gospel, and above all the opportunities we have missed along the path to fraternity, reconciliation and full unity. For all this, we ask forgiveness, and with contrite hearts we pray: 'Lord, have mercy' (Mt 15:22)... This plea has become that of an entire people, the disillusioned and weary Lebanese people in need of certainty, hope and peace. With our prayers, we have sought to accompany this plea. Let us not desist, let us not tire of imploring heaven for that peace which men and women find so difficult to build on earth."

Prayer is to be accompanied by action. In the case of Lebanon Pope Francis made several appeals; to politicians, to seek the common good, not their own interests; to young people, to put their talents at the service of their country; to the Lebanese abroad, to share their energies and resources; to the international community to help to create the conditions Lebanon needs for its recovery.

During the closing prayer young people brought lamps. So Pope Francis said: "May all of us, before making important decisions, learn to look to the hopes and dreams of young people. Let us also look to little children: may their eyes, shining brightly yet brimming with tears, disturb our consciences and guide our decisions."

Pope Francis is showing the way. When faced with problems, we are not to despair, but rather humbly and confidently turn to God.

*Michael*

# Parish Notice Board

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Postponed Celebrations will now take place at **10am and 1pm** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
*Let's pray for the children and their Families*

## Welcome to LUCAS AKPOBOME

Son of Sarah Baker & Erutase Akpobome  
He will be baptised during the Parish Eucharist at 10am



## FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**  
In the church

### Justice & Peace

On Saturday and Sunday, at the end of Mass, the SVP Justice and Peace Group will show a short presentation to illustrate the progress made in Liverpool on water provision and sanitation in its early years.

As we come to understand the effort and determination it took to arrive at today's standards, we will better be able to help others do likewise. *J&P Group*

## Adoration of the Blessed

**Sacrament:**  
**Friday 11.00 – 13.00**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation available**

## A Day of Pilgrimage for Year 6, St Vincent de Paul Primary School

Dear Parishioners,  
It is with great delight that I share a small overview of our Year 6 Pilgrimage Day that took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This pilgrimage was designed as a journey which explored the life and works of many special people who humbly worked tirelessly for others, showing the impact we can all make in other people's lives.

Our day started with a celebration breakfast to prepare us for the day ahead. We then travelled to the Metropolitan Cathedral to celebrate Mass and to find out about two very special Latin American saints - St Oscar Romero and St Martin de Porres. From there we travelled to the shrine at St Anne's Parish, in Sutton, St Helen's, where we found out about three very special people: Blessed Elizabeth Prout, Blessed Dominic Barberi and Venerable Ignatius Spencer. Our final destination was St Joseph's Retreat house, Formby. There we were able to reflect on our day's journey in beautiful surroundings.

This truly was a day to be remembered and I hope a personal journey for all. A very big thank you to Fr Ferdinand for leading this day, Fr Tony and Sr Eileen, from all the children and staff.

God bless, *Lisa Salters*

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Sometimes in life, events conspire against you and there is a perfect storm. It is these moments when faith gives us that grounding that is so firm, despite the chaos and uncertainties around and allows us to keep going. Let us hold in prayer all those who are navigating choppy waters at the moment and especially our teachers and children.

I'm in Leeds next week with the Synod Pastoral Plan Group and Archbishop's Council, so please keep us all in your prayers as we enter uncharted waters. I share with you a prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake that has been a guide since my youth:

*Disturb us, O God, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, O God, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim. Disturb us, O God, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love. Amen.*

*Helen*



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## Offerings on 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Envelopes £65.00  
Plate £120.20  
STO June £260.00

## Lottery Results

For Draw on 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
**02 05 08 12 13 14** 🍀  
No winner

 **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July ALL MASSES**  
Retiring Collection for the **Apostleship of the Sea**. Please come prepared. 

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Loretta ASHCROFT, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Patricia BIRCH, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Patrick BUCKLAND, Pat BURKE, Josie CALVEY, Billy CARTLEDGE Jr., Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Mr. FERNANDEZ, Geoffrey FITZSIMMONS, Joan FORD, Imelda FOSTER, Darren KELLY, Frances KERWIN, Sonny MACKLIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly McEVOY, Kathleen McGOVERN, Mary MELODY, Pauline MILLER, Alfie MONTGOMERY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Sarah PAUL, Mary PEERS, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip SCOT, Elizabeth STABRAWA

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne & Joan BAXTER, Sean CONNEELY, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kristine STABRAWA, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT

**And for those who have died:** Bobby CROSBIE, Denise King