



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

12th December 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

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

Homily Notes

The gospel on this Sunday is all about “witness”. John the Baptist comes as a witness. We are all to be witnesses. Before ascending to heaven Jesus told his

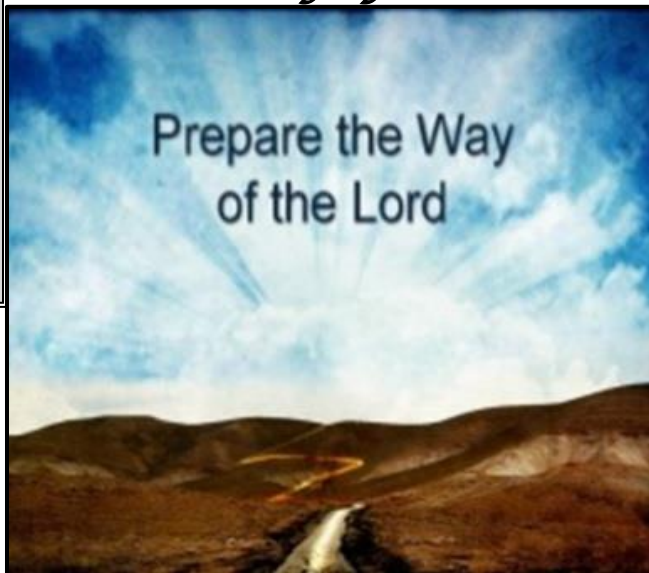
disciples: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but...to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). So even in Liverpool we are to give witness to Jesus. What does this mean?

Notice that John the Baptist does not speak about himself. He speaks for the light. He announces the Light of the World, Jesus. He speaks of one who is present, but unknown. He calls attention to the Saviour who is in our midst. We also are called to give witness not to ourselves but to the Other, to Jesus, the Son of God who has come to dwell among us. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, of the One who is in our midst but who often remains unknown, unrecognized. We give witness by being kind and gentle towards our brothers and sisters, especially those in need. We give witness by standing up for their rights, by supporting them in their need. By seeing Jesus in them and treating them with respect and kindness, we give witness to Jesus.

We are not to pretend to be greater and holier than we are. John says clearly that he is not the Messiah, he is not the Prophet who is awaited. He is just one preparing the way. As Christians we do not give witness by our own strength. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us wisdom to know what we should do and the strength to do it. And let us remember that the Holy Spirit is already present, although often unknown, in the people around us, the people we are trying to help, the people we are working with.

Let us prepare for Christmas by asking God our Father to send his Spirit upon us so that we may be true witnesses to Jesus Christ.

+ Michael



Mass Intentions

- Sat 12: Healy Family
- Sun 13: Sarah Benjamin
- Mon 14: Holy Souls
- Tue 15: Esther Lee RIP
- Wed 16: Maureen Davis
- Thu 17: Parishioners
- Fri 18: Richard Vincent Chandler
- Sat 19: Eilee Lally
- Sun 20: Nelly & Maxwell Hughes

Covid Thoughts

In 2015, 2 years after becoming pope, Pope Francis compiled a message to humanity, known as Laudato Si. In it he pleads for a change in our relationship with creation and with each other.

In his latest book, “Let us Dream”, written with the author Austin Ivereigh, he explains how he became gradually conscious of the desperate need for change. Laudato Si follows this long period of gradual discernment. He invites us to make the same transition.

“For a long time, *he writes*, we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the Covid 19 crisis has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world.

“The world is God’s gift to us. The biblical story of Creation has a constant refrain: “And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:12). Good means bountiful, life-giving and beautiful. Beauty is the entryway to ecological awareness. Beauty, like Creation itself, is a pure gift, a sign of the God who overflows with love for us.

“Laudato Si’ is not a green encyclical. It’s a social encyclical. The green and the social go hand in hand. The fate of Creation is tied to the fate of all humanity.

“Laudato Si’ links the scientific consensus on the destruction of the environment with our self-forgetting, our rejection of who we are as creatures of a loving Creator, living inside his Creation but at odds with it. It’s the sadness of a humanity rich in know-how but lacking the inner security of knowing ourselves as creatures of God’s love, a knowledge expressed in our simultaneous respect for God, for each other, and for Creation.

“I think Covid-19 is making this apparent, for those with eyes to see. This is a time for integrity, for exposing the selective morality of ideology and to embrace the full implications of what it means to be children of God. That is why I think the future we are called to build has to begin with an integral ecology, an ecology that takes seriously the cultural and ethical deterioration that goes hand in hand with our ecological crisis.”

You can read more on this in *The Tablet* 5/12/20 p.4-5 Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers for
5th December are:
01 04 05 08 12 14

St. Vincent de Paul Church Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00
All are Welcome.

Offerings for 5th December 2020

Envelopes £109.00
Plate £126.93
STO November £360
Other gifts £240

Christmas Church **Celebrations 2020**

The celebration of

 **Christmas Vigil 7 pm** 

The church is full

 **Christmas Day 10 am** 

Places still available

ADVENT IN THE LIGHT OF FRATELLI TUTTI

A SERIES OF Reflections as part of “Prepare
the Future” given by Cardinal **Michael**

Fitzgerald M Afr.

Monday in Advent

Prayer beginning at 7pm

14 December

BEARING WITNESS

21 December

GET ON WITH IT LASS

Zoom Registration: jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

You Tube: Liverpool J&P FB: [jpliverpooljp](https://www.facebook.com/jpliverpooljp)



CHRISTMAS FLOWER APPEAL

*Please place your donation in an
envelope with your name and
intention included. Mass for your
intention will be celebrated on
2nd January 2021. 😊 Many thanks.*

Pastoral Letter

of Archbishop MacMahon.

The Pastor of the Diocese has
written a letter to be read out at
all Masses this weekend.

If you wish to have a copy for
yourself, some are available in
the sacristy for those who do
not have access to the internet.
Otherwise, it is available on the
archdiocesan web site.

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

A Practice Meeting for the Readers at the Christmas Liturgies

This will take place on **Saturday 19th December after the Mass of 18h00.**

All those reading on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning are invited to
attend.

*Here is an interesting text, published by the Bishops of England and Wales, to
reflect on when proclaiming the Word of God to the Assembly.*

“In proclaiming the word of God, readers exercise their responsibility in
mediating the presence of Christ. God speaks to the assembly through them, and
the impact of God’s message will depend significantly on their conviction, their
preparation, and their delivery. The reader has responsibility for not simply
reading the word but assisting the assembly to hear the word. This will require
the reader to be attentive to the assembly, and careful to allow for times of pause
and silence as the assembly prepares to listen and, once the reading has been
proclaimed, as it takes the word of God to heart. It also requires that the diction
of the reader is such that he or she can be readily understood by the assembly to
whom they minister.”

Terry

Pastoral Associate Update:

It’s Gaudete Sunday! I was in the
presbytery at St Francis a few weeks
ago and the Parish Administrator and I
were talking about the Steeleye Span
chant “Gaudete” (Joy). She played it
in the office and I could hear it in the
adjoining room and we both sang along
– it felt **so** good to sing! The joy of
being in harmony with another “real”
person (albeit socially distanced) and
expressing joy in song was quite
overwhelming! I was delighted to
receive another “singing” video for
inclusion in our Advent service –all
will be ready for broadcast on Sunday
20 December at 4pm on YouTube. O
Antiphons are online now – do
download them either to colour (NB
adult colouring IS meditative) or cut
out the ready-coloured ones and place
in your windows. A very short O
Antiphon reflection will be on the
website

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk
each day from 17 – 23 December. “A
joyful heart is the normal result of a
heart burning with love. She gives
most who gives with joy.” Mother
Teresa. Stay safe and well,
God Bless,
Helen
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Don't Forget

ADVENT SERVICE ON YOU TUBE

Prepared by all the parishes of the
Pastoral Area.

Sunday 20th December 4pm

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sheila ABBOT, Catherine BOWLES, Maureen COOK, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Lisa HEALEY, Stella HUGHES, Darren KELLY, Molly M^cEVROY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Tracey M^cCLEAN, Teresa NALL, Danny POWER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD,

Also for the intentions of: Joey ANDERSON, Anne BAXTER, Joan BAXTER, Khalil Jones BAIDOE, Vera CARTLEDGE, Jean ENNIS, Lilly FLANNERY, Billy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Sr. Joanne, Ann KENNY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Tommy & Mary O'BRIEN, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Cathy RUSHER, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, Elizabeth, Kristine & George STABRAWA, Susan TAYLOR, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Francis McNALLY (birthday anniversary) John McGOVERN RIP, Terry TOOHEY