



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A

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## Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

## Homily Notes

### Remembrance

“Stay awake”. This message is given to us as we approach the liturgical year. On these last Sundays, we are invited to reflect on the end of time. Doing so will be a proof of wisdom which we are told to seek: “Watch for her early and you will have no trouble.”

Our Christian faith gives us hope, an appropriate sentiment during this month of November when we remember, in a particular way, those who have gone before us and more especially today, Remembrance weekend, when we remember those who have died in armed combat. Nor should we forget the victims of war, including the many victims of the wars that are going on in different parts of the world.

Our Christian faith keeps us from despairing, as we watch and pray for better times. Saint Paul reminds us: “We believe that Jesus died and rose again and that it will be the same for those who died in Jesus.” We are hoping for this new life. We are waiting for a renewal of all things, when God will be all in all. We pray for this renewal, in union with our Mother Mary and all the Saints canonized or not.

During this weekend when we remember those who have fallen in combat, let us pray for one another, that we may have the courage to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom, for this new world where justice and peace will reign for the glory of God. Amen.

*Cardinal Michael*



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## Mass Intentions

- Sat 11: Healy Family
- Sun 12: Lesley Carruthers,  
Pauline O'Connor, David  
Tague RIP
- Mon 13: Parishioners
- Tues 14: Marie Woosey
- Wed 15: Sarah Benjamin
- Thur 16: Theresa Nall
- Fri 17: Sr. Bridget Ryan
- Sat 18: Pat Hart
- Sun 19: Cecilia Flatley

## Sunday Thoughts

This week, I will be going on retreat. It's only a short one this year; 4 ½ days. I would love to do more.

What is a retreat? In Christian terms, it is a time set apart for oneself and for God; a time to reflect and pray. Jesus would often set himself apart from the apostles to be alone with his Father. Sometimes, he took those apostles who were closest with him to retreat to a quiet place: before his baptism, at the Transfiguration, before the raising of Lazarus, for example. They were always intense experiences of meeting God.

One of the greatest encumbrances in life in our society just now is, I think, that we are seldom alone, seldom given a chance to be quiet, to settle down and allow our thoughts to roam. Technology invades personal space incessantly, so that we no longer have personal space. To know ourselves and to know God, we need to do as Jesus did; find a place apart where we can be at peace. This is a retreat.

It can take many forms. It can be 15 minutes in a quiet place in the house or at work. It can be a walk on the seashore or in the countryside. It can be an afternoon with a group of parishioners, set aside for God. Equally, it can be a week or more time off from everything and everyone, closeted in a retreat centre or monastery and just to give ourselves to God in silence.

Few of us have the opportunity to do this. So, this Advent we are going to offer you an **afternoon of recollection** or retreat. What I can tell you just now is that it will not be filled with noise. It is not a session of formation where we will have a talk, group work, discussions and resolutions. It will be, essentially, a time set apart with meditation and listening to the Word of God (lectio divina). It will be a time when participants will be able to feel the loving presence of God in their lives. God will surely share his peace and consolation with us, if we open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, it will help us make Xmas Christmas!

*Terry*

## Parish Notice Board

### Inter-Faith Week

12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November

This is not the same as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It has a wider participation. Many different religious groups participate in acts of charity, meetings, walks of witness and prayer. In our area, it is through the good offices of **Kuumba Imaani** that the faith leaders and disciples of various faiths come together to pray, to learn about each other's faith and to give witness. On Thursday afternoon, for example, some of us attended a meeting between journalists and religious leaders of Liverpool. The Toxteth area was well represented.

Next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of friends from the **DIALOGUE SOCIETY** ([www.dialoguesociety.org](http://www.dialoguesociety.org)) will visit us during the **Eucharist at 10am**.

After the celebration, they will share a Turkish celebratory pudding with us, **Noah's Pudding, or Ashura**. We hope that they will tell us the story of ASHURA.

It will be an excellent occasion for us to meet some of these good people, some of whom passed through our Tuesday Café a few years ago and are still hugely grateful for the welcome we gave them. Let us make an effort to welcome them again, as they come in their quest to create friendship between cultural and religious groups in Liverpool.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

#### Walsingham Pilgrimage

Meeting for those who wish to join the Pilgrimage to Walsingham next April: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November after Mass

We now need to make a decision to prepare the pilgrimage, book rooms and transport and pay the deposit. This meeting is essential.

It was noted in this week's meeting of the **Parish Council** that it is time to **ELECT A NEW PARISH COUNCIL**. Two Councillors have completed two terms and need to be replaced. The election will take place in January 2024.

The council is preparing the **Christmas Raffle**. Tickets will be on sale soon. If you have gifts for the prizes, please hand them in to the Sacristy. Many thanks.

**ADVENT RETREAT FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**, especially those who have active ministries in the parish.  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 4pm.**  
*More information to follow.*

#### OFFERINGS 29 October

Envelopes: £ 30.00

Plate: £208.49

Candles £190.55

*Many thanks to you all*

Join us for refreshments after Mass on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month.  
All welcome.

**The Funeral of Baby Leonardo Cuccato Pitol** will take place in this church on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm.**

He will be buried at Toxteth Cemetery.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Danilo and Ana Cuccato, his parents, and all his family.

#### Bach Cantata

Barbara Ruzsics *Soprano*

David Lee *Tenor*

Connor Cobb *Bass*

Richard Lea *Organ*

Joe Watson *Conductor*

Liverpool Mozart Orchestra

*Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir*

**Sunday 19 November 2023, 15.00**

Admission free, retiring collection

[www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please, don't forget the traditional Christmas Flowers Contributions.  
Thank you

**Lottery Results – 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**03 04 05 10 11 12**

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Stefan ASHTON, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Bobby ENWRIGHT, baby Phoebe FENNELL, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Elizabeth MORRIS, Peter O'BRIEN, Ava RUDZINSKI, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON,

**Those who have died recently:** Baby Leonardo Cuccato GARCIA, Irene GREEN, Paul NICHOLSON, Eileen SALTERS

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