



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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24th Sunday Year A

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Mass Times

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 12:	Robbie O’Gorman
Sun 13:	Paul & Pat O’Donovan 40yrs
Mon 14:	Sacred Heart Sisters
Tues 15:	Anne Walsh
Wed 16:	Sacred Heart Sisters
Thu 17:	Helen Stokes
Fri 18:	Michael Bruder
Sat 19:	Tony Edwards



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Homily Notes

The readings today are all about the need to live in a spirit of pardon and forgiveness in the community of disciples and in our family life. Without this spirit of forgiveness, a community will quickly divide and split. It will fall apart and die. One aspect of forgiveness is the readiness to ask for forgiveness and pardon. When someone who has offended another, even by mishap rather than by intention, is ready to recognise their wrong and ask forgiveness, it is so much easier to forgive.

Today is the second Sunday of the Season of Creation; we could reflect on this gospel, with its theme of forgiveness, in relation to Creation.

Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si* #67, “Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God’s image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures”.

“Repent” is a call to a change of heart, to turning around and away from our selfish ways. Jesus calls on us to turn back to God. It is indeed time to repent and ask pardon of Mother nature, Mother Earth. It is time to repent and change our exploitative and selfish ways. We can take the means now, not tomorrow, to live in harmony with nature, to live in peace with the ecology of the earth. We can modify our way of life to fit in with the life of the planet.

Nature and the planet Earth have the right to our love and respect, just as much as any human being. Without this earth and nature that has welcomed us for thousands of years, we would not have life.

Today is the time for change; tomorrow will be too late.

Terry

Season of Creation

I share with you some happy news about the Season of

*Creation, which I read in the **Independent Catholic News** on Thursday. It’s amazing how God can work miracles through the coming together of Christians for the good of society.*

“Thousands of priests and religious, families, young people and children, planted more than **60,000 saplings** on Sunday, in parishes across the Diocese of Tagbilaran, in the central Philippine province of Bohol as part of their Season of Creation.

The initiative was one of many activities of the Philippine Catholic Church during the worldwide ecumenical Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4.

More than 70 church and civil society organisations inaugurated the Philippine celebration of the Season on 1 September. At least 100 volunteers in every parish of Tagbilaran joined the initiative and planted 10 trees each in their surroundings, backyards, and other designated areas.

Bishop Uy said every Christian is called to care about God’s creation, pointing out that trees not only beautify the surroundings but also bring many practical benefits to people. “May all of us develop a love for nature and start caring for the environment,” he prayed.

According to figures from Global Forest Watch (GFW), which monitors global forests in near real-time, the Philippines had 13.2 million hectares of natural forest, extending over 62% of its land area. In 2019, it lost 48.2 thousand hectares of natural forest, equivalent to 19.1 million metric tons of CO 2 emissions.

From 2001 to 2019, the Philippines lost 1.23 million hectares of tree cover, equivalent to a 6.6% decrease in tree cover since 2000, and 498 million metric tons of CO 2 emissions.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
The winning numbers for
6th September are:
01 04 05 06 07 08

INSTALLATION
at ST. MICHAEL'S,
Upper Pit Street,
of new **Team Vicar,**
Rev. Laura Ferguson.
13th September at 10am.
*Congratulations to the
community and to Laura. We
look forward to working with
you in the vineyard of the
Lord.*

BAPTISM

We welcome into the community
KEEVA CHARLOTTE,
daughter of Lindsey and Alex Maher,
granddaughter of Pat and Paul O'Donovan,
on Sunday 13th September at 2pm.
Congratulations to you Keeva and your parents!
Sorry: covid 19 restrictions apply.

Theology of the Body Network

offers on-line teaching of Pope John Paul II on
human sexuality.
Study Meetings on Tuesdays at 8pm starting 15th
September. For more information contact:
tobnetwork@gamil.com

Offerings for 6th Sept 2020

Envelopes £57.00

Plate £42.00

August STO Gift Aid £330

💰 Many thanks to you all 💰

Pastoral Associate Update

As part of my role I am studying for the **Certificate/Diploma in Pastoral Ministry**, a joint initiative between the Archdiocese of Liverpool and Loyola University of Chicago. In the next weeks there will be an opportunity to find out more about this study opportunity. It fits around work (or retirement!) and although involves commitment, is not too onerous as it is very much based in the reality of where we find ourselves.

A hot off the press 'save the date' for the morning of *Saturday 10 October* for the J&P Zoom follow up in order to '**Prepare the Future**'. Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD will be providing the input into '**Taking the Common Good Seriously**' at the end of this Season of Creation. Details to follow.

My quote from the online community: "To defeat hate and fear we must love louder".

Stay safe and have a good week,

God Bless,

Helen

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We'll make it through



The Parish Council met on Thursday Evening.

Here are some snippets of the meeting:

- **St. Vincent de Paul Football Team:** Carl Rice, a son of the parish, who has started a male football team in the Christian League, proposes to play in the name of the parish. Most of the players are from this area. They have played one game and they won!!! During the season they will play at Thomas lane, Old Swan. The council is happy that SVP is represented in the league and congratulate Carl for this initiative. Liverpool FC beware!!!
- **First Holy Communions:** The children, who could not make their First Holy Communion in May because of the Covid restrictions, will do so **on Sunday 11th October**. To limit the number of people in the church, there will be two groups and two Masses, **at 10 am and at 12 noon**.
- **The streaming of the 9 am Mass** on Sundays will continue during the month of September. At the next meeting of the Parish Council it will be re-evaluated.
- **St Vincent de Paul Feast Day:** The feast day of our Patron is 27th September. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to celebrate like we did last year. We will remember our Patron Saint during the Saturday evening Mass on the 26th.
- **Season of Creation.** Why not plant a tree to celebrate the conclusion of the Season of Creation? A member of the Council will contact the local authorities.
- **Joe Savage's Films:** Four people volunteered to watch the films and slides of Joe Savage, to select what is of interest and to transfer this to modern media.
- **Parish Justice and Peace Group:** The Council believes that a J&P is necessary to help the Parish Community live more fully the values of the Gospels. It will help us become more aware of local issues and cooperate more with national groups in the mission to the Poor. Interested? Contact Fr Charles.

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Lisa HEALEY, Stella HUGHES, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER,

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Andrea GLANVILLE, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT Joan WALSH, The WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Henry ANDERSON, Vincent CAIN, Robbie KEARNY, Francis McPARTLAND, Tony MOGAN