



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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6th Sunday Year B

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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	09.00

Jesus
touched him &
immediately his
leprosy was cleansed.

Matthew 8:3

Knowing-Jesus.com

Mass Intentions

Sun 14: Eileen Lally
Mon 15: Special Intention
Tue 16: Elisa Philpot
Wed 17: Kenny Kelbrick RIP
Thu 18: Sr. Gabriel
Fri 19: Mary & James Sharkey RIP
Sat 20: Theresa McClean RIP
Sun 21: Parishioners

Homily Notes

In today's gospel we see Jesus curing a leper. We can notice the confidence

of the leper who comes to Jesus and says, very respectfully: "If you want to, you can cure me." He does not demand anything; he just puts himself in the Lord's hands. And Jesus responds because he is full of compassion: "Of course I want to! Be cured." He stretches out his hand, touches the man, and cures him.

Can we have the same confidence in Jesus? We all have our form of leprosy, the sin which disturbs our relations with others. We can present ourselves to Jesus, trusting that he can change our hearts.

Jesus tells the cured leper to show himself to the priest. He wants him to be re-integrated into the community. Our way of re-integration into the community of the Church is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. If celebrating this sacrament is difficult at the moment, let us approach the Lord Jesus in prayer, with the confidence and trust of the leper, and ask for forgiveness and healing.

The cured man went around "telling his story everywhere". We can ask ourselves: Am I ready to talk about my experience of Jesus? This is not easy, especially in our world today, a world which is often indifferent to religious values. At least we can try to have the attitude of Jesus, an attitude of openness and respect for each person. The apostle Paul, who had such a good grasp of the Gospel message, tells us what to do: "Never do anything offensive to anyone...try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for [our] own advantage, but the advantage of everyone else."

+ Michael

Lenten Thoughts

The words below were shared by Pope Francis for lent 2017. They remind us of the importance of those words of Jesus when He quoted the prophet Hosea: "Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Mt9:13
They make a good meditation at the beginning of Lent.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Happy Lent to you all.

Terry

Parish Notice Board



CONGRATULATIONS
to the winner of the draw
of
7th February,
01 02 06 11 12 14,
😊 who won £1,150. 😊
What a lovely surprise.
Thanks to all who
contribute to the lottery,
which helps fund the
maintenance of the church
and has this year financed
the restoration of the
Upper Room.

Stations of the CROSS

For those who can, we suggest you follow the stations of the cross from St. Wilfrid's, as advertised by Helen Jones.

We cannot make the stations in the usual way in the church. However, we might come up yet with a more meditative stations, not involving movement. We will let you know.

MARY'S MEALS

Facebook:

@MarysMealsUKcharity

You Tube: @MarysMealsTV

These people do marvellous work here at home and in Africa. They work with our missionaries in TIGRAY.

Is there any way we can help during Lent? Terry

<https://www.marysmeals.org>.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

As we move into a **Lockdown Lent**, I reflect on how far we have come in a year. The learning curves of connection and technology have enabled many to keep in contact and our sacred spaces, previously perhaps confined mainly within the walls of a church, may have shifted to incorporate the sacred space of home or outside.

You are invited to join the **Stations of the Cross** during Lent starting this Tuesday (16 February) at 7pm facilitated by St Wilfrid's parish – www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 864 6245 8572 Passcode: 970104.

Also, on our website there will be some **“colouring” activities** for Lent for both younger and older, encouraging us to focus on a prayer intention or a person to pray for each day during Lent.

I do commend you to consider joining the **CAFOD 10,000** steps a day for 40 days to Walk for Water. As we enjoy some sunshine it may be an opportunity to get out and again focus on our priorities during this time of continued lockdown.

Our Pastoral Area J&P Group facilitated a very well attended **Human Trafficking** talk which will shortly be available on the Archdiocesan J&P website as a recording – it's well worth watching.

I wish you a happy Valentine's day with all your loved ones far and near – a favourite quote of mine: *“Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning”* Paulo Coelho. May we all give meaning to that Love to each another in a real way this Lent. God bless, keep safe!

Helen www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

Offerings on 7th February

Envelopes £41.00

Plate £135.00

Many Thanks to YOU ALL

ASH WEDNESDAY

17th February

Blessing of Ashes and MASS
at 9am.

For the housebound:

you too may begin Lent with the blessed ashes. These can be delivered to you at home, after Mass in an envelope with a printed page of prayer and reflection to help you begin your Lent with the whole community.

Ask a neighbour or fellow parishioner to collect the Blessed Ashes and Prayer Card for you.

CAFOD

Lent is a time for us to let go of some of our unhealthy practices and habits and turn our hearts to God. This we do by turning our hearts to our neighbours, especially – like Jesus – to the poor and unloved.

CAFOD helps us do this.

This year they invite us to walk or to sponsor a walker who makes the effort to walk for Lent. Look it up at cafod.org.uk/walk

You can also do the **FAMILY FAST DAY** on the 27th/28th February.

For more information, contact the parish House or Fr. Terry



If there are any mistakes from the Facebook Messages, please forgive us.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kenny ALCOCK Snr, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Ryan EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^cEVOY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Patricia M^cInerney, May MURRAY, Sarah PAUL, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Cathy SILKER, Cathy THOMAS,

Also, for the intentions of: Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, Anne DUNNE, Lilly FLANNERY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Teresa TOOHEY (died 13th Feb), Maria OSBALDESTON née Sharkey, Tracey M^cCLEAN, Benna HARRY, David GILMORE.