



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year B



## 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

## Mass Intentions

Sat 13: Shelly & Joey Glanville  
 Sun 14: Sarah Benjamin  
 Mon 15: Parishioners  
 Tues 16: Stagg Family  
 Wed 17: Elizabeth & Owen M'Evoy  
 Thur 18: Joanne Ramsey  
 Fri 19: Margaret O'Gorman  
 Sat 20: Frank Hastie  
 Sun 21: Billy & Cecelia Flatley

## Homily Notes

On this Peace Sunday we should pay attention to the opening prayer of the Mass where we are invited to pray to God the Father for the gift of peace.

This emphasises that peace is not something within our grasp, something we can readily attain. Looking at our world, with all the conflicts going on, not only between Russia and Ukraine, between Israel and Hamas, but also in many other parts of the world, we are surely ready to admit that achieving peace is difficult. Accordingly, we have said in this opening prayer to God the Father: "Show us the way to peace in the world."

We have heard how Eli instructed the young Samuel to say, when he hears his name called: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." That is perhaps the essential lesson. To achieve peace, we must be listening and listening to all sides. To listen to the other side, and to admit that they have valid points, is essential for finding any solution and overcoming conflict.

We all have a tendency to be self-seeking. But Jesus has taught us that we are to love God and to love our neighbour. If we harm our neighbour, we harm ourselves. Paul reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. We received the Holy Spirit at Baptism and again when we were Confirmed. So, we are to let the Holy Spirit guide us. As Pope Francis has emphasised "listening in the Spirit" is the way of the Church. We are to appreciate what God is doing in people, to see their good points and not only their defects. This listening in the Spirit will help us to overcome conflict, to find unity in diversity.

The Church is to be an instrument of peace in the world. Let us pray that we may be true disciples of Jesus, not seeking our own interests, but ready to serve our brothers and sisters even at cost to ourselves. In this way we shall be instruments of peace.

*Michael*

## Sunday Ramblings

Its only 3 weeks since we were singing Christmas Carols "Joy and Peace to the World", yet it seems

that we are as far away from that ideal as were our grandparents in the Christmas of 1940. Pope Francis speaks of a 3<sup>rd</sup> World War: "one fought piecemeal with crimes, massacres and destruction". Terrible crimes were committed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Massacres and destruction have followed; even as we sang "Peace to the world".

We Christians abhor all forms of violence. There is no "right" in them. All war is a failure; a failure in dialogue, a failure in forgiveness and reconciliation, values on which we depend in our relationships with each other and with God. We could say that war and violence are failures in our humanity. Speaking about the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, Pope Francis said that modern warfare often does not distinguish between military and civilian objectives. There is no conflict that does not end up in some way "indiscriminately striking" the civilian population. "The events in Ukraine and Gaza are clear proof of this".

In the past three days, the richer nations, dependent for our wealth on the Red Sea and Suez seaways, have taken the war further, shelling Houthi military installations in war-torn Yemen.

Faced with the pain of all this violence and the insecurity and destruction it brings about, we Christians are left helpless and frustrated. This is true also for people of other faiths, who also believe in the primacy of love and mercy and who turn to a merciful and loving God for help. "Allah yusallmna", cries the Muslim. "God come to our aid", cries the Christian. "elohim ya'azor li" cries the Jew. And Jesus, he who could command legions of angels, cries out on the cross, "eloi eloi lama sabachthani".

The parish Justice and Peace group proposes that we turn to God in prayer, pleading for a way out of these wars, pleading for reconciliation, pleading for Justice through which peace will grow. We are arranging a prayer vigil for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 6pm and 7pm, here in our church. Please mark it in your diaries.

*Terry*

## Parish Notice Board

### Today is Peace Sunday

The theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'.

Read a full copy of his message for the World Day of Peace here:

[Pope-Francis-Message-for-World-Day-of-Peace-2024.pdf](#)

### A Second Collection

will be taken next weekend for the support of the

**White Flower Appeal** in the name of the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.**

Website: [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)

*Please give generously*

### AUSTEN IVEREIGH SYNOD

#### Talk

He will share his insights and expertise with an audience at **St Anne's Overbury Street**

**Sunday evening at 6.00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** The event will be

live-streamed and recorded.

Everyone is most welcome.

### The Week of Prayer for Christian

#### Unity

is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally. In Europe, it is kept annually between **18 January and 25 January.**

It is a time of prayer and working together for the good of All.

We pray that our scandalous divisions will be healed.

### OFFERINGS 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Envelopes £20.00

Plate £158.60

Candles £337.50

*Many thanks, you ALL*

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment*

#### *Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Commission*

#### *Annual Memorial Lecture*

**"The challenges of non-violence in 2024: being non-violent in a violent world".**

**Speaker:** Andrew Jackson, National Chair of **Pax Christi.**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm in the Gibbard Room, RC Cathedral  
This will be a very relevant meeting, at a time when the Middle East seems to be descending into war. How can we react to what is going on in Gaza, Israel, the Red Sea and the Yemen?  
Come and listen and share your thoughts.

### VOTE FOR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council is to be renewed every 2 years. The present council consists of: Marie Crane, Andrea Glanville, Susanna Munos and Margaret Hastie. Both Andrea and Marie have completed 2 terms of office and cannot be voted for this time.

The vote will take place on the 3/4<sup>th</sup> and 10/11<sup>th</sup> February. The results will be announced the following week.

All parishioners are eligible.

Nominations will be accepted between now and the 27/28<sup>th</sup>.

Proposers must ask the approval of the potential council member before proposing them.

Four names can be put forward, as we are electing 4 councillors.

*Further instructions will follow.*

The Funeral of  
**JOANNE RAMSEY,**  
beloved wife of Philip  
and mother of Grace,  
daughter of Madeleine & Tony  
Gilbertson,  
will take place in this church on  
**18<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.**  
*"She always held that St Vincent's  
is her home parish".*

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The 3<sup>rd</sup> session will take place at SVP Catholic Primary School at 5.30pm on Wednesday, this week.  
*It is necessary to have taken part in all the sessions and to be a recognisable member of the Eucharistic Community to be admitted to Holy Communion.*

### The Daughters of St Paul

(Pauline Books and Media, Church Street)

will be at Mass next week to promote their publication,

**"Gospel Power",**

which is an introduction to the Gospel readings of each day of the year.

They offer it to parishioners for £6.00 - 90p off the shop price!

### Purpose and objectives of the Council

The purpose of the Parish Council is to act as an advisory body to the Parish Priest and to oversee the efficient management including control of financial functions for SVP Parish

### Lottery Results – 7<sup>th</sup> January

**01 02 05 07 11 14**

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Kathleen CUMMINS, Eileen DOLAN, Joe EDIE, Lin GINLEY, Edie JONES, Jane MANN, Maureen MAGUIRE, May McGarry, Barbara M'SHANE, Lee MOUNCEY, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Henri POTIER, Martina STEWARD, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Philip WONG.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Frances KERWIN, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE

**Those who have died recently:** Carla FOY, Mary MWANJE, Joanne RAMSEY.

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