



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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6th Sunday of Easter

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Mass Intentions

Sat 13: Vera Cartledge
Sun 14: Wally Booth
Mon 15: Parishioners
Tue 16: Holy Souls
Wed 17: Ann Mannion
Thu 18: Cathy Murray
Fri 19: John Kearney
Sat 20: Lesley Carruthers,
Pauline O'Connor
Sun 21: Wilcock Family

Regular Mass Times

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

IF YOU LOVE ME,
OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS.

JOHN 14:15

Homily Notes

In 14:15-21 highlights the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, and revealer of truth.

To understand the role of the Holy Spirit as an advocate it is helpful to imagine a situation in which there is an accuser and the accused. An advocate takes another's side as a defender in lawsuits. The need for a defender is a common phenomenon that appears in our faith and prayer life. For example, we talk about being a voice for the voiceless to mean being defenders of their dignity and rights. In various places in scripture human beings are portrayed as in need of defense against "enemies", natural forces, evil spiritual forces, etc.

In the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the defender argues that the crucified Jesus was innocent, and that God defended him by raising him up. This is demonstrated in the speech of Stephen (Acts 7). The second reading from 1 Peter 3:15-18, prepares the disciples for persecution. In the face of persecution, no matter the source or the form it takes, disciples need the defense of the Spirit. It can be said that in extreme forms of persecution such as martyrdom, the Spirit present in the lives of those who are alive will speak out about the innocence of the victims, the martyrs. The voice of the defender is not easily silenced. Disciples are therefore not to be fearful since they have a defender.

The Spirit of truth dwelling in the lives of the disciples enables them to discover and to live in truth and in unity. In Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Philip preaches to the Samaritans and baptizes them, and later Peter and John pray for them to receive the Holy spirit. The unit of the Samaritans and non-Samaritans is achieved through Christ.

Charles

From The Cathedral Record Pentecost Weekend

By the time of reading this newsletter we will be at the end of a fortnight of celebrations which began with the Coronation and followed this week by our City's staging of the Eurovision events on behalf of last year's winners, Ukraine. It is to the credit of our City and its people that so many visitors and participants have commented on the genuine welcome that they have received during their time here.

These celebrations may have come to an end but we still have a number of major church celebrations to look forward to as we reach the latter part of the Easter Season. This weekend we celebrate the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral. Bishop Augustine Harris presided at the opening ceremony and dedication of our Cathedral in 1967 which that year happened to be the weekend of Pentecost. We give thanks for the role that our Cathedral has played within our region over these 56 years and we pray for all who have played a part in the life of our community over these years. Also, this week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday.

In a fortnight's time we look forward to the Solemnity of Pentecost. This is not just a major feast within the Church's year; it has considerable local importance for our Cathedral as the feast day on which our building was first opened and for both Liverpool's Cathedrals as the day on which Saint Pope John Paul visited both, and journeyed as a pilgrim along Hope Street.

We have tried to remain faithful to this joint act of pilgrimage between our two cathedrals at Pentecost ever since. This year, the short joint afternoon Pentecost Service will begin at Liverpool Cathedral at 3pm with a short address from the new Bishop of Liverpool, Bishop John Perumbalath. We will then make our way to the steps of our Cathedral to finish with a short service on our Piazza and then if the weather is suitable a party on the steps with an opportunity for picnic and some children's and family activities and games. The theme of the service this year is 'Many Nations, One Church'. It would be great if people could bring various national flags little or larger and even come in national dress just to show our rich diversity of nationality and culture yet our unity in Christ.

Canon Anthony O'Brien



Parish Notice Board

After Sunday Mass this weekend, you are invited to stay, take some refreshment and get to know our fellow parishioners. This helps us to create a community spirit.

PARISH COUNCIL assembly

Tuesday 16th May 13 6.30pm

Eucharistic Ministers

- Help the priest give communion at Mass,
- Visit the sick and homebound with Communion,
- We only have 3 and need 4 or 5 more.
- *Please consider volunteering.*

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop

Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on **Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm** in the Cathedral of Christ the King

Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow...

Next Sunday, at the 10am Mass, 18 pupils of St. Vincent de Paul and LIPA Primary Schools, will make their **First Holy Communion.** Congratulations to them, their Families and their Teachers.

OFFERINGS 7th May

Envelopes: £ 20.00
Plate: £ 156.86

Many thanks to you all

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 11am until Noon

Sacrament of reconciliation available

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians on the Sixth Sunday of Easter 14 May 2023

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is celebrated annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It offers an opportunity for Eastern and Western Christians to come together in prayer, and to pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India will join together in solidarity on this day to pray that Eastern Christians may be strengthened in their faith so that they can continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.

During Easter, Western and Eastern Christians alike hear the Acts of the Apostles which witness to the first preaching of the Gospel. These readings remind us of the origin of the Eastern Churches and the history of the first Eastern Christians, who brought the Gospel to us. Nowadays, many of these Eastern Christians are oppressed and persecuted, and struggle to survive and to pass on our faith to their children, in their own lands where Christianity was born.

Solemnity of the ASCENSION of the Risen Lord to Heaven Thursday 18th May, 2023 Mass at 7.30am

Mass at the Cathedral:
8.00am, 12.15pm, 5.00pm Sung Mass

Lottery Results – 7th May

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The funeral of
MARGARET JONES
of Doddridge Road, L8
who died on 28th April,
aged 70 years,
will take place in this church on
Wednesday 17th May
at 12 Noon.
We extend our sympathy to all her
family.
May she rest in peace.

**20th / 21st May, retiring Collection
for World Communications Day.**

Deanery Synodal Council (DSC) Updates

- 1 A new Archdiocesan Synodal Council is being formed. Each DSC will send 8 representatives. These are yet to be determined.
- 2 The subject of 'Families of Parishes' is still ongoing but is making progress.
- 3 Results of the Parish Audit recently carried out have been transferred to a spreadsheet to make it easier to access the data. Hopefully this will generate ideas to encourage parish growth.
- 4 There have been several Social Justice events attended by some of the DSC members. Terry Phillips is now Social Justice representative, ensuring that someone from the DSC will be at these events.
- 5 There is to be a meeting of the DSC Chairs on Monday 22nd May. If anyone has any questions that they feel should be raised, please contact Pat Daly.
- 6 The list of young people to be confirmed has been produced. We are looking at a different way of preparation. Fr. Peter Murphy from the Cathedral will take a lead role in this.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Sarah MORGAN, Dominic POTIER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M^cCANN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Ronnie & Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: Margaret Jones