



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Mass Intentions

Sat 13: Terri Valiant
Sun 14: Remembrance Sun.
Mon 15: Parishioners
Tue 16 Holy Souls
Wed 17: Sr. Mary Genevieve
Thu: 18: Holy Souls
Fri 19: Michaela Cathy
Sat 20: Terri Valiant &
Val Brandrick
Sun 21 : Cecilia Flatley

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

Homily Notes

Today's Gospel speaks of the end of time: the sun turned to darkness, the moon, losing its brightness. COP26, in Glasgow, has reminded us of how fragile our earth is. We see the damage caused by climate change. This is a time of distress.

Yet the message of the Gospel is one of hope. Jesus will come in great power. He will send "angels to gather his chosen from the four winds". We can understand these angels to be all those who give the best of themselves in the service of their fellow human beings, acting like Jesus who "went about doing good".

So we are not to fear. We are to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who has offered himself for us, once and for all. This is the firm foundation of our hope.

We say in the creed: "He (Jesus) will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". But we do not know when this will happen. Some early Christians thought that Jesus would return in their lifetimes, and so they were just waiting for this to happen. St Paul heard that there were Christians "living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's". He tells them "Please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any predictions or rumours".

This does not mean we have nothing to do. We must continue to live according to the teaching of Jesus, to love our brothers and sisters, seeing Jesus in them; to respect this world entrusted to us. Paul writes to these Christians: "Never grow tired of doing what is right". This is the best way to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

After the Consecration we proclaim: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again". May this be a joyful acclamation, an expression of our faith in Jesus, of our hope which rests in him, and of our love of God and of our neighbour. Amen.

Michael



5th World Day of the Poor

Today is the 5th World Day of the Poor and we can use the occasion to meditate on this extract from **Pope Francis's** own meditation on the day:

... "Last year we experienced yet another scourge that multiplied the numbers of the poor: the pandemic,

which continues to affect millions of people and, even when it does not bring suffering and death, is nonetheless a portent of poverty. The poor have increased disproportionately and, tragically, they will continue to do so in the coming months. Some countries are suffering extremely severe consequences from the pandemic, so that the most vulnerable of their people lack basic necessities....

There are many forms of poverty among the "rich" that might be relieved by the wealth of the "poor", if only they could meet and get to know each other! None are so poor that they cannot give something of themselves in mutual exchange. The poor cannot be only those who receive; they must be put in a position to give, because they know well how to respond with generosity. How many examples of sharing are before our eyes! The poor often teach us about solidarity and sharing. True, they may be people who lack some things, often many things, including the bare necessities, yet they do not lack everything, for they retain the dignity of God's children that nothing and no one can take away from them....

We need to be open to reading the signs of the times that ask us to find new ways of being evangelizers in the contemporary world. Immediate assistance in responding to the needs of the poor must not prevent us from showing foresight in implementing new signs of Christian love and charity as a response to the new forms of poverty experienced by humanity today" ...

Pope Francis

Parish Notice Board

COP 26

More than 60 Catholic organizations have signed the following Statement on COP26 Draft Agreement by Laudato Si' Movement.

As Catholics, united for our common home, we urgently ask leaders at the United Nations 26th Climate Change Conference to follow Pope Francis' leadership in reaching a prophetic final agreement.

The science is clear: an extractive, unsustainable economy, fuelled by fossil fuels, is causing the climate crisis that's destroying God's creation and harming the most vulnerable among us the most, those who have done little to cause the crisis.

We owe it to our poorest sisters and brothers, future generations, and all of God's creation to seize this historic opportunity. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote in Laudato Si' that fossil fuels need "to be progressively replaced without delay." Now, in 2021, we have reached a decisive moment. We must reach an agreement in Glasgow that sets a clear and ambitious timeline for a just transition away from harmful fossil fuels. Setting out such a pathway is an essential step to accelerating investment in a clean energy future for all.

As Catholics, we have other priorities for the final agreement as well, including recognizing the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and keeping the commitment of 1.5 degrees. It is also essential that the final declaration reaffirms the commitment to climate finance for adaptation, as well as loss and damage.

But above all, a final agreement must deliver on a clear pathway forward to a just transition away from an extractive economy based on fossil fuels, the root cause of the climate crisis. We will continue working and praying for that prophetic outcome.

Offerings on 6th November

Envelopes £83.00

Plate £167.00

Thank you

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

Kitchenette

You may have noticed on the secure notice board at the entrance to the church, a public notice concerning work to be carried out here in the church.

We propose to install a new KITCHEN in the confessional, presently used as a store for the food bank.

The food bank store will be moved to the next confessional. The third confessional will be cleared and will be used by the Mass Servers and the Flower Arranger.

All this has been discussed and approved in the Parish Council, but the application is now before the Historic Churches Commission.

If the Commission gives us permission, the work will begin immediately and should not take very long.

As we become a MORE WELCOMING church, we will need better conditions and equipment to safely serve teas & coffees, with the occasional small meals.

The project is already fully financed, thanks to the Catenians and an anonymous donor.

Deo Gratias.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

Why not join us for a coffee or tea and delicious cake on **Tuesday** mornings from **10.30am to 01pm** in the church?
All parishioners welcome to partake.

Christmas Raffle

Once again, we are grateful to the faithful disciples who organise this regular raffle, at Easter and Christmas, in support of parish activities.

Tickets can be bought at the entrance door.
Draw: 26th November

Parish Council Meeting:

6pm - Thursday 18 November

Sunday 21st 10am MASS

This Mass will be dedicated to the deceased Catenians of their local council. They will prepare the liturgy.

Retiring Collection for ANIMATE

Next Weekend there will be a retiring collection at both Masses on behalf of **Animate**, the Liverpool diocesan youth service.
Please give generously.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

A booklet, "*The True Spirit of Christmas Giving*", is available at the back of the church. This is an excellent way of giving gifts to our loved ones here whilst sharing with the poor elsewhere.

Instead of leaving their gifts in the drawer for the rest of the year, the receiver will know that your gift to them is giving life to others.

Please take a copy of the booklet for your consideration.

Toiletries Needed

Please give for Christmas to the FOOD BANK

Toothpaste & brushes, soaps, shampoo, deodorant (women & men), nail clippers/files, make-up, etc. Please, no wipes.

Please place in box at church entrance. Thank you. 🌸🙏

Lottery Results 6/11/21

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No Winners

Jackpot £600

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Betty GARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Sean CONNEELY, Baby Daisy DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HAINS, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Angela EVERETT, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS

And for those who have died: Tommy BAXTER, Cecilia FLATLEY, Emily MURPHY, Linda RICE, Essie LUCAS (1st anniversary)