



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

15th January 2023

2nd Sunday year A
Peace Sunday

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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

Looking at the nature of discipleship as we see it in John the Baptist, we realise that, like him, we have all been baptised in the Spirit and our calling is to witness to the one greater than

ourselves, Jesus the Son of God. Whatever our role in life, we are called to witness to Jesus by the way we are as persons, by our compassion, by our gentleness, by our desire to reach out, by our desire to give and not to count the cost. But for the true disciple that means to face our deepest personal truths – alone we are not capable of reaching out, left to our own devices we would flounder and wallow in our own fragility. Facing the truth that we are mere struggling human beings would help us understand that discipleship is urgent and costly and will involve our being able to count not on our own strength but on His, not on our own light but His, not on our own holiness but His.

Discipleship has to be about humility, for if we are humble, we will never see ourselves as some knight in shining armour ready to save the world. True disciples don't take themselves too seriously, they are not prisoners of their own vanity and they are not afraid of failure; in short theirs is a life without pretence.

As Thomas Merton the great spiritual writer once said. *"It is only when we pay no more attention to our own deeds and our own reputation and our own excellence that we are at last completely free to serve God in perfection and for his own sake alone"*.

Francis



Mass Intentions

Sat 14 : Shelly & Joey Glanville

Sun 15 : Pauline O'Connor RIP

Lesley Carruthers RIP

Mon 16 : Sammy Gallagher

Tue 17 : Marie Graham

Wed 18 : Margaret O'Gorman

Thur 19 : Sr. Catherine Lehan

Fri 20 : Mary & Peter Ward

Sat 21 : Lee Jones

Sun 22 : Mary Thompson

PAX Christi

Archbishop Malcolm is the National President of Pax Christi.

Here are some excerpts of his supporting letter for their National Day of Prayer for Peace.

2022 has been a year of war and rumours of war. Lives lost, people displaced, fear and suspicion overwhelming many communities around the world. These wars are also contributing to the destruction of our environment. Sometimes it feels as though we have moved backwards in our efforts to bring peace and justice to our world.

However, the constant, faithful voice of Pope Francis urges us to keep going. Whether he is speaking about Ukraine and Russia, Yemen or the Middle East, his message is always the same: No to war and no to the trade in weapons that fuel war. His All Saints Angelus message offers these questions: 'Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace?'

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Parish Notice Board

We pray for our brother, Silvesta, who has returned home to Tanzania for the funeral of his beloved Grandmother who died on the 11th January after a long illness. May she rest in peace. May Silvesta's presence be a consolation for all.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon

SVP Justice and Peace Group Day of Prayer and Reflection

Saturday 21st January
10am – 4.30pm
Place still to be determined.

(Pax Christi continued)

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Our Peace Education worker has been busier than ever responding to invitations to run workshops in schools and offer in-service to teachers. Alongside all of this our website, e-bulletins, social media platforms and regular newsletters keep our members and the wider community up-dated on events and resources.

Peace Sunday, marked on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, provides parishes with an opportunity to celebrate peace-making and the Holy Father's annual peace message. Every year Pax Christi ensures that resources are available to support parishes in this and we hope that this year a number of Diocesan Cathedrals will mark the day with a dedicated Peace Mass. A wide range of resources will be available on the Pax Christi website from December to help you plan.

Peace Sunday is also important to Pax Christi as a fundraising opportunity, when we invite parishes to take a collection or make a donation towards our work. Our small team of staff and volunteers undertake a huge amount of work and give so much of themselves. Now I ask you to support them and the work. If you are unable to do this on Peace Sunday, remember that peace can be celebrated at other times during the year.

I greatly appreciate the support of parish communities.

Next weekend, there will be a retiring collection for the support of the work of PAX CHRISTI

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity 18th to 25th January

This important week of prayer in the Church's life is a time for us to hear again the prayer of Jesus on the night before his crucifixion: *"As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one."*

For this occasion, there will be a special **Taizé Prayer Service** for unity in our church on **Sunday the 22nd at 6 pm**. Please do come and participate. Also, the Rev. Miranda Threlfall-Holmes will preach here at the 6pm Mass on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. Fr Terry will preach that day at St Bride's.

PREPARATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

A new course for the preparation of Infant baptism will be given on Saturdays 21 & 28 January 2023. Participation is necessary for the preparation of the baptism of your children.

Please contact Fr Ferdinand if you wish to baptise a child in the coming months

OFFERINGS 7th January

Envelopes: £ 18.00
Plate: £ 190.32

*Thank
You*

Little Church

is available at the 10am
Eucharist on Sunday

Lottery Results – 7 January

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Baby Patsy BIRCH, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Christopher BROWNE, Tommy CHNADLER, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, , Kai, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Camila WILD

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON,

And for those who have died: Raymond JOYCE. Maxwell and Nellie Hughes (anniversary)