



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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7th Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times

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| 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 15: Maria Osbaldeston RIP
 Sun 16: Tony Edwards & Germaine
 Mon 17: Parishioners
 Tue 18: Kenny & Floyd Alcock
 Wed 19: John McHenry RIP
 Thu 20: "Thank You" Intention
 Fri 21: Richard Mawson
 Sat 22: Barbara Hyland
 Sun 23: Bridgit Carlyle

Homily Notes

Today's Gospel takes place after the Last Supper. Jesus is praying to His heavenly Father for his disciples: *Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.*

Why is this Jesus' first intention? Why is unity among his followers so important? Because unity is a sign that Jesus' message is true. Unity is a powerful witness. A community which is united is attractive, it attracts people to the message of Jesus. A community which is divided repels, it deters people from Jesus' message.

Unity among Jesus' followers is fragile, it can easily break and it needs continual effort to be achieved. What can we learn from Jesus' words?

Jesus prays: *that they may be one like us.* Like us, like Jesus and the Father. Jesus and the Father had a common mission. This is true also for Jesus' followers. We too have a common mission: to bring God's love into the world.

Jesus and the Father each had a role to play. So do we. We are all different people, each with his/her own history, character and upbringing. Unity does not come from expecting we shall all be the same. Unity comes from accepting the differences and respecting one another. Unity comes about when each plays his/her role. To bring about this unity we need the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate next Sunday, Pentecost day. For unity in the church, for unity among the churches, for peace in the Holy Land, in Myanmar and in Northern Ireland, we need to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We open our hearts for the Spirit to sow seeds of love, of concord, of respect, of courage in order to become more and more Jesus' disciples united in Mission.

Ferdinand

Laudato Si Week

This week is Laudato Si week when the church celebrates and remembers the publication of the encyclical which set the church on a whole new way of living with creation. We have learnt so much during this time and have become so much more aware of the need for change in our lives if our planet, God's creation, is to survive as we know and love it.

Back in 2009, Pope Benedict wrote:

"The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere. In so doing, she must defend not only earth, water and air as gifts of creation that belong to everyone. She must above all protect mankind from self-destruction.

There is need for what might be called a human ecology, correctly understood. The deterioration of nature is in fact closely connected to the culture that shapes human coexistence: when "human ecology" is respected within society, environmental ecology also benefits. Just as human virtues are interrelated, such that the weakening of one places others at risk, so the ecological system is based on respect for a plan that affects both the health of society and its good relationship with nature." (Caritas in Veritate).

In the very first book of the Bible, we find an indication of the relation between God and creation, which our way of life is putting in great danger. So, we are led to pray:

Bless the Lord, all powers,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.
 Bless the Lord, sun and moon,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.
 Bless the Lord, stars of heaven,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.
 Bless the Lord, rain and dew,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.
 Bless the Lord, all winds,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.
 (Genesis 1:6-8)

Terry

Parish Notice Board

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

FOR YEAR 8s AND ABOVE.

If you wish to prepare your Confirmation this year, please contact **Fr. Ferdinand**. He will arrange the rest!

Safe Spaces

is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Catholic Church of England and Wales, the Church of England or the Church in Wales.

Email:

safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

Telephone: 0300 303 1056

More information on the poster at the entrance to the church



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Mary's Meals ask that we remember their Mission in this month of May. Below is a suggestion for prayer

Prayer for Mary's Meals

Our Father
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us for the times when
we take more than our share of
the bread that belongs to all.
Let us help You fill the starving
with good things,
not with scraps from our table.
Teach us how to share what is not
ours to keep.

Clothe us with Your love
that we may complete each good
work you created us to do.
Place in our hearts Your
compassion for each starving child
and use our little acts of love so
that they starve no more. Amen.

St Vincent de Paul Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

At the end of Mass on Saturday evening and again next Sunday morning, you are invited to stay to watch a presentation about Ethiopia, the home of Abdella, for whom we walked during Lent.

You will also notice our presentation in the side isle of church,. This is the beginning of a series of presentations we hope to make in the coming months, to help us all reflect on our use – or misuse – of the wonderful life-giving gift of water. It is a happy and indicative coincidence that our first activity coincides with Laudato Si Week. Our mission and that of the Church are one and the same. *Terry*

Pastoral Associate Update:

Our virtual **Stations of the Resurrection** have involved parishioners, schools and clergy from the Pastoral Area. Almost 200 have been involved in creating it, in one way or another! We have produced a prayer resource that gives a flavour of the wealth and diversity of our deanery and reflects the journeys we have taken along the Way of Light, from our complete lockdown last year to a sense of hope and expectation as we embrace the risen Christ and get to be with one another again.

We will be praying the Stations for the first time together this **Sunday 16 at 6:30pm on Zoom** and thereafter it will be available on the **St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube**. Thank you to all who have contributed in ways big and small - a link will be on our website: *Christ is Risen – Christ is risen indeed!*

Laudatosiweek.org has global resources and talks available to join/access as we celebrate this week. The **Synod discernment session** proved very engaging with much energy as members, helped by some parishioners, had an opportunity to discuss the recommendations prior to discerning priorities for the Archdiocese. Do join us next Wednesday especially if you are a member and have not had an opportunity to meet up with others. We meet for an hour although the discussion may overrun.

St Rita of Cascia (patron of loneliness amongst other patronages including baseball) is celebrated this week: *"Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus, help my heart to persevere in all that is holy"*.

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God Bless, Helen

Sunday 16th May

World Communications

Sunday

Retiring Collection on Saturday and Sunday to support the Church's Communication Efforts.

Please help.

Offerings on 9th May

Envelopes £61.00

Plate £142.45

April Bank Direct Credits £395

Many thanks

Lottery Results

For Draw on 9th May

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sarah ALLEN, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Josie CALVEY, Vera CARTLEDGE, , Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Ryan EDWARDS, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Rita FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Mary HUGHES, Darren KELLY, Sonny MACKLIN, Molly M^cEVOY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Mary MELODY, Alfie MONTGOMERY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Sarah PAUL, Mary PEERS, Charles PHAYER, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Elizabeth STABRAWA

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Sean CONNEELY, Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Alan MERRILL, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Anthony M^cCARTY, Kristine STABRAWA, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT,

And for those who have died: Alan MERRILL