



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Feast of the Assumption Of Mary into Heaven

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Mass Times

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| Sunday streamed | 09.00 |
| Monday | 07:30 |
| Tuesday | 07:30 |
| Wednesday | 09.00 |
| Thursday | 07:30 |
| Friday | 09.00 |
| Saturday vigil | 18.00 |

Mass Intentions

Sat 15: Desmond Devine
 Sun 16 : Parishioners
 Mon 17 : Sr. M Mala MC
 Tues 18 : Nicholas McHale RIP
 Wed 19: Michael Cleaver RIP
 Thu 20: Rita Blue & Family
 Fri 21: Lesley Burns
 Sat 22 : Tony Macklin



Family Notes

This feast we are celebrating today, the Assumption of Our Lady, the Mother of the Son of God, is all about the Kingdom of God: the Kingdom in which God rules and God's law is paramount: the law of Love. LOVE ONE ANOTHER and in so doing love God. This is what Mary's life was all about here on earth.

It's all about upsetting the status quo; about toppling those who abuse their power and their wealth and giving their place to the poor and the outcast.

In truth, we know nothing about how or where Mary's life came to an end. The Gospels are silent about that. Very quickly there grew up the tradition that her body did not perish as ours will, but she was taken up to some other place or state we call heaven, to be with her Son in the presence of God.

If Mary was treated in this special way at her death, it was because of the choice she made in her life to be so closely and devotedly at the service of the Kingdom of God. The fruit of this choice we see in the death and resurrection of her Son. When we make the same choices as she, then we too will see the fruit of our choice in our lives. This fruit will be the signs of the Kingdom of God around us, when the hungry are fed, when the diseased are cured, when the poor are given just wages and working conditions, when the powerful are swept away, when corruption and self-serving is replaced by honesty and truth and generosity.

Terry

Corona Thoughts

Pity the holiday maker. Yes, it is catastrophic for those who have had to cut short or cancel at the last moment their holidays this week due to the increase of CV infection in France, The Netherlands and Aruba (where?). I genuinely do feel sorry for them, for the disappointment and for the financial loss. But I am also forced to ask the question: can this lifestyle continue?

The holiday and travel sector has been hit hard by the downturn in traffic and sunny place holidays due to the pandemic. Last week, I met a young man who had just graduated as a first officer pilot. He is not sure that he will still have his wonder-job next week after spending thousands of pounds and years to train. It's all he ever wanted to do... How many people are in the same life-shattering situation? Thousands of sacked workers don't know how they will pay next month's rent or put food on the table for their family.

Meanwhile, cliff-top houses are falling into the sea as rising tides eat into their base. Viruses break out of their natural environment to kill tens of thousands of mostly poor fellow humans; HIV, Ebola, Hanta-virus etc. The extremes of weather in our usually moderate climate in the UK cause great distress and even death and destruction. Reports tell us that even the masks we use to protect ourselves against these viruses are being washed up on the beaches because of our selfish lack of concern for the environment and the insouciant way we deal with our waste. How ironic and indicative of our way of life!!!

Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si*: "*Humanity has changed profoundly, and the accumulation of constant novelties exalts a superficiality which pulls us in one direction. It becomes difficult to pause and recover depth in life... Let us refuse to resign ourselves to this and continue to wonder about the purpose and meaning of everything. Otherwise we would simply legitimate the present situation and need new forms of escapism to help us endure the emptiness.*"¹¹³

The Corona Virus has forced us to pause for 5 months. Let us not allow this moment of reflection be lost. If we want to leave a sustainable planet to our children and grandchildren, some things must change.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers are:

01 02 04 05 06 08

Congratulations to our



who won £400

Offerings for 9th August 2020

Envelopes £34.00

Plate £205.00

Thank you

Baptism

With the reopening of the church, we can celebrate again the Sacrament of Baptism.

There are, however, still some restrictions. For the moment baptism can only be celebrated outside of the Mass, in the presence of a maximum of 30 people.

If you wish your child to be baptised, please contact us at the priests' house (0151 7098589) and we can arrange a time to meet to prepare the sacrament.

Fr. Ferdinand

APPEALING TO YOUR BETTER SIDE. 😊

When you exit the church after Mass and stop to chat, please do move aside a little to let people pass safely, respecting the 1 metre plus distance. It all helps keep the virus at bay!!!!

JULY FINANCES

During the month of July, we received for the running of the church and for Mass intentions:

- in cash: £ 690.
- In the Bank: £ 502.

We thank you for all your gifts. Many thanks to all those who have started to send their contributions through the Bank.

"We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental."



It is 5 years since the publication of Pope Francis' Letter, *Laudato Si*. It was a remarkable letter to all people of good will who have the good of humanity at heart. It was a wonderful expression of God's presence in creation and of our place in the Universe. It was also a plea to us all to change our ways, to adopt a more simple life, respectful other parts of creation. Has much changed for the good, we can ask ourselves. After 5 months of isolation, what have we learnt about ourselves and the world in which we live?

"Believers themselves must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions".
Laudato Si 200

"I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all". Laudato Si

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*!

MANY THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE COURSE,
BUT IT IS WE HUMAN BEINGS
ABOVE ALL WHO NEED TO CHANGE.

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: John BIRKENHEAD, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, William FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Angela KING, Molly McEVOY, Elizabeth MIDSATER, May MURRAY, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Gerard McCAFFERTY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Teresa NALL, Edna RENSHAW, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, The SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, The WILLIAMS Family, those school children receiving their exam results this week.

And for those who have died: Brian CHURCH, Teresa LEAHY, Pauline MARSH (birthday anniversary)