

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A

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### Mass Times this week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07:30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

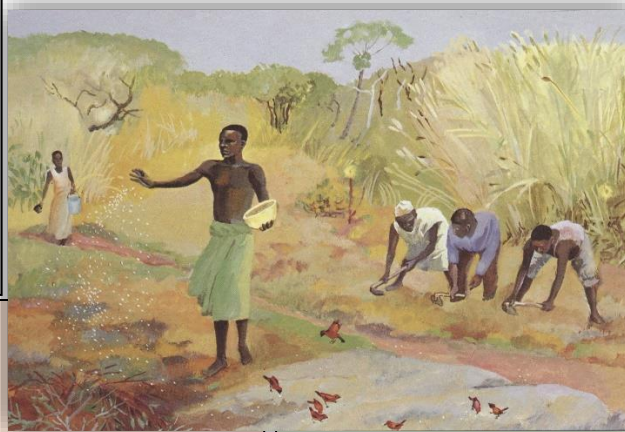
### Homily Notes

The Evangelist says that Jesus "left the house and sat by the lakeside" or 'went out' and 'sat beside the sea' - a fitting image, perhaps, for this holiday period – Jesus sitting by the sea. Jesus tells the parable of the Sower: 'A Sower went out to sow'. Both Jesus and the Sower 'went out.' If we wish to be true disciples of Jesus, we must go out of ourselves, to meet people, to witness to the kingdom of God.

The sower scatters his seed – he is generous, a symbol of God the Father who is generous in giving us his word and his grace. The seed is the word of God – which he has given through the prophets and finally through Jesus Christ, the Word of God, become one of us. The seed falls on different types of ground and bears fruit accordingly.

So, if we wish for the word to bear fruit in us, we have to be attentive to the soil. We need to remove the stones from our heart so that we may have a warm welcoming spirit. We must make sure that the growing plant of our faith is not choked by other concerns. We prepare our hearts so that we can hear the word of God and act on it, leaving the result to God. When we see the fruit in others' lives we can give thanks to God for this. Our appreciation will help us to do likewise. In the Eucharist, together with the bread and wine which will become the Body and Blood of Our Lord, given to us to nourish our lives, we offer all the good we see in others and all that we are able to do ourselves, for the greater glory of God.

*Michael*



### Mass Intentions

- Sat 15: Joe Edie
- Sun 16: Parishioners
- Mon 17: Parishioners
- Tue 18: Fr. Trevor Williams
- Wed 19: Eileen Braithwaite
- Thu 20: Stevie Stavross
- Fri 21: John Macklin
- Sat 22: Patricia Bridge
- Sun 23: Elizabeth Barton & Family

### Sunday Thoughts

#### 'Participation of women in Church - especially in leadership - a sign of the times'

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCI, Undersecretary of the Office of the Synod of Bishops, gave an exclusive interview to the National Board of Catholic Women, to coincide with a recent ecumenical symposium organised by the *Centre for Catholic Studies* at Durham University.

On the eve of the symposium, Sr Nathalie delivered the CCS's annual Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture. Her talk explored the essential interrelationship between Ecumenism and Synodality. Sr Nathalie said that "since the beginning of the [synodal] process, with this broad listening from the grassroots in all the dioceses, countries and bishops' conferences, one of the main topics that came from everywhere is about the participation of women. "It's really, ..., a sign of the times. It's a common call to give more women participation and especially also to involve more women in the leadership of the Church, in decision making."

The two-day symposium in June, 'Learning Together on the Way', focussed on Synodality and Receptive Ecumenism - asking what the Catholic Church can learn from the understanding and experience of the Western Christian traditions as it seeks to become a more synodal church.

Along with (other agents), the National Board of Catholic Women was a core co-sponsoring body for the symposium and was well-represented at it.

The event was hosted by Prof. Paul D. Murray and Dr Gregory Ryan and was built around pre-circulated briefing papers by theologians and leaders from six Christian churches with strong history and presence in England and Wales.

Nearly 140 participants from across these traditions and the Catholic Church shared in the small-group discussion process that lay at the heart of the symposium and likewise contributed to the plenary reflections. These sessions were held around Durham - at the University, at Ushaw College and at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church.

See NBCW's video interview with Sr Nathalie Becquart here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G9vHvPxaGc85C9Sx5uy1gUCDDNU7-frt/view?usp=sharing>

This report is from the *Independent Catholic News*. I share it with you so that you can see that reflection on the role of women in the Church is being taken seriously.

*Terry*

## Parish Notice Board

### Please Note

All weekday Masses will be at 7.30am. This is to allow the work on the kitchen to continue without interruption. Also there will be no Adoration on Friday.

### Priests' Retirement Fund

#### Collection

It's unfortunate that this request runs so close to the collection for Peter's Pence, to which you responded so generously. It gives the false impression that we are always having to "cough up". It's the last one now until the 10<sup>th</sup> September. This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection goes to support the retirement of the elderly priests! Thank you again for your help!

### SVP PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

will take place in the church on Monday 17 July at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

*Congratulations* to the pupils and staff for all they have achieved during this past academic year.

*Happy Holidays to you all!*

### Lottery Results – 9<sup>TH</sup> July

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### OFFERINGS 9<sup>TH</sup> July

Envelopes: £ 25.00

Plate: £ 198.71

**Peter's Pence Offering: £111.00**

*Many thanks to you all*

### NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT during the work on the kitchen.

**Please, keep considering:** how we need more Eucharistic ministers, welcomers at the door, readers, choristers and musicians, Mass Servers, slide-projector operators, cleaners, catechists to help prepare the sacraments of baptism and marriage, members of the Justice and Peace Group, Tuesday Café volunteers. These people are all needed to help assure the good functioning of the community. Even if you can only help occasionally, please let us know.



*Congratulations to Fr. Moses Ahiro for his ordination 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We look forward to him joining us in the next 3 months.*

### KITCHEN:



*It is beginning to look like a kitchen!*

*The fittings and tiles are almost finished. Next will be the floor! Thanks to the contractors for doing so well this week.*

*Any contributions towards the cost of the kitchen installation will be gratefully accepted. You can do it through the QR code and through gift-aid. Any ideas for fundraising?*

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

#### PARISH COUNCIL :

Tuesday 6.30pm in the church

#### SVP JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP:

Thursday 6.30pm on ZOOM

**PAX CHRISTI:** Thurs 2pm in St. Michael's Presbytery, L6 9ES

### Sophie Farrell and James Welsh

will celebrate their **marriage**

in this church on Saturday 29 July with a nuptial Mass at 1.30 pm.

All are welcome to join the celebration.

*Through the power of Christ, may you grow together in love, through faith.*

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patricia BRIDGE, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Frances HAYES, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Peter O'Brien, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skylar REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

**Those who have died recently:** Bernard CAMPOS, David COYNE, June DUNNE, David TAGUE

**To donate to the Parish, please scan this QR Code and follow the instructions.**

