



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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17th July 2022

16th Sunday Year C

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

I FLED Him, down the nights
and down the days;

I fled Him, down the arches of the years;

I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways

Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears

I hid from Him, and under running laughter.

Up vistaed hopes I sped;

And shot, precipitated,

Adown Titanic glooms of chasmèd fears,

From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.

But with unhurrying chase,

And unperturbèd pace,

Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,

They beat—and a Voice beat

More instant than the Feet—

‘All things betray thee, who betrayest Me.’

These are the first lines of “THE HOUND OF HEAVEN,” an ode by the Victorian poet, Francis Thompson. He was a Catholic who trained to be a priest and then left the seminary in his final year. He studied medicine but due to his lifestyle and the opium he originally took to ease the pain of his neuralgia but to which he became addicted, he never graduated. It was while he was living destitute on the streets of London that he wrote this poem. It expresses his pain and confusion. He knows that God loves him and seeks him, yet he cannot give in to God’s call and turn away from the mistakes of his life.

He flees God, runs away from God, because he cannot give up his self-destroying freedom.

St. Augustine says: “God made us for Himself, and our heart is restless, until it rests in Him”.

You can listen to the poem on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTiUMy10TRg>

Or read it at: <https://www.bartleby.com/236/239.html>

Terry



Mass Intentions

- Sat 16: Vera Cartledge
- Sun 17: Kathleen McKeown
- Mon 18: Parishioners
- Tue 19: Paul Foy
- Wed 20: Eileen Williams
- Thur 21: Macklin Family
- Fri 22: Sr. Catherine Murphy
- Sat 23: Sr. Pennie McInnes
- Sun 24: Jennifer Lewis

Pope’s Prayer Intention July

For the elderly

“We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.”

The elderly have never been so numerous in the history of humanity.

Pope Francis, who counts himself among the elderly, says that society offers them “many plans for assistance, but few projects for existence.”

We forget the great contribution the elderly can still make. They “are the bread that nourishes our lives, the hidden wisdom of a people.”

We are invited to “celebrate them” on a “day dedicated to them”: the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (24 July)**

Fr. Michael

Plastic Free July

Graduation Proms, end of term, weddings, birthdays: there are all kinds of parties going on these days, now that we feel freer from covid. But have you noticed the plastic litter they leave? If we want to live as long as our grandparents, avoiding further heating of the planet, one thing we have to do is stop using plastic in the way we do.

Celebrating *without* disposable plastics is a great way to empower others to care:

- Plastics, including balloons and glitter, are easily blown down drains, into rivers and our ocean where they remain in the environment forever, even ‘biodegradable’ latex balloons.
- Balloons are a choking hazard and can be fatal to children and animals.
- Helium is a precious resource, needed for medical procedures, so it’s important to save it wherever possible

J&P Group

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

Retiring Collection Today

for Priests in Retirement.

Please help to support the care of the elderly priests of the Archdiocese.



FILM NIGHT AT ST MICHAEL'S

On the feast day of St Mary Magdalene, FRIDAY 22nd July at 7.00pm, a viewing of the 2018 film, "Mary Magdalene", followed by a gentle discussion and prayer. All are welcome from 6.30pm for refreshments.

St Michael's, Horne Street, L6 5EH

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

PILGRIMAGE DAY

On Monday 11th July the children of year 6 of St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School attended a Pilgrimage Day organised by Fr Ferdinand. The day's focus was to explore the life and works of many special people who humbly worked tirelessly for others – showing the impact we all make in other people's lives.

The day began with a celebration breakfast; then travelling to the Metropolitan Cathedral where we celebrated the Eucharist and found out about two very special Latin American saints – St Oscar Romero and St Martin de Porres. We then visited St Winifred's Well in Holywell where Fr Justin welcomed the children and told them all about this special place. Finally, we travelled to the Vincentian Retreat Centre in Pantasaph; here the children were able to explore the beautiful surroundings and take part in creative activities/games. Finally, the day ended with a reflection in Pantasaph's church. This truly was a day to remember and a personal journey for all.

Mrs Lisa Salters



DEANERY SYNOD COUNCIL

Progress in the pastoral restructuring of the Archdiocese includes a Synod Council in each of the new deaneries – the geographical groupings of parishes.

Our Central Deanery needs a **volunteer from each parish** to be a member of this council. We are the only parish who has not yet found a rep.

Volunteering for this will involve meeting councillors from other parishes in the deanery, representing us and bringing the news back into the parish. No more than one meeting a month.

If this interests you, please let Fr. Ferdinand know.

Thank you in advance!

KITCHEN

You may be pleased to know that the project for the kitchen has been accepted at all levels of the Archdiocesan administration. We had a meeting with Kirk Williams, the Surveyor on Friday. Tenders are being sent out for the work now. The Financial Council will choose 2 members to follow the work and we will invite some people with experience to help design the kitchen layout within the parameters set by the Surveyor. We'll soon be able to offer refreshments after weekend Mass!

Cup of tea anyone?



STO and DD Month of June : £390

Psalm 112:5 : "Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice".

Lottery Results 9th July

1. 5. 8. 10. 11. 12 (No winner)

Jackpot £1,450

Keep trying: You never know!!

OFFERINGS 10th July

Envelopes £20.00

Plate £137.18

Many thanks for all your contributions

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Annabel, Sheila & Mike, Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, John BRAGGER, Christopher BROWNE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HASTIE, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Margaret MUCHMORE Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD, John TAGUE, Mary THOMPSON

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Marian DAVIES, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Sarah Jane, Frances KERWIN, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON

And for those who have died recently: Eileen WILLIAMS, Vincent KETTLE