



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Mass Times

Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30

Mass Intentions

Sun 17: Parishioners
Mon 18: Baxter & Flatley Family
Tues 19: James Thompson RIP
Wed 20: Family of Thomasina
Thu 21: Parishioners
Fri 22: Parishioners
Sat 23: Parishioners



**IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU
WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS.**

JOHN 14: 15

Homily Notes

This week, Pope Francis invited people of all faiths – and none – to pray for the end of the pandemic. He said: *‘Since prayer is a universal value, I have accepted the proposal (...) for believers of all religions to unite spiritually this 14 May for a day of prayer, fasting, and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic.’*

There might be little we can do as individuals to stop this pandemic, except what we have been doing up to now. But we can also pray. And both these approaches are ways that are common to people of all faiths. This virus has reminded us that we are all equal before God as we are equal before this virus. No one is favoured. We are all vulnerable, all weak before its power. Therefore, all believers of all faiths can turn to God and pray. Prayer is something we can do together, and it will increase our understanding of and love for each other.

Prayer is not only imploring God’s help when we are in trouble or feeling particularly vulnerable and powerless. Prayer is also the means to allow God to take God’s place in our lives. It is the way to the heart of God who is found in our heart. Jesus would spend nights in prayer in the secret of the garden, on a hilltop or on the quiet lake shore. He told us to pray behind the door of our room. For it is in the silence of these intimate moments that God can connect with us and reassure us that He really is here, sharing our suffering and carrying us through the swamp of our pain.

Our Christian vocation, indeed, the vocation of every human being, is to be one with God, to find our place in God’s heart. Prayer and good works are the way to do it. Let us pray that in this time of lock-down we use the space given to us to return to God in prayer.

Terry

Corona Thoughts

On the Feast of Pentecost five years ago (24 May 2015), Pope Francis unveiled his great encyclical on the environment:

Laudato Si' (Praise Be). It is subtitled 'On Care for our Common Home' and is addressed not just to the Catholic Church, but to the whole of humanity as we face the global climate emergency.

The week of 16-24 May 2020 has been designated **Laudato Si' Week** when we are asked to pray about caring for Our Common Home. Laudato Si' Week will end on Sunday, 24 May, with a global day of prayer.

The weeklong celebration is to honour Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and climate change, and to encourage us to build a better world together.

Pope Francis has encouraged us all to participate in Laudato Si' Week through a short video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHlzOWp8ZQY&=feature=youtu.be

Previously planned events for Laudato Si' Week are now not possible, but we can grow through the crisis of the current moment by praying, reflecting, and preparing together for a better world to come. The lessons of the encyclical are particularly relevant in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, which has brought many parts of the world to a halt.

Pope Francis, in a recent weekly address, said: "As the tragic coronavirus pandemic has taught us, we can overcome global challenges only by showing solidarity with one another and embracing the most vulnerable in our midst." He went on to say, "As a single and interdependent family, we require a common plan in order to avert the threats to our common home."

Laudato Si' offers a vision for building a more just and sustainable world.

From Maggie McSherry, Independent Catholic News, May 14th, 2020

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
01 02 07 10 11 12
Drawn 10th May 2020
The 🌸 winner 🌸 took £650

Don't Forget
6.30pm, every evening
Parish Evening Prayer

at home

Wherever you are, take time to pray with all other parish members.

Let our prayer be united to help us stay faithful to the Lord and to each other during this difficult time.

Leaflets available at the Parish House and on Facebook

Finances

It has already been mentioned that, given the present difficulties, parishes and the archdiocese are not receiving any income from our usual sources.

The Archdiocese, therefore, has set up a system whereby people can make contributions through their mobile phone account or through the bank.

Please take time to read the information attached to this week's newsletter.

In the meantime, many of you have been very generously giving, either through the bank or directly through the door of the Parish House. Many thanks to each and everyone of you. This month of April we received:

£255.55 in cash

£ 550 in the bank

£20 for candles

Those who wish may pass by the house to collect their **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**, any time from Monday on.

Ferdinand

*You are welcome to join us for Sunday's Mass
live-streamed on Facebook
At 9am on Sunday*

Pastoral Associate Update, from Helen Jones :

An invitation to all parishes from St Wilfrid's to join us on our virtual **Via Lucis** is extended to the Pastoral Area. The Zoom link is for you all here, but I would encourage others to email for the links as per my update below.

You are invited to the "Stations of the Resurrection" hosted by St Wilfrid's Parish, Garston on Ascension Thursday 21 May.

Please let me know if you can attend as it will help to have an idea of numbers. Please have a candle by your computer and a means to light it for the last station, (complying with health and safety of course!)

The meeting will be open from **6:45pm and start promptly at 7:00pm** aiming to finish in time for NHS applause at 8pm. If you need assistance on setting Zoom up, please contact Helen 07449 633977 and we can arrange a quick try the day before. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9125963685?pwd=YkErNjNpU1KNzVCZTjVSIjdzJHQT09>

Meeting ID: 912 596 3685 Password: Awareness

Please join with audio and video when you log on. We really look forward to seeing you.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

Sunday, 17 May

One faith, one family, one hope

Sunday 17 May is a Day of Prayer bringing into communion through prayer Christians of the East and the West.

The following is a prayer that could be said:

"O Lord, on this day of prayer for Eastern Christians, we pray for peace in the world; that, by your heavenly grace, Eastern Christians may be granted faith and hope; that they may be blessed with peace and prosperity in their lands; that we may be inspired by their devotion and witness to you, their love and compassion to all in their community, and their courage, endurance and self-sacrifice against oppression; and that, through their goodwill, tolerance and friendship, peace and reconciliation will come to prosper in those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

This day of prayer for Eastern Christians is promoted by FACE (Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East) of which Cardinal Michael is the Patron.

Cardinal Michael

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Baby HARVEY, Catherine BOWLES, Michael BRATIN, Les BURNS, Paul HADFIELD, Joe KENNEDY, Molly McEVOY, Kathleen McGOVERN (still in hospital), Maria MURPHY, May MURRAY, Pat O'DONOVAN, Joe PERRY, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

Also for the intentions of: Baby Kirwin, Anne BAXTER, BRATIN Family, Lilly FLANNERY, Patricia GLANVILLE, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Paul HART for intentions answered, Beverly HARPER, Theresa HASTIE, Madelene McCANN and Family, Lindsay MAHER, The MIDGHALL Family, Henry MIDTSAETER, Joey MORGAN, SALCEDO Family, Shirley & Phil SCOTT & family, Marie SCOWAN, Teresa SWIFT, Terry VALIANT, David THOMAS, Pauline WALSH, WILLIAMS Family, Pray for those who are suffering with this disease across the world, ALL NHS staff and ALL key workers.

And for those who have died: Terry CORRIGAN (died 2nd May) Margaret McCREADY, John McGOVERN (died Tuesday 12th May) and Ken WADE (anniversary)