

**Regular Mass Times** 

See overleaf for changes

10.00

07:30

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18.00

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

Wednesday

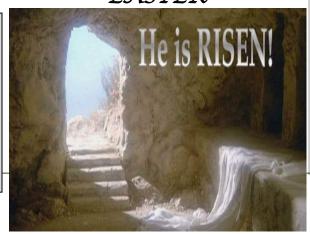
Saturday (vigil)

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

17th April 2021

### EASTER



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#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat 16: Vera Cartledge. Easter Flowers Sun 17: Parishioners & Confirmations

Mon 18: Sr. Mary Jo Tue 19: Maurice Cavanagh Wed 20: Frank Benjamin Thu 21: Rosalie Cox

Fri 22: Owen McEvoy

Sat 23: Mary, Tommy, Patrick Fraser

Sun 24: Kathleen Brown

#### 2022 Easter Message from the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

Easter Sunday, the day when we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, is always a day of joy and of hope - a day when we celebrate the gift of life itself and the triumph of light over darkness, of good over evil, and of peace over war.

The great Easter proclamation, the Exsultet, which is sung at our Easter Vigil, the first service of Easter, says:

'The sanctifying power of this night

dispels wickedness, washes faults away,

restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,

drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty'

The Easter Vigil is always celebrated in darkness to emphasise the light and glory of the Risen Lord, but it comes at the end of Holy Week, a time when we remember the passion and death of Jesus. It is a time of high drama and emotion, of suffering and of mystery. It begins in triumph as Jesus enters Jerusalem, a king riding on a donkey receiving the adulation of the crowds as they cheer and wave palm branches. The mood rapidly changes to one of darkness and betrayal, mental anguish, suffering and death on a cross. If we lay all before the Lord at the foot of that cross God will take us beyond the cross from darkness to light and from war to peace.

As Jesus died on the cross, he prayed, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do'. Violence and war are human failings by people who do not know what they are doing.

In these last months we have witnessed a time of darkness, unjust aggression, violence, war and the death of innocent people. We have been praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and our generosity has united us with them. In the Archdiocese of Liverpool, we have united with the people of Drohobych and their Auxiliary Bishop, Gregory Komar, who wrote to us: 'We have witnessed that God is with us, that we are not alone in our anguish, that throughout the whole world there are many people of good will supporting us.'

Yes, God is with us all the time, even though we may not realise it. The Risen Lord comes to us as we reach out to those most in need.

Through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Easter gives us hope, Bishop Gregory ends his message to us by saying, 'I am asking you, dear brothers and sisters, to be alongside us in this Way of the Cross, in these dramatic days, when the future of Europe and of the whole world is being decided. Share with us your material blessings and your support, and we in our turn will share with you our love, our gratitude, our faith and our hope.'

Let us accept the love, gratitude, faith and hope of the Ukrainian people as our Easter gift this year as we continue to support them, and may we be empowered by the presence of the Risen Lord today as he calls us beyond the fear of the unknown.

For the people of Ukraine, for those in our world who suffer conflict, hunger, injustice and deprivation, for our families and for ourselves may we make the greeting of the Risen Lord our prayer this Easter – 'Peace be with you'.

#### **Parish Notice Board**

## Please Note changes in Mass times this week:

Monday 18 9am
Tuesday 19 9am
Wednesday 20 9am
Thursday 21 7.30am
Friday 22 9am

Our thanks to

#### **Bishop Tom Williams**

for accepting our invitation to confer the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION on Jacqui Rice

and Gary Mitchell at the 10am Mass on Easter

Day

#### **Financial Council Meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Many thanks to Alice Silker, Betty Calvey, Marian Bird & Angela Everett who served 3 years on the first and retiring council.

We are grateful to Peter Woods, Angela, Martin Carr and Sophia Hughes for accepting to take their place in the new council.

Soli Deo gloria

Please Remember **SVP CONVERSATIONS** 

last Tuesday of April with Jo Ramsden of

#### **KUUMBA IMAANI**

At 6.30pm

Please come to hear about their great work at the service of the people of Toxteth

**Lottery Results** 

For Draw on 9<sup>th</sup> April **01 02 08 10 11 12** 

The priests of the parish wish all members of the Parish Community a very happy and holy Easter. May you be filled with the Hope and the Joy that Easter brings us at this difficult time. Blessings on you and your families.



#### Please write to your MP. For Liverpool One, it's Kim Johnson

"A deal reportedly made by the United Kingdom to send some migrants for processing and relocation to the Central African nation of Rwanda, are at odds with States' responsibility to take care of those in need of protection, the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, said on Thursday". (from the UNHCR web briefing)

"It is (our experience with refugees) which causes many of us to be so enraged by the Government's decision to "deport" men, often horrifically traumatised. It is difficult enough for them to receive much needed therapy here, In Rwanda it would be simply non existent". "Church leaders have a duty to confront abusive power people. I pray they will do it quickly, with both other church and faith leaders". Fr. Peter Morgan.

"More than 160 charities and campaign groups have <u>urged ministers to scrap the policy</u> - which has also drawn criticism from opposition parties and some Conservatives". "Ian Blackford, the SNP's Westminster leader, said it was "chilling" to think "vulnerable people" trying to enter the UK would be processed in Rwanda, before describing the plans as "evil". "Last year, the UK government <u>raised concerns</u> at the UN about claims of "extrajudicial killings, deaths in custody, enforced disappearances and torture" in Rwanda, as well as restrictions to civil and political rights". https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-61126360

An example for a letter to your MP can be found on our Face Book page. Terry

#### Easter Raffle 2022.

We received a total of 32 prizes/donations and raised a total of £415 Many thanks to all those involved in the organisation of this charitable event. The results are published on the notice board.

#### Offerings on 9th April

Envelopes £60.00 Plate £87.00 Many Thanks

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sheila & Mike, Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Cathy MURRAY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUITE, Camila WILD.

**Also, for the intentions of**: Anne BAXTER, Marian DAVIES, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M°CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: Joan BAXTER, Vera CARTLEDGE, May FLEETWOOD.