



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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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

*Please note special
Christmas times
overleaf*

Homily Notes

One of the phrases that stands out in today's Gospel reading is:

Mary set out. Mary took the initiative and challenges of a long journey to visit Elizabeth. The two women stayed together, supporting each other in their roles in God's plan for our salvation. Our own discipleship includes "Setting Out"

Mary's "Setting Out" is both a physical and spiritual journey. "Setting out" in Luke's Gospel means getting on the move *for and with God*. It is a setting out that embraces an unknown expansive horizon. We can say that when we set out, we dispose ourselves to be "*taken beyond the vision of this day, to the deep and wide ways of God's infinite love and life.*" While Mary had by this time known about God's fruitful work even through the lives of barren women, more of God's ways were to be revealed to her through events and relationships in her own life. Similarly, a disciple of Jesus discerns God's ways in events and relationships. Even if they be bad events and relationships, a disciple is encouraged to avoid a paralysis of fear but to live with hope of the promised peace (Micah 5:1-4).

Recently a choir group ("What We Did Next"), presented good Christmas Carols here in our church. What may have caught the attention and probably increased our level of participation was that the "profits from the concert will go to Liverpool Women's Hospital Charity. Some may have sadly recalled that recently that Hospital was the target of a suicide bomber. An element of hope to live by is that suicide bombing is becoming unpopular in some of the places it has flourished before. The Prince of Peace we celebrate at Christmas reminds us of our role to make violence, in all forms, more unpopular.

Fr. Charles



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

- Sat 18: Terri Valiant
- Sun 19: Cecilia Flatley
- Mon 20: Aldegund Drees RIP
- Tue 21: Holy Souls
- Wed 22: Frances Kerwin
- Thu 23: Mary Sharkey
- Fri 24: William Flatley
- Sat 25: Parishioners
- Sun 26: Margaret O'Gorman

A Thought for Christians in the Holy Land

Bishops in Jerusalem have warned that the existence of Christianity in the Holy Land is threatened by "a systematic attempt" to drive the community out.

They declared: "Throughout the Holy Land, Christians have become the target of frequent and sustained attacks by fringe radical groups. "Since 2012 there have been countless incidents of physical and verbal assaults against priests and other clergy, attacks on Christian churches, with holy sites regularly vandalised and desecrated, and ongoing intimidation of local Christians who simply seek to worship freely and go about their daily lives.

"These tactics are being used by such radical groups in a systematic attempt to drive the Christian community out of Jerusalem and other parts of the Holy Land."

The statement acknowledged with gratitude the Israeli government's express commitment to provide a secure home for Christians in the country – but expressed anxiety over the failure of state institutions to tackle these attacks.

The Church leaders noted that "radical groups continue to acquire strategic property in the Christian Quarter, with the aim of diminishing the Christian presence, often using underhanded dealings and intimidation tactics to evict residents from their homes, dramatically decreasing the Christian presence, and further disrupting the historic pilgrim routes between Bethlehem and Jerusalem."

And the patriarchs and bishops called on authorities to "Deal with the challenges presented by radical groups in Jerusalem to both the Christian community and the rule of law, so as to ensure that no citizen or institution has to live under threat of violence or intimidation."

As one solution to the problems, the heads of Churches proposed the creation of "a special Christian cultural and heritage zone to safeguard the integrity of the Christian Quarter in Old City Jerusalem", which would also ensure the preservation of the city's Christian heritage.

From: Article by John Newton for "Aid for the Church in Need" December 16 2021

Parish Notice Board

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent is one of those opportunities in the year to turn to the Lord and to the Community in recognition of our sin. We ask for forgiveness and the grace of conversion through the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Special Service Monday 20th December at 7pm

HELP OUR PAT & PAUL

keep the church beautiful with fresh flowers this Christmas, by donating for the CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.



THANK YOU

COVID PRECAUTIONS

We have received no news from the Archdiocese about new precautions to take in the face of the new surge in COVID cases. Let us remain sensible and take all the precautions we already know well. Our hope is that our Christmas Celebrations will take place normally. We will make them as safe as possible. If you are vulnerable, we understand that you may not be able to come.

BINGO IS BACK!

Many thanks for this return are due to Ian and Margaret Hastie. A good evening was had by all!

Offerings on 11th December

Envelopes £82.50
Plate £119.00
Gift £250.00
Thank you

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
this Friday 24th December :

News from the Pastoral Development Dept.



Archdiocese of Liverpool
Justice & Peace Commission

Memorial Lecture 2022
Sunday 16 January 2022, 2 – 4pm
SPEAKER: DR LORNA GOLD
More Info next week

Advent Mondays 20th December 7pm

In our final session we will be reflecting on the Gospel text of the day in conjunction with Pastoral Plan Area 4 – Renewing organizational structures and administering property. Do join us for a chance to connect, comment and contemplate.

If you want us to keep you posted about future events, sign up at:

<https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>

or via the website

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays.

The CAFOD FUN RUN IS BACK

This Family Fun Run is back after a break due to covid.



It will take place at The MYSTERY WAVERTREE CENTRE, on Bank Holiday Monday, 27th December.

If you wish to take part, check it out in the CATHOLIC PICTORIAL December Edition, still at the back of the church, page 8.

Don't forget to arrange your sponsors!! 😊

*Many Thanks to
WHAT WE DID NEXT CHOIR
Who gave us a delightful
Festive Favourites Concert
Last Thursday.
Enjoyed by a full house.*

Christmas services at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday 24th December at 8pm
Vigil Mass
Saturday 25th December at 10am
Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 26th December at 10am
Holy Family Sunday Mass
Monday 27th December at 9am
Feast of St. John Mass
Tuesday 28th December at 9am
Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass

Little Church Volunteers Needed

to relaunch Little Church - a way of caring for the Little Ones while the Adults pray and listen to the Word of God at Mass...

This is for the Sunday 10am Mass only. The New Year is a good time to relaunch this activity.

We need people to volunteer for this. Interested?

Please contact Fr. Ferdinand

MICAH NEEDS FOR THE FOOD BANK

Last week MICAH received over 320 guests between here and St. Brides.

They are well stocked with canned foods but low on CANNED FISH, JAM, HONEY, BISCUITS and whatever is your favourite sweet!

They are so grateful to you all for donating the toiletries.

Make someone's Christmas less stressful this year!!!

Lottery Results 11/12/21

It is won: £800

Congratulations to:

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kitty BAXTER, Frank BENJAMIN, Catherine BOWLES, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HAINS, Raymond JOYCE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, David THOMAS, Robert WARD

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Denise BELL, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON

And for those who have died: Maureen CUNNINGHAM, Aldegund DREES, Jimmy GALLAGHER, Barbara LOVAT