



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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29th Sunday Year A

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Mass Times

Sunday streamed	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday vigil	18.00

Homily Thoughts

The readings today draw our attention to the relationship between Church and State. God's presence and work go beyond our human boundaries and beyond our knowledge.

In the Gospel, Jesus is asked if it is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar. Sadly, this question is used to trap Jesus. If Jesus answered that it is not permissible, He would have been charged with treason, if He said it is permissible, He would be aligning himself with the Romans against His own people. Jesus answered them: *Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.*

In this response Jesus does not object to the peoples' civil duty to pay taxes. He also shows that he is not putting Caesar and God on the same level. Caesar does not own anything independently that can be given back to him. Everything belongs to God; *"to Yahweh belongs the earth and all it contains"* (Psalm 24).

Today we are reminded that we must fulfil our civil duties, but we should also not use them as an excuse for neglecting our duties towards God. Our Christian faith should inform and guide our political preferences and decisions. We are reminded to put God first in our lives, and this will guide our response in our dealings with Government and each other. This is especially true at this time when we wish to support all affected by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Here in our parish we are requested to follow the Government guidelines so that we can all stay safe. We also remember all who are unable to visit their loved ones at home or in Nursing Homes, parents whose work is at risk and children who once again have to self-isolate from school. We commit ourselves to pray together for each other. We entrust all to a God who loves each one and in so doing we are returning to God all that belongs to God.

Charles



Mass Intentions

- Sat 17: Richard Mawson
- Sun 18: Marie Norris
- Mon 19: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Tues 20: Tony Macklin
- Wed 21: Peter Moran
- Thu 22: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Fri 23: Chigwell Sisters
- Sat 24: Lily & John Reilly
- Sun 25: Sarah Benjamin

Pastoral message for Synod Sunday 2020

I am writing this to you today because this was to have been the weekend of our Synod 2020 gatherings. The situation we are living in at the moment has, as you know, meant that we felt it was right to move this weekend until June next year.

The work of the Synod has not stopped – God is still asking us to reflect on becoming the kind of Church he is calling us to be and in many ways we have been invited to do this with a new urgency at this time. Our Synod journey brings together the “imperatives” of co-responsibility, collaboration and genuine listening between Church leaders and the lay faithful. Synodality is an essential aspect of Church life today. Pope Francis is firm on Synodality as the way forward. I am reminded of something that Pope Benedict said in 2012: *“Lay people should not be regarded as ‘collaborators’ of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really ‘co-responsible’ for the Church’s being and acting ... It is therefore important that a mature and committed laity be consolidated, which can make its own specific contribution to the ecclesial mission with respect for the ministries and tasks that each one has in the life of the Church.”*

This is very much your role in the next part of our Synod journey. Over 3,500 proposals were submitted – thank you. The Synod Working Party (and others) have worked with all these proposals and have faithfully kept all the proposals and ideas that you have highlighted. They have produced a summary which we are making available to you this weekend. (You can find them at synod2020.co.uk/proposals).

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Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
The winning numbers for
11th October are:
01, 02, 03, 06, 08, 09

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I need each of you to play your part in discerning the next steps forward. At the beginning of December each Synod Member will have to indicate which of the ideas and issues that they are most drawn to. They will need your input to do this faithfully. This will then enable us to present to you, in March, the Synod Proposals to be voted on in June. After June we will work on drawing up a Pastoral Plan in the light of the Synod Proposals which will be promulgated at the start of Advent 2021.

The next months are an exciting opportunity for us all to listen again to the voice of the Spirit of God guiding and directing us. Please play your part, we will not be able to complete this task faithfully without you.

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP

Synod President

+ Malcolm Mc Mahon OP

SUNDAY MASSES

During the meeting of the Parish Council last Thursday we chose **10 am as the time for the regular Celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays**. This will be from Sunday 25th October onwards. Tomorrow the Mass will be at 9 am.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS/ STREAMING.

With a Sunday Mass besides the Saturday evening mass we will need more stewards and readers. If you are willing to serve the community as a reader or steward, please contact a member of the Parish Council or one of the priests. Thank you.

As some people may still not feel confident to leave their homes because of the Covid pandemic, we will continue to stream the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you have an email address and would like to receive the Parish newsletter, please give us your email address and you will receive it.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In the Archdiocese of Liverpool World Mission Sunday will be celebrated next weekend; there will be a retiring collection to support the Mission of the Church worldwide.



Offerings for 10/11 October 2020

Envelopes £ 46.00

Plate £ 115.08

CAFOD £ 130.00

Flowers £ 57.05

Many thanks to you all!

Pastoral Associate Update

As we continue to be challenged in coping with more restrictions on our lives, staying connected in innovative ways fuels our efforts to support one another. Our Synod journey will be challenging in the next weeks ahead, but I have been so encouraged by the virtual connections we can experience: the FCJ's Fratelli Tutti Reading group literally crosses the globe in its outreach; in the next weeks we will be trying to come together virtually for Synod Proposal discernments; a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour led by St Wilfrid's, Garston starts on Tue 27 Oct; if you feel called to explore your faith in relation to ministry do look at the Diploma/Certificate programme for Pastoral Ministry & Leadership details at

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma; Cardinal Michael will be sharing reflections on Fratelli Tutti during Advent. "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about" from Meg Wheatley, American writer. Keep safe, God Bless,

Helen

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Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Danny POWER, Kelly SHEPHERD, Maureen COOK, Teresa NALL, Shiela KEELEY, Mary RICE, Jade JOHNSON, Alfie MONTGOMERY.

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Joan BAXTER, Angela, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Billy Flatley, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Charlotte KELLY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Prudence MULENGA, Joey PERRY, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, Margot TEE, Terri VALIANT, Joan WALSH, MONTGOMERY Family, Leigh ROBINSON (anniversary).

And for those who have died: Joe KELLY, Julian JONES.