

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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4th Sunday of Lent

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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



Happy Mothers' Day

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Gospel Thoughts

Today we have the second of three Gospel readings for this first cycle of Lent, each one being taken from St. John's Gospel. They are chosen as examples of conversion, where people meet Jesus, and through conversation with him and things he does, come to recognize him as the Saviour. They have a particular significance for those approaching Baptism, illustrating the journey to God as the passage from darkness to light, from death to life.

Today's theme is Jesus as the light of the world, the one who enters the darkness of the man born blind, who dazzles him and the world with his light, and illuminates all who live in darkness. As St. John says, that darkness cannot overcome him.

The man born blind is brought to light. He washes in the pool, the water, a symbol of Baptism. First of all, he is able to see physically, but much more significantly he is brought to the light of faith. The Pharisees who have always had physical sight, suffer the worst possible blindness. Waiting for the one God has promised they fail to recognise him when he comes. They are so full of their own ideas of how God should work. They have failed to reflect on their Scriptures in a spirit of real humility. They have reduced God to their own level. They are the ones who are really blind.

The conversation, as John presents it in the Gospel, also reflects a stage in the development in the Church at the time that John is writing, when all converts from Judaism to Christianity had been expelled from the Synagogue, and their families forbidden to speak to their Christian relatives. John is begging these new Christians not to renege on their faith, saying that those who are in darkness, those truly blind, are the people who reject Jesus as Lord, not recognising the real fulfilment of the ancient promises. Jesus alone is the light of the world. So, it comes back to us, John is saying. There is an urgency in these readings. Now is the time, No more hesitation. To look elsewhere is to be in darkness. Embrace Jesus as your Lord. **Fr. Peter Morgan**

Mass Intentions

- Sat 18: Kit & George Everett
- Sun 19: Winnie Carr
- Mon 20: Parishioners
- Tue 21: Christi O'Hara
- Wed 22: Betty Carden
- Thur 23: Agnes O'Gorman
- Fri 24: Stavros Archondopoulos
- Sat 25: Robert & Agnes O'Gorman
- Sun26: Maxwell & Nellie Hughes

Mother's Day

Like so many of our modern traditions, the celebration of Mothers' Day goes back to ancient Rome and Greece. At this

time of the year, they held festivals in honour of their mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. These feasts were later "enculturated" by the Christians in northern Europe. On the fourth Sunday of Lent, they would travel to their home churches, where they grew up, to visit them and remember their baptism. These home churches were referred to as "Mother Churches". They would also visit their mothers and families on the occasion, so it became a popular family feast.

You will have noticed that our Mothers' Day is always celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. In the USA it is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of May. Their Mothering Sunday developed in another way. After their civil war, many children were abandoned, and many women could not cope with the care of their children. A certain Ana Jarvis, began a campaign to help women re-learn the skills of motherhood and the care of their children. This quickly became a movement, with groups of women all over the country. They established an annual holiday when motherhood was celebrated and families gathered for the feast.

Today, she would be shocked at the commercialisation of the holiday! Maybe we should remind ourselves of our origins and make this day not only a thanksgiving for our mothers, but also for our baptism.

Terry

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK, with parishioners of St. Anne's, Edge Hill.
Saturday 25th March 2pm. A walk in the park for all ages and fitness.
Meet at park area bottom of Greenbank Drive/Greenbank Lane.
Sponsorships or donations could increase the value!!! **FOR CAFOD**

Easter Raffle Tickets are still for sale. The Proceeds are for improvements to the Sound System in church. Buy one now!!! 😊

Parish Notice Board

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 6pm

A worthwhile meditation on the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

The funeral of MARGARET MARY HIGGINS,

of Hillview, Liverpool L17,
who died on 12th February 2023,
aged 79 years,
will take place in this church on

Friday 24th March
at 1.30pm.

We extend our sympathy to her
son, Paul, and her friends and
family.

Anointing of the Sick and Elderly

Sunday 19th March at 4pm.

A sacrament of healing and
comfort for all those of advanced
age and suffering from physical or
mental ailments.

ARCHBISHOP ROMERO MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday 23rd March 2023, 7pm
in Saint Edmund of Canterbury
church, 62 Oxford Road,
Waterloo, L22 8QF.

Refreshments afterwards,
and talk by Peggy Healy.

OFFERINGS 12th March

Envelopes: £ 15.00
Plate: £ 172.42
Mission Appeal £ 343.90

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

RAMADAN 2023

(Christians accompanying Muslims)

The opening of **Ramadan** will
probably be on **Wednesday** of this
week. As in past years, Fr. Michael will
help us follow this month of fasting and
prayer to keep company with our
Muslim Friends.

His articles will be published on
Facebook every day.

Facebook: **Vincent de Paul Church**

Easter Ceremonies at St. Vinnies.

PALM SUNDAY - 2nd April

No Saturday evening Mass

10am on Sunday Morning
with Procession and Passion

Holy Thursday – 6th April

**7 pm: Mass of the Last
Supper with washing of feet
and adoration**

Good Friday – 7th April

The Passion and Crucifixion
3 pm

Holy Saturday – 8th April

Easter Vigil 8 pm

Easter Sunday – 9th April

Eucharist 10 am.

Lottery Results – 11th March

02 04 06 07 10 11

Jackpot £ 1150.00

2 Solemnities this week

(Very important days in the Church's
annual liturgical calendar)



Monday 20th March. **St. Joseph**
Mass at 7h30

Saturday 25th March
The Annunciation
Mass at 9h00

*Do what you can to make these days
holy.*

*Welcome to Deacon Paul
Mannings* who is giving the

homily this weekend. Could you be a
deacon like him? Email
diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more
information.

We also welcome  **Rose** , who
will be introduced at the end of the
Masses. This is a foretaste of the
meeting we can have with some
Asylum Seekers at the end of the
month, Tuesday 28th.

MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Hugh Seenan, of the White
Fathers, greets you and thanks you
for your generous welcome and
support last week.

The collection for the missions came
to **£343.90**.

Don't forget

Asylum Link Concert next
Friday 7.00pm, in St. Anne's
Church, Entrance £5.00 . Many
different artists contributing.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Isaac BRESWITH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Maureen FARREL, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Dominic POTIER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: Stephen ARCHONDOPOULAS, Catherine BANKS, Lindsey BARTON, Phil CUMBERLIDGE, Alan GRANT, Margaret HIGGINS, Lyndsey Tyrrell, Ann Woods