



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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## All saints

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### Mass Times

Sunday (streamed)	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday vigil	18.00



### Mass Intentions

- Sat 31: Paddy Ryan
- Sun 1: Parishioners
- Mon 2: Eddie Rooney
- Tues 3: Winnie Christopherson
- Wed 4: Catriona Murphy
- Thu 5: Parishioners
- Fri 6 : Marie Norris
- Sat 7: Eileen Lally, all Faithful departed
- Sun 8: Barbara Hyland, all Faithful departed.

### Homily Thoughts

*Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.*

In the Bible, the hill or the mountain is the place to meet God and where God could reveal God self. It was on Mount Sinai that Moses had received the Law from the hands of God. Just as God gave the Law to Moses on the mountain, today we hear how Jesus gives to his disciples on the mountain a new Law, for a new way of life and happiness (Mt 5:1-12).

Jesus gives us nine short statements; each starts with the words *How happy are*. How happy are the poor in spirit, happy the gentle, happy the merciful, happy the peacemakers, happy the pure in heart, etc. We call these the Beatitudes because the word *Beati* means: the happy ones. How different is Jesus' way from what the world presents to us as the way to happiness. Society will tell us: happy are the famous, happy are those with a perfect body, happy are the rich. The 'Beatitudes' of the world are false and very few people will have access to them. On the other hand, the way to happiness taught by Jesus is true and is accessible and open to each and everyone.

This is the way Jesus himself lived; this is the way the Saints tried to live. This is the way Jesus is inviting us to go as well.

Today Jesus is giving nine Beatitudes: We could ask ourselves which Beatitude will lead to life and happiness during this pandemic? Or we could make one more Beatitude, maybe: Happy those who persevere and remain hopeful, they shall be victorious.

We need perseverance in following the guidelines, in prayer, in doing good. And we need to remain hopeful that God will work good out of evil.

*Ferdinand*

### Pope Francis on Holiness

**Some quotations from "Gaudete et Exultate" (2018) on the call to holiness in today's world**

The Letter to the Hebrews presents a number of testimonies that encourage us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us". It speaks of Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Gideon and others. Above all, it invites us to realize that "a great cloud of witnesses" impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. These witnesses may include our own mothers, grandmothers, or other loved ones. Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.

With this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy". The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".

"Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts, rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them.

## Parish Notice Board

### Lottery Results

The winning numbers for  
18<sup>th</sup> October are:  
02, 04, 09, 10, 11, 12

**Christmas raffle:** Tickets are now for sale with Marian or Alice. Chance your luck!

### Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

– Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? On the other hand, do you feel helpless? RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The programme is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Christmas dinners:** Councillor Steve Munby has contacted us to see if there are any of our parishioners who would benefit by receiving a free Christmas dinner from an initiative he is running alongside The Florrie. These will be delivered between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you know of any parishioner who would benefit from this can you please give their name, address and phone number or email address.

**Month of November:** November is traditionally the month to remember all the faithful departed. This is very significant, especially in this year of the pandemic. All Souls day will be this Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> when there will be the usual celebration of the Eucharist at 7.30 am. In the Masses of coming weekend (7 and 8 November) we will remember in a special way all the faithful departed.

**Family Mass:** Before the lock down we were having a Family Mass on the second Sunday of the month at 10.30 am. In consultation with the school, we have decided to suspend the Family Mass in its usual form (with children reading and singing) for the time being.

**Families and children are very welcome every Saturday and Sunday!**

**Planting of a tree:** We had been thinking about the planting of a tree to mark the conclusion of the Season of Creation. The actual tree which we wished to replace was this one (on the right). However, after contact with the local authorities, it became clear that this will be possible only in 2021. But thanks to some good parishioners, another tree (top right) was planted in the garden/parking place of the church! Thank you!

### Offerings for 24/25 October 2020

Envelopes £ 53.00

Plate £ 110.33

Missio £ 107.55

**Many thanks to you all!**



### Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Paul COLE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Sheila KEELY, Molly McEVOY, Eddie McTIGUE, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Joe PERRY, Danny POWER, Mary RICE, Kelly SHEPHERD.

**Also for the intentions of:** Sheila ABBOTT, Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Charlotte KELLY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Lisa ROBINSON, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Joseph SAVAGE, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT, , Michael WILLIAMS, Kathleen WILLIAMS, William WILLIAMS.

**And for those who have died:** Billy & Henry ANDERSON, Johnny BLOOR, Julian JONES, Catherine McKILLEN.