



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

1st January 2023

Mary the Holy Mother of God

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Sat 31: Birch Family
 Sun 01:
 Mon 02: Karen & Paul Swanson
 Tue 03 : Margaret Minns
 Wed 04: Mary Thompson
 Thur 05: Cathy Banks
 Fri 06: Lesley Carruthers
 Sat 07: Frank Hastie
 Sun 08: Edward Carr

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

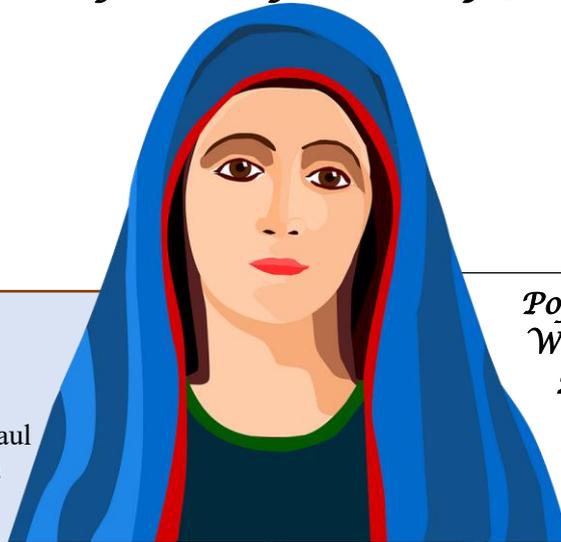
Homily Notes

Mary Mother of God.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul points out that the Son of God was "born of a woman". In these few words, he tells us something amazing: that the Lord was born like us. He did not appear on the scene as an adult, but as a child. He came into the world not on his own, but from a woman, after nine months in the womb of his Mother, from whom he allowed his humanity to be shaped. The heart of the Lord began to beat within Mary; the God of life drew oxygen from her. Ever since then, Mary has united us to God because *in her* God bound himself to our flesh, and he has never left it. Saint Francis loved to say that Mary "made the Lord of Majesty our brother". She is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is more. She is the road that God travelled in order to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach him. Through Mary, we encounter God the way he wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh. For Jesus is not an abstract idea; he is real and incarnate; he was "born of a woman", and quietly grew.

We are in this world not to die, but to give life. The holy Mother of God teaches us that the first step in giving life to those around us is to cherish it within ourselves. Today's Gospel tells us that Mary "kept all these things in her heart". And goodness comes from the heart. How important it is to *educate our hearts to care*, to *cherish* the persons and things around us. Everything starts from this: from cherishing others, the world and creation. This will be a good year if we cherish and take care of others, as Our Lady does with us.

Extract from homily Pope Francis 1 January 2021



Pope Francis's Message on this World Day of Peace, 1st January 2023

In his New Year message, on this **World Day of Peace**, Pope Francis asks world leaders to reflect: "What did we learn from the Covid

pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?" He continues, "certainly after directly experiencing the fragility of our own lives ... *the greatest lesson we learned from COVID-19 was the realization that we all need one another.*"

He added: "We also learned that the trust we put in progress, technology, and the effects of globalization was not only excessive but turned into an individualistic and idolatrous intoxication, compromising the very promise of justice, harmony, and peace that we so ardently sought."

"In our fast-paced world, the widespread problems of inequality, injustice, poverty, and marginalization continue to fuel unrest and conflict, and generate violence and even wars."

"We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common," he wrote.

About the war in Ukraine, Pope Francis added: "At the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the COVID-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity. We witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war, to some extent like that of COVID-19, but driven by culpable human decisions ... Clearly, this is not the post-COVID era we had hoped for or expected"

Full text at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

Parish Notice Board

The Solemnity of the EPIPHANY falls on Friday 6th January. Mass is at 9.30am.

Little Church is available again at the 10am Eucharist on Sunday

Why not stay for a cuppa?



The Parish Council will be serving tea and coffee after the Morning Eucharist every 2nd Sunday, starting next Sunday, 8th January. You might want to plan your return home accordingly, so that you can easily stay and greet your fellow Disciples!



CAFOD
just one world

Thank you to all parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £177.40 which we received on 15 December 2022. Thank you so much for being there for our global family

Lottery Results - 25th December
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OFFERINGS 25th December

Envelopes: £ 81.00
Plate: £ 386.10

😊 Thank you 😊

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

PREPARATON FOR INFANT BAPTISM

A new course for the preparation of Infant baptism will be given on Saturdays 21 & 28 January 2023.

Participation is necessary for the preparation of the baptism of your children. Please contact Fr Ferdinand if you wish to baptise a child in 2023.



(Photo from the CBCEW)

In the UK, Pope Benedict will be remembered for his historic visit in 2010, where he gained the respect of many in the "Establishment" and improved relations between Church and State.

Special Mass Times for this week 2nd – 6th June

Monday 2 9.00 am
Tuesday 3 7.30 am
Wednesday 4 9.00 am
Thursday 5 7.30 am
Friday 6 9.30am

The Funeral Mass of Ellen Packwood, who died in Southport on 23rd December 2022, aged 86 years, will take place on **Wednesday 4th January** at 11am in this church.

We offer her niece, Marie Crane, and all her family, our sympathy.

Pope emeritus **Benedict XVI**, who served as Bishop of Rome from April 2005 to February 2013, died, aged 95, at 9.34am on Saturday 31st December 2022, in his home in the Vatican City.

His funeral will be held on Thursday 5 January and will be presided over by Pope Francis, the Vatican has said.

May he now rest in peace in the Lord whom he has so faithfully served for so many years.

Christmas Raffle Results

1st prize.	£50	Blue ticket	871 - 875	Mary Day
2nd prize.	Sweet Hamper	Blue ticket.	321 - 327	Barbara Kelly
3rd prize.	Bottle Gin.	Yellow ticket	16 - 20	Tony Killorran
4th prize.	Bottle Vodka.	Blue ticket.	456 - 460	Lynn Bundu
5th prize.	2 Bottles of Wine.	White ticket.	271 - 275.	Kat Edwards
6th prize.	Bottle Prosecco	Blue ticket	351 - 355.	Joan Cupit

Congratulations to the Winners

Thank you to all those who contributed to the draw of which the proceeds go towards the cost of the new kitchen

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Baby Bobby ENWRIGHT, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Kai, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD

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

And for those who have died: Ellen Packwood (nee Crane)