



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## Mass Intentions

Sat 19: Maurice Cavanagh

Sun 20:

Mon 21: Parishioners

Tue 22: Martine Stewart

Wed 23: Frances Kerwin

Thu 24: Lily Bray

Fri 25: Patricia Foy

Sat 26 : Terry Valiant

Sun 27: David Tague

## Usual 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

In the gospel today, we find the sudden emergence of a faith-filled and persistent voice of an excluded person. The Canaanite in the story is a gentile, a woman, a person troubled by the spiritual illness of her daughter, and an inhabitant of the gentile territory of Tyre and Sidon. It is written; *suddenly out came a Canaanite woman from the district and started shouting, Lord, son of David, take pity on me.* The disciples were upset by her shouting (Mt 15:21-28). This may remind us of similar stories in the Gospel such as that of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who sat by the roadside and who persistently and loudly shouted: *Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.* The disciples scolded him and told him to keep quiet (Mk10:46). Today, the response of the disciples is not to scold, to silence, or to rebuke. Their response is to beg Jesus with the words: *give her what she wants because she is shouting after us.* Though it is a response that does not acknowledge her faith, her pain or show compassion for her tormented daughter, it is nevertheless a favorable plea.

St. Mathew is addressing a Jewish Christian community that is on a challenging spiritual journey of welcoming Gentiles. The idea that the Gentiles and Jews would belong to one God's family in faith was not a new idea to the Jewish Christians. Isaiah for example had prophesied that the gentiles who profess faith in God will all be gathered on God's holy Mountain (Isaiah 56:1,6-7). We find an example of the challenge and development of this faith journey in the person of Peter. It is his vision at Jaffa that enabled him to overcome the Jew/Gentile barrier. After the vision he listened to the voice of Cornelius, a God-fearing gentile centurion (Acts 10:1-43).

Besides our spiritual journeys across different barriers in which we all share, the Gospel draws our attention to the persistency, faith and hope of parents who care for their daughters and sons in need of healing.

Charles

## Matthew 15:28 WEB

*Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you even as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour.*

## SEASON of CREATION:

1 September – 4 October 2023

Every year, the Season of Creation (SOC) is a major ecumenical moment to pray, reflect and act for the protection of our Common Home. The SOC begins on September 1, a

day of prayer for the safeguarding of

creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

The theme of this year's SOC is "Let justice and peace flow". It is inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*" (5:24). The symbol used is "a mighty river".

The theme is a prophetic voice, calling us to discern and make the choice to collaborate in God's redemptive mission. The words of the prophet Amos reveal to us God's desire in our time in relation to his creation. It is a call to contemplate God's creation, to recognise and appreciate our intertwined relationship with all that he has created.

In his address to us all, *Pope Francis* reminds us of three aspects necessary in our efforts to safeguard our mother earth.

1. Personal ecological conversion: this is the transformation of our hearts in relationship with God, built on the conviction that all that exists is God's artwork that we are to value and relate to with reverence.
2. Transformation of our lifestyle: this concerns the daily choices we make and their impact on others and on creation. It is a call from self-centeredness to be *all to all* for life. It is to see with new eyes of love and compassion.
3. Transformation of public and societal policies that deny creation its right to exist.

As we participate in this particular and important period with serious intentional acts, let us look at our lifestyle, at times marked by waste and unnecessary consumption of material things and other toxic unfriendly items in daily life. May we be mindful of our habits and choices to make a better place for us and for future generations.

*The above is an extract of a letter from the General Council of our Missionary Society inviting missionaries to be involved in SOC.*

TPM

## Parish Notice Board

This month's Taize Prayer is at St. Brides' church, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.  
Shared meal at 6pm.  
All are welcome.



*Please pray for our fellow missionaries who have been kidnapped in Nigeria. Along with Fr Ha-Jo Lohre, taken in Mali in November 2023, 3 members of our Society of Missionaries of Africa are now in captivity.*

*Let us pray for Fr. Paul Sanogo and Seminarian Dominic Merikory Mahinini.*

### Marriage preparation reminder

Couples presenting for marriage preparation should go through Marriage Care and Engaged Encounter. Certified marriage preparation courses and questionnaires which allow marriages in a Catholic church can be accessed through the Archdiocese of Liverpool website: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/marriage>

Marriage Care appointments service runs Monday-Thursday 9am-6pm. Appointments can be made by emailing [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk) or calling 0800 389 3801. Please contact the Pastoral Development department via email: [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk) or telephone: 0151 522 1040 for further assistance.

### OFFERINGS 13<sup>th</sup> August

Envelopes: £ 23.00  
Plate: £ 244.77

*Many thanks to you all*

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Stefan ASHTON, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, , Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Elizabeth MORRIS, Peter O'BRIEN, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skylar REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

**Those who have died recently:** Elizabeth BRAY, Valerie WARREN

### Sacrament of Reconciliation on demand

#### CHURCH HEATING

*Our summer changing weather pattern and news from Hawaii and Canada emphasise what is to come. In a couple of months, we will be testing the church boilers before lighting them again for the winter months. Everyone has heard how it is said that SVP is the coldest church in Liverpool!*

*Last year, heating and lighting cost us £17,000. That's a lot of money, especially when our total income was only £28,000. Yet, the church was always cold.*

*The Parish Council and the Financial Council will be meeting in the coming days and will want to reflect on how to tackle this conundrum. If you have any ideas, please do share them with one of the councillors or by writing to: [stvincent@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:stvincent@rcaolp.co.uk)  
Thank you.*

Terry will go to Rome on 24<sup>th</sup> August for a meeting of Missionaries of Africa. He will return the beginning of October. Frs. Charles and Michael will assure a permanence for the parish.

#### CONFIRMATION 2024

A word from Fr. Peter Murphy. Parents and Guardians of CONFIRMANDI, watch out for an email from [called.liverpoolcentral@gmail.com](mailto:called.liverpoolcentral@gmail.com). It will be an invitation to a meeting Wednesday 13th September, 4pm at St Anthony's, Scotland Road.

The funeral of  
**VALERIE ANN WARREN**,  
of 7 Burton Close, L1,  
who died on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023,  
aged 68 years  
will take place in this church on  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
**at 9.15am**

We extend our sympathy to  
Charlie and their Family.  
**May she rest in peace.**  
*The Parish Family of SVP gains a  
friend in heaven.*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
6.30pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Do you need a **CANTOR** for a funeral, baptism or wedding?  
Contact Anna Callacher, cantor at the Metropolitan Cathedral (RC), at:  
[a.callacher@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:a.callacher@metcathedral.org.uk)  
Phone: 07788230507

**Eucharistic Minister Training**  
The Irenaeus Project will be holding a session on training to be a Eucharistic Minister. For more information, contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or phone 0151 949 1199, or one of the priests. Now is the time to commit to becoming a Eucharistic Minister

**Lottery Results – 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
**01 03 06 10 11 12**

🎉 Congratulations to the 🎉  
🎊 **HAPPY WINNER** 🎊  
🎉 🎊 **£700** 🎊 🎉

*Every 50p you give to the Lottery; you give to the Parish. The Lottery helped complete the KITCHEN*

**To donate to the Parish, please scan this QR Code and follow the instructions.**

