



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## 25<sup>th</sup> 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



### Mass Intentions

- Sat 19: Tony Edwards (sick)
- Sun 20: Parishioners
- Mon 21: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Tues 22: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Wed 23: Mary Keatley
- Thu 24: William Sunderland
- Fri 25: Sr. Mary Michael RIP
- Sat 26: The Parish & deceased priests

### Homily Notes

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God with the owner of a vineyard hiring workers. What does this story tell us about God and about God's kingdom?

The owner goes out to look for workers for his vineyard. So God reaches out to us and invites us to join his kingdom. There is, of course, a difference: the owner needs people to work in his vineyard, whereas God has no need of us, but he wants us to share in his kingdom.

Secondly, the owner goes out looking for workers at different times. So God is always ready to bring people into his kingdom. He has let it develop slowly. After the creation of the world, many years passed before God sent his only Son into the world in the person of Jesus. Jesus preached the kingdom, and he gave his life for us in Jerusalem, but he also entrusted to his disciples the task of spreading the kingdom over the whole world. Even today, people are just discovering what God is offering them.

"Offering" is the right word, because God leaves us free to accept or not to accept. Accepting means turning to God "who is rich in forgiving", as today's first reading reminds us. It means also avoiding everything that is unworthy of the Gospel.

Thirdly we are all equal. The owner gives the same reward to all those who work for him, no matter how long they have been working. Similarly, in the kingdom of God there are no privileges. All are called to share in God's life. On the Cross, at the last minute, Jesus said to the thief: "This day you will be with me in Paradise".

So, what should our reactions be to this teaching of Jesus? First, immense gratitude to God for his generosity. Secondly, sincere welcome for one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord, and respect for one another. Thirdly, prayer: let us pray that the Kingdom of God may continue to develop and spread throughout the whole world.

Michael

### Can this be Just?

*Below is a report from the **Independent Catholic News** on the people who cross the English Channel in search of refuge in the UK. We need to be aware of this:*

The charity "Seeking Sanctuary" is concerned that while the UK Government insists that France is a safe country in which to claim asylum, many applicants are suffering as they receive no support until their claims start to be processed. Additionally, there are worrying reports that asylum seekers returned from the UK to France are being issued with instructions to leave the country rather than seeing proper inspection of their claims.

The situation, already desperate, is made worse by the new restrictions from the French authorities on voluntary groups making free distributions of food and other basic supplies while the migrants are waiting in Calais. Ben Bano, Co-Director of Seeking Sanctuary explained: "Migrants in Calais are in a double bind. There is no incentive to claim asylum in France as they will be left destitute and subject to police harassment during the lengthy wait while their application is processed, even though the UK insists that France is a safe country."

It's no wonder that they turn to traffickers and dangerous crossings in the Channel as their only hope of finding respect, a decent life and hope for the future. The only answer is to provide safe and legal ways to claim asylum in the UK to put an end to this humanitarian disaster and to return asylum seekers to France only when there are assurances that their claims will be properly processed.

Seeking Sanctuary' aims to raise awareness about people displaced from their homes and to channel basic humanitarian assistance from Faith Communities and Community Organisations via partnerships with experienced aid workers. Our special concern is for the 2000 or so exiles who are stuck in north-western France, mistakenly expecting a welcome in the UK.

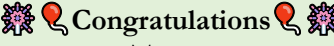

For more information: [www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com](http://www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com)

Terry

## Parish Notice Board

**Lottery Results**  
The winning numbers for  
12<sup>th</sup> September are:  
**01 03 06 10 13 14**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
The SVP School Teachers  
will meet at the church for  
the advanced Eucharistic  
celebration of the  
**Feast of St Vincent de Paul.**  
**At 12.30pm**  
All parishioners are welcome  
**There will be no 9am Mass**

**70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
 **Congratulations**   
to Fr. Terry who is  
celebrating today his  
70<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
We wish him many more  
years of happiness and  
good health. *Ferdinand*

**COVID 19**  
Once again, we are asked to  
take precautions to avoid the  
spread of the virus. Clearly,  
many people have been too  
relaxed in their behaviour and  
have allowed the virus to  
spread itself further afield.  
In church, we will continue to  
do our best to protect each  
other from infection by  
following the advice of the  
experts, keeping our distance,  
masking up and washing our  
hands.  
**Many thanks to the  
stewards for their generous  
and consistent care.**

### Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

In the Parish Council meeting last week, we decided to continue with the celebration of Mass on a Sunday morning.

For the past year and a half, we have celebrated a "Family Mass" on the second Sunday of each month and, since the start of the lock down, we have streamed Mass each Sunday at 9 am. For the past few weeks, some parishioners have been coming to join the celebration.

This experience leads us to ask why we should not have a regular Sunday Mass?

The intention is not to replace the Saturday evening Mass, but to provide an alternative. A Sunday morning Mass, as well as the Saturday evening Mass, will offer people a choice (some people have expressed a preference for Sunday morning), and we might possibly attract some new *parishioners*.

We will continue with the Sunday Mass, as now, at 9 am until the Sunday of the First Holy Communion celebrations, October 11. From Sunday October 18, we will begin the regular Sunday Masses.

At what time? We seek your opinion for that. Please, give us some suggestions.

Thank you. *Ferdinand*

### Restored Lives - Recovery from Divorce and Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings by Zoom starting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past.

Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien  
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### Offerings for 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

Envelopes £97.00

Plate £105.80

💰 Many thanks to you all 💰

### Pastoral Associate Update

It's great to finally be back in Liverpool and out and about again. Technology is all very well, but physically seeing people and being in a different environment reinforces our need for human contact and companionship.

We're exploring a possibility of forming a loose-knit **Justice and Peace Forum** for the Pastoral Area. If anyone is interested, do get into contact. We have a virtual event in mind. It's not to replicate what is happening in parishes, but to do things together occasionally and draw on our own strengths and experiences, supporting one another where we can and sharing resources.

Looking after those who have no voice is more important now than ever. *"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread."* Mother Teresa. Stay safe and have a good week.

God Bless, *Helen*

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### A Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the wonder of our being, but there are times when fear and anxiety threaten to overwhelm us. Fill our hearts and minds with peace in the midst of the storm, and the sure and certain knowledge that you are with us always. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joan BAXTER, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Lisa HEALEY, Stella HUGHES, Eileen KEEF, Sheila KEELEY, Billy FLATLEY, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Danny POWER, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Kelly SHEPHERD

**Also for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, the GARLAND Family, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, Joey PERRY, the RYAN Family, Denise SHANDY & her Family (Vicki, Kris, Ryan), Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT Joan WALSH, Charlie & Val's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary

**And for those who have died:** Henry ANDERSON, Vincent CAIN, Robbie KEARNY, Francis McPARTLAND, Tony MOGAN