



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

20th June 2021

12th Sunday Ordinary Time B

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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

Our vocation is to live the Gospel in joy and in hope.

Living the gospel is best described in Matthew's gospel, chapter 5, the Beatitudes; or again in the one commandment that counts above all others:

"You shall love your God and your neighbour as yourself".

Love is joy, love is hope, love is oneness with the beloved, is it not?

Pope Francis writes in his letter 'The Joy of the Gospel',

"If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life". EG 49

The Synod, which we celebrate this weekend, should encourage us, as we weather the storm of the diminution of church numbers and church participation. It should encourage us to allow the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and transform our church into a joyful, life-giving people of God, confident of God's love and God's faithful presence amongst us.

As Pope Francis said in another part of that same letter,

"Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but "by attraction". EG 14

Terry

Mass Intentions

- Sat 19: Frank Hastie
- Sun 20: Jackie Blackburn
- Mon 21: Keefe Family
- Tue 22: Vernon Paul Cole
- Wed 23: Augustine Amadife
- Thu 24: Varnissa Bearden-Cole
- Fri 25 : Joyce Dunne
- Sat 26 : Alan Merrill
- Sun 27 : Bridgit Carlyle

Synod Thoughts

This is a busy weekend for members of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Synod 2020. All day Saturday, we will be sitting at our computers,

voting the final resolutions of the Synod. Sunday will see us gathered at the cathedral for the final Eucharistic celebration, in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us these past three years and more.

I say "final", but this is not the end of the synod process. It is only the beginning. Back in 2015 Pope Francis said: *"It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium"*. He reminded us that *"What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word 'synod'"*. This word comes from the Greek meaning to journey together. The Pope wants us to journey together as a People of God. He wants us to be a listening and hearing church, where each person has an equal voice and says the truth as they understand and feel it. *"Journeying together - laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome - is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice."*, he says.

Synodality was not invented here in Liverpool in 2018. It is a way of being church that was the norm for the first centuries of the Church's life. Its roots are to be found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. It was then revived by the bishops of the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960's and has been developed by the succeeding Popes, most notably at the levels of the bishops and Rome. The Pope wants it to be the norm again.

It is now the work of the Holy Spirit to transform the seed She has planted here into the plant God intends. It is the Spirit of God who makes fruitful change happen. So, we call on the Pentecostal Spirit to breathe strongly on our Church today and awaken in all our hearts that loving desire for listening and sharing, for communion, for witness, which is the ideal at the heart of this Synodal reawakening.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY



To all the Dads in the Parish and to those who have gone before us. Thanks for being You!!

✿ Congratulations to ✿

✿ Fr. Louis Johnson, ✿
a curate at St. James in the City,
who was ordained to the
Priesthood in the Anglican
Communion last Sunday.

When the term 'synodality' is applied to the Church, it is not meant to designate a mere decision-making process. It is not about collaborative decision-making that reviews alternatives, makes choices, distributes responsibilities and carries out programmes. Rather, synodality expresses a fundamental characteristic of the Church's identity: its essential communal dimension, its essential evangelising mission, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00**

SVP JPIC

(St. Vincent's Parish Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation Group)

We are grateful for the encouragement of many members of the Community, following our initial exposé of the difficulties of finding water for the people of Ethiopia.

Following this, we will bring to your attention, at the beginning of July, Liverpool City's history of water usage from the past to the present day.

In the same vein, we invite all members of the Parish Family to join us on **SUNDAY 11TH JULY** in a

CLEAN-UP OF CROSBY BEACH

We will leave here after Sunday Morning Mass and return at the end of the afternoon.

SVP Primary School are kindly lending us a mini-bus, but you can also go by your own transport. Bring a Picnic for after the clean-up.

We will work in cooperation with "Friends of Crosby Beach".

For further info, contact
Andrea Glanville, Moira Potier, Br.
Edward, Sophie Hughes or Terry
Madden

Lottery Results

For Draw on 13th June

01 03 04 09 10 14

Better luck next time!!!

DAY OF LIFE

Sunday 20th June is a day to remember and to pray for the work of organisations for the protection of Life. *There will be a retiring collection for their support.*

Pastoral Associate Update:

Happy Synod! In a world that is sometimes seen in absolutes, synodal processes may prove difficult to navigate. Allowing the Spirit to work through untidiness and disagreements can be a different way of being Church and for most of us requires re-learning as we open our hearts and minds. We look forward to the fruits of this Synod as the hard work now begins in earnest with the crafting of the Pastoral Plan and then with its implementation in the years ahead. We pray for our onward journey.

Our *Echoes of Isaiah* is coming to a close, but we are pulling it together in a bonus session on 28 June. Sharing our faith albeit virtually, has been a wonderfully enriching experience.

As our COVID "freedom" day slips back a little, I found this quote by Adel Bestavros - Egyptian lawyer, preacher and scholar of the Christian Coptic Orthodox Church: "*Patience with others is Love, Patience with self is Hope, Patience with God is Faith.*"

God bless, *Helen*

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Sunday 25th July

World Day for Grand Parents and Elderly.

On this day the Parish Community will make this a special day for Senior Members.



Sunday 27th September

Celebration of the Parish Feast Day

These events are promulgated by the Parish Council and will be subject to COVID regulations at the time. WATCH THIS SPACE

Offerings on 13th June

Envelopes £58.00

Plate £106.40

Many thanks

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Patricia BIRCH, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Pat BURKE, Josie CALVEY, Billy CARTLEDGE Jr., Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Sonny MACKLIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EOVOY, Kathleen M'GOVERN, Mary MELODY, Alfie MONTGOMERY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Sarah PAUL, Mary PEERS, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip SCOTT, Elizabeth STABRAWA

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Sean CONNEELY, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Imelda FOSTER, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Anthony M'CARTY, Kristine STABRAWA, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT

And for those who have died: John A. HEGARTY