



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent

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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	09.00



### Mass Intentions

Sun 21:	Parishioners
Mon 22:	Thanksgiving
Tue 23:	Morag McInnes anniversary
Wed 24:	Sheila Glanville-Jones
Thu 25:	Sr. Angela Burke
Fri 26:	Sr. Ellen Burke
Sat 27:	Agnes O’Gorman
Sun 28:	Parishioners

### Homily Notes

The Gospel of Mark tells us that immediately after his baptism the Spirit drove

Jesus into the desert. It is there that He will encounter God and from there He will begin his God-given ministry. Every year we follow Jesus’ example going into the desert to seek God. We call this encounter “Lent”.

This year, given what we have been through, we could approach our Lent with a slight shift of priority: Jesus did not go out to the desert to seek suffering, in some kind of masochistic endeavour. Jesus went into the desert to meet with God. He left his family and friends and the distractions of daily life to enter into an encounter with God.

In the desert he found God. He found the trust and the love within himself to say yes to God. He worked out what God was asking of him and worked out how he would conform his life to God’s will, even though he knew that it would lead him to that terrible rejection by the people and his death on the cross.

Let us seek this Lent to encounter God in the silent moments God gives us each day, in our walks in nature if we can experience it. Let us make time each day to read the readings of the Mass, at home, in communion with each other. In this way, we contemplate the Word of God and allow the Word to blossom in our hearts. As far as is possible, let us get out into the fresh air and welcome the signs of Spring and hope for a rainbow in the sky; a reminder of the ever-faithful God who tells us that life is always renewed and hope never fades.

Terry

### Covid Thoughts

As I write this on Saturday morning, the BBC is reporting that the Prime

Minister is coming under more political pressure to “open up the economy” after these weeks of lockdown. The R rate is coming down, he is be told, and it is time to free up the country. The question comes to mind: which is more important, the profits of the owners or the health and survival of the workers?

In the same news bulletins, we are being told that the G7 richest countries of the world, who have ordered vast amounts of the available COVID-19 vaccines, are considering sharing some of their excess doses with the poorest countries. In Great Britain, we hear, we have ordered enough to vaccinate everyone 3.6 times. Canada has ordered 338 million doses, or 5 times their need. The EU’s 1.8 billion doses is 2.7 times their need. On the other hand, the African Union can only order 672 million doses; enough to vaccinate 1/3 of the population. India can only give vaccines to 5% of its people.

“Experts” we read, “have maintained that beating back the virus in all parts of the world, especially with the vaccine, is a key step in ending the pandemic threat, but there are deep worries that a wide funding gap will cause a lengthy delay in the first vaccine deliveries for developing nations”.

Once again, the super-rich countries, us included, ignore the real needs of the poorest and serve themselves first. We cannot wait until we have been “saved” before we turn to share with those who cannot pay for this expensive cure. It is our Christian duty to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity to care for their sick and vulnerable.

As we look forward to our second doses, let us spare a thought for the rest of humanity who may never get their first and may never have the pleasure of knowing how well we do here.

Terry

Read more: <https://peoplesvaccine.org/>

<https://www.oxfam.org/en/take-action/join-global-movement-change>

# Parish Notice Board



**Lottery Results**

**CONGRATULATIONS to the 2 winners of the draw of 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

1 week after someone won over £1,000, they won £50.00 to share between them!! Luck of the draw!

## Stations of the CROSS

Join us for a meditative prayer with Jesus carrying his cross to Calvary.

Keeping safe, we do not move round the church but sit quietly and pray.

Prayer begins at 6pm on Fridays in Lent.

The funeral of **Theresa Toohey**,

lately of Pitt Street, who died, aged 88 yrs, on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 3 months after her husband Terry,

will take place in this church on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm,

with Corona Virus restrictions.

We extend our sympathy to their grieving Family.

**May she rest in peace.**

“May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence”  
*Pope Francis*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Friday 11.00 – 13.00**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

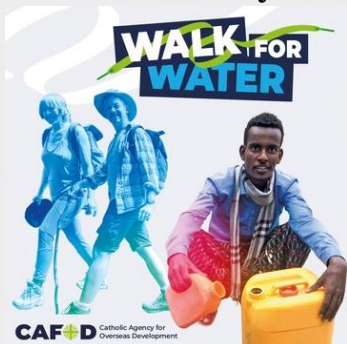
## CAFOD

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of our envelopes. You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.\*

## FAMILY FAST DAY

**26 February**



Please, remember your priests who are committed to walking 10,000 steps between them each Day of Lent and who are seeking SPONSORS to support their efforts. To date, they have done 44,819 steps



## THE PEOPLE'S VACCINE

‘A COVID-19 VACCINE MUST BE SEEN AS A GLOBAL PUBLIC GOOD, A PEOPLE'S VACCINE’. *UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres (global vaccine summit, 4 June 2020)*

## Offerings on 14<sup>th</sup> February

Envelopes £36.00

Plate £142.03

STO & gifts £325.00

**Many Thanks to YOU ALL**

## Pastoral Associate Update:

As I write, the hills of North Wales across the Dee estuary are bathed in sunshine and it is a good incentive for the 10,000 steps for the CAFOD Walk for Water I'll be doing later today. I was reflecting on how we “catch” Faith through others' actions and how the CAFOD walk has captured imaginations - I have a team around me as a result.

Our online presence has also enabled others in our communities, who have not participated before, to experience scripture sessions, devotions, discussions. The drop-in Zoom workshop has encouraged more to get connected –another is in mid- March.

Starting on Wednesday 24 Feb, from 2-3pm I'll be facilitating a series of **Beatitudes Lent** sessions, “*Be holy without a halo*” for any who are interested in joining. Based on Laudato Si and put together by the J&P Commission, it is a chance to reflect together on our world today. It's not “heavy” and is a chance to connect with one another Meeting ID: 874 4148 6211 Passcode: 833658 [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

“*A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step*” Lao Tzu.

God bless, keep safe! *Helen*  
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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Kenny ALLCOCK Snr, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Ronnie BAYBUT, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Ryan EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Carl & Mandy KERWIN (sick with the virus) Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EVOY, Kathleen M'GOVERN, Patricia M'INERNEY, May MURRAY, Sarah PAUL, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Cathy SILKER, Cathy THOMAS,

**Also, for the intentions of:** Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Max and Rhianne, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family

**And for those who have died:** George CHANTRE funeral Friday 26 Feb at 2.30pm Allerton Old Cemetery, Tracey M'CLEAN, Maria OSBALDESTON née Sharkey, Teresa TOOHEY