



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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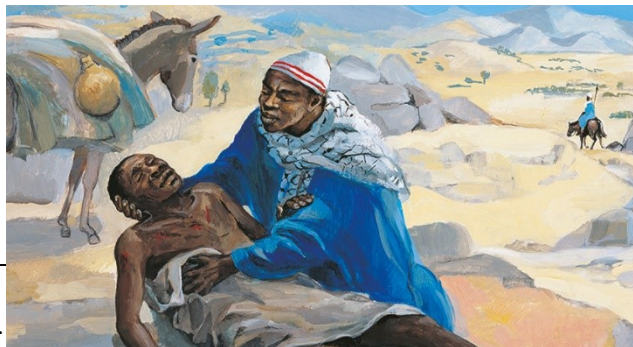
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21 January 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year B

## Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07.30
Tuesday	07.30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00



## Homily Notes

What it was like for these four men who Jesus called to follow him? We know that they were fishermen by trade and little else. The life they had before them was non-descript; a routine that would follow the pattern of the lives of all. They were not schooled so would know little about the world beyond the shores of the lake. They would have to work every day to supply their families with food and some cash. They would survive only if they accepted the monotony and the routines of life, as everyone else.

Jesus came along, offering them, maybe, something else. Did they already know him? Possibly, as Jesus was already preaching and teaching in that area of northern Israel. Maybe they had heard and were already enamoured by the way he spoke and what he had to say. So, when he surprised them at work, they were ready to drop everything and follow him. To what? To anything that was more exciting, more life-giving than the humdrum of life on the shores of Lake Galilee.

Maybe, at first, that was all that mattered; get away from here, follow this man whose words intrigue them, and see what it brings. "We can always come home tomorrow if it doesn't work out". They soon found out that following this mysterious man brought them nothing but hardship: long treks over insecure, mountain tracks, facing dangers from brigands and wild animals, days without food and nights without rest, sleeping wherever they dropped from exhaustion; arguments with religious people who saw their new leader as a blaspheming renegade who threatened all their securities and privileges. And it would all end in the disaster of betrayal and crucifixion.

Yet they stayed with him. In those 2 or 3 years that they toughed it out, they learnt to live in community with like-minded people. They experienced companionship that they might never have known if they had stayed in Galilee. They learnt about true love that comes from God alone. They let go of the false values that could never fill the emptiness of a loveless, greedy, power-craving heart, and allowed the love of God, lived in their discipleship to overwhelm them and fill them to the brim. They knew only happiness and joy and hope in the face of the greatest hardships. TPM

## Mass Intentions

- Sat 20: Frank Hastie
- Sun 21: Billy & Cecelia Flatley
- Mon 22: Parishioners
- Tues 23: Tony Murphy, intention
- Wed 24: Frank Silker
- Thur 25: Kay Cummins, intention
- Fri 26: Betty Almond
- Sat 27: Billy Thompson
- Sun 28: Catherine & Syd Bowles

## Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

18<sup>th</sup> – 25 January

Catholic and Anglican bishops will hold an ecumenical summit in Rome and Canterbury for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. More than 50 bishops are set to participate over 22-29 January, arriving in pairs representing each denomination in 27 countries.

On 25 January, Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will commission the bishops at the tomb of St Paul, in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. They will be sent out "in pairs, to be witnesses to Christian Unity," according to a statement from the Anglican Communion.

The service will recall Christ's commission of the Apostles, when he gathered the Twelve "to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over unclean spirits" (Mk 6:7), and the other disciples he "sent on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go" (Lk 10:1)

"This will be a significant moment, symbolic for Anglican-Catholic bonds and advancing ecumenical dialogue", the Anglican Communion statement said.

The summit, "Growing Together", has been organised by the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, to "discuss ways of growing together in joint witness and mission in the world" (The Tablet)

## Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,  
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,  
according to your will,  
according to your means.  
May your Spirit enable us  
to experience the suffering caused by division,  
to see our sin  
and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

Written by the *Chemin Neuf Community*

## Parish Notice Board

**A Second Collection**  
will be taken this weekend for the support of the  
**White Flower Appeal**  
in the name of the **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.**  
Website: [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)  
*Please give generously*

**MEET AUSTEN IVEREIGH**  
Author and friend of Pope Francis. He will share his insights and expertise on the Synod in Rome with an audience at  
**St Anne's Overbury Street on Sunday evening at 6.00pm, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** The event will be live-streamed and recorded. Everyone is most welcome.

**The Daughters of St Paul** (Pauline Books and Media, Church Street) will be at Mass this week to promote their publication, "**Gospel Power**", which is an introduction to the Gospel readings of each day of the year. They offer it to parishioners for £6.00 - 90p off the shop price!

**TOMBOLA**  
We are hoping to organise a TOMBOLA afternoon on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, St. Patrick's Day. If anyone has any **unwanted Christmas Presents or other donations**, please see Patricia Glanville.  
**Men's warm clothes needed for Tuesday mornings.**

**OFFERINGS 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**  
Envelopes £20.00  
Plate £161.64  
**Many thanks**

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Kathleen CUMMINS, Eileen DOLAN, Joe EDIE, Lin GINLEY, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Jane MANN, Maureen MAGUIRE, May McGarry, Barbara M'SHANE, Joan Moore, Lee MOUNCEY, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Henri POTIER, Martina STEWARD, Skyla REID, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Philip WONG.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Frances KERWIN, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE

**Those who have died recently:** Carla FOY, Mary MWANJE, Joanne RAMSEY, Billy THOMPSON, Vicky TAYLOR

### Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

#### VOTE FOR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council is renewed every 2 years. The present council consists of: *Marie Crane, Andrea Glanville, Susanna Munos and Margaret Hastie.* Both Andrea and Marie have completed 2 terms of office and cannot be voted for this time. We thank them sincerely for the services they have given in their time of office. Susanna and Margaret are open for a second term.

The vote will take place on the **3/4<sup>th</sup> and 10/11<sup>th</sup> February.** The results will be announced the following week.

All parishioners are eligible for election. All Parishioners can vote. Nominations will be accepted until the 27/28<sup>th</sup>. Proposers must ask the approval of the person they propose for the council before proposing them.

Four names can be put forward, as we are electing 4 councillors.

**The purpose of the Parish Council** is to act as an advisory body to the Parish Priest and to assist him in the efficient management and the spiritual and social activities of the parish.

The next few years will be an exciting time for us Catholics, as we put in place the orientations of Synod 2020 and the Synod in Rome.

We hope to continue building a vibrant, witnessing community of Christ's disciples, at the service of the Kingdom of God in this area of Liverpool and beyond. *Terry*

### VIGIL OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

**Friday 2 February, 6pm – 7pm,** here in SVP church. Let us come together as a community to make a special effort, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple in Jerusalem, **to pray for peace.**

This will be the first activity of our Family of Churches. We are also inviting other Churches to witness to the prayer of all Christians for peace, in Palestine, in Ukraine and across this warring planet.

**Please make an effort to come and show God and the World, we care.**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Notice from *Animate Youth*  
Any young person in year 8 can register for Confirmation preparation at

[www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

*Please encourage the young people to seek confirmation if they are in year 8*

### Irenaeus - An insight into Trafficking - Wednesday 7 February

The Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD, will be hosting an afternoon of reflection. This will begin with a light lunch, followed by a talk from Petra Smrckova of the Medaille Trust, where she will share some of her experiences working with Trafficked people. For more information, please email [Jenny@Irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:Jenny@Irenaeus.co.uk).

#### REMINDER

8<sup>th</sup> February is St. Bakhita Day, the patron saint of the victims of trafficking and slavery. **NOT TO BE IGNORED.**

### Lottery Results – 14<sup>th</sup> January

**01 07 08 09 10 11**

To donate to the Parish, please scan this QR Code

