

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Mass Times

Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30



Mass Intentions

Sun 21: Polycarp Uwalakah
 Mon 22: John & Marinda Nwaorgu
 Tues 23 : Angela & Alan Thomas
 Wed 24: James Earl & Others
 Thu : Sisters of Cork Community
 Fri : Mary Casey RIP
 Sat : Sr. Margaret May

Homily Notes

A song by Anne Conway, has a verse that in figurative language captures how we experience fear and how we experience encouragement and care from God.

You fear the light may be fading,

You fear to lose your way.

Be still, and know I am near you.

I'll lead you to the day and the sun.

In today's first reading, Jeremiah laments his hardships as a prophet. What triggers his lamentation and fear is what people are saying about him and what they could do to him. He hears many wishing his downfall, he experiences a loss of friends and knows of their readiness to denounce him. The disciples too would have their fears, but Jesus tells them to be brave.

Currently we are faced with many issues that can generate fear, e.g. Covid -19, global warming, social inequality, and large-scale migrations. We have experienced loss of lives, poor health, loss of employment and businesses, and destructive weather patterns.

To his disciples who are in fear, Christ says three times: Do not be afraid. Christians, drawing courage from Christ are in turn to be a source of courage for others in word and deed. Dame Vera Lynn, a wartime singer who died a few days ago gave encouragement to many in a time of terror and fear. We may not have a national stage as she had but our words and attitudes of encouragement can help many around us. For actions to make the world a better place, Pope Francis highlights the importance of giving priority to actions which generate new processes in society and engage other persons who can develop them to the point where they will bear fruit. *Charles*

Corona Thoughts

Happy Fathers Day

I always thought Father's Day was a

modern American concept pushed by a desire for more profit from the sale of gifts and cards. Then, as I was looking for what to write here for this special day, I discovered that, in fact, it has a long tradition within Christian circles. I read in Wikipedia: "**Father's Day** is a day of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages". And further along I read: "For centuries, the Orthodox Church has appointed the second Sunday before Nativity as the Sunday of the Forefathers to commemorate the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, starting with Adam and emphasizing the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, 'In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed' (Gen 12:3, 22:18). This feast includes the ancestors of the Theotokos and various holy prophets".

"A customary day for the celebration of fatherhood in Catholic Europe is known to date back to at least 1508. It is usually celebrated on March 19, as the feast day of Saint Joseph, who is referred to as the fatherly *Nutritor Domini* ("Nourisher of the Lord") in Catholicism and "the putative father of Jesus" in southern European tradition"... "The Catholic Church actively supported the custom of a celebration of fatherhood on St. Joseph's Day from either the last years of the 14th century or from the early 15th century, apparently on the initiative of the Franciscans".

In the Coptic Orthodox Church, the celebration of fatherhood is also observed on St Joseph's Day, but the Copts observe this on July 20. The Coptic celebration may date back to the fifth century".

I am an enthusiastic supporter of equal rights at all levels of society. I want to see everyone have the same opportunity and reward for their contribution to society. But it has to be said that men in Western Culture have taken a bashing in these last years. Rightly so, it can be argued by those who believe that we men had it all to ourselves. *(continued overleaf)*

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
01 03 04 09 10 12
Drawn 14th June 2020

Don't Forget
6.30pm, every evening
Parish Evening Prayer
at home

Wherever you are, take time to pray with all other parish members.

Let our prayer be united to help us stay faithful to the Lord and to each other during this difficult time.

Leaflets available at the Parish House and on Facebook

Churches now open for Prayer in our Pastoral Area:

OLMC – 27 High Street, L8 8DX

Daily 10am – 1pm (*Exposition*)

St Francis of Assisi – Earp Street,

Garston, L19 1RT

Mon-Fri 9am – 10:30am,

Tue & Thur 4:30pm – 6pm,

Sun 9am – 12noon

The Cathedral will open from

Wednesday 1 July daily 12 noon – 4pm.

Corona Thoughts (cont) Yet, men are struggling to find their place and role in society and in families, now that women are achieving their rightful position. Man's place in the family is no longer automatically the provider, the defender, the patriarch who decides and imposes everything. The Mother of the family often takes on this role. The Father also is learning to share in the traditional mother's role of caring and comforting and nourishing.

These are rapidly evolving times and the rapid changes can be the source of much misunderstanding and conflict. We need at all times to keep before us that what is essential in all this is love and respect for the other. We must never tire of dialogue. Couples have a great need of making space in their daily lives to listen to what each other is living and feeling. Listen to and appreciate the experience of the other is a real way to growth.

Terry

Pastoral Associate Update:

Happy Father's Day! At the beginning of our lock down period it was Mother's Day, and now as we begin to ease, we celebrate **Father's Day**. What strikes me is the number of people who have been like a father to me over the years, especially once he had died, without taking away that special bond with my real parents. The prodigal son parable (so well depicted in the painting by Rembrandt and written about by Henri Nouwen) is such a powerful role model for parents and for all our relationships. As churches begin to open, many will still not be able to join the community physically. Perhaps a call to parishioners who are not able to get to church or a socially distanced real conversation may be very welcomed during this time. A time for us to repay that love we have received whether from our fathers, mothers, or others in our lifetimes in a simple gesture of outreach.

"I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet, strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers" by Kahil Gibran – something to think about! God Bless, Helen
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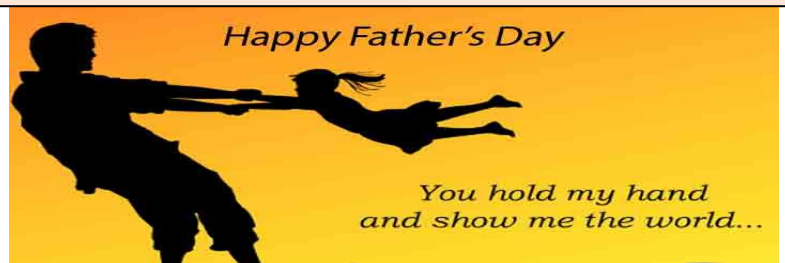
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Gradually the lock down restrictions are being eased. We thank God. However, besides a few churches which have been opened for private prayer, churches are still closed for the celebration of the sacraments. Let us remain hopeful that in the near future we can gather again as a parish community.

What about confession? How are we forgiven by God without Mass and the possibility of going for confession? Pope Francis answered this question during a homily at the beginning of the lock down. The pope said his response would be, "Do what the Catechism (of the Catholic Church) says. It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." Make an act of contrition, the pope said, and promise God, "I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

Let us remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even the corona virus or the impossibility of going to confession.

Ferdinand



Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kenneth BROPHY, Les BURNS, Vera CARTLEDGE, Molly McEVOY Elizabeth, Midsaeter, May MURRAY, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

Also for the intentions of: Baby KERWIN, John BIRKENHEAD, Denise EDWARDS, Lilly FLANNERY, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Lindsey MAHER, The McCANN Family, May McCARTHY, John McGOVERN (1st Father's Day away from his Family), The MIDGHALL Family, Carole and Billie RUDKIN, Hilda RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Daniel and Elsie SMITH, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, The THOMAS Family, Terri VALIANT, The WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Hilda RUDKIN, May THOMAS