



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Christ the King

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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 vigil	18.00



Mass Intentions

Sun 22: Deceased Members and relatives of Catenians
 Mon 23: Sr. Helena
 Tue 24: Elizabeth Reilly RIP
 Wed 25: Michael Walsh RIP
 Thu 26: Deceased members Morrissey Family

Homily Notes

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus, as king, is a hands-on leader, really concerned with the well-being of those in his charge.

He is a shepherd who wants to provide his sheep with both pasture and protection. He wants his sheep to have life, and to have it in abundance.

But this shepherd will also judge. He will separate the good from the bad. The criterion of judgment is whether these members of the flock have been like the shepherd in their care and concern for others. Jesus identifies himself with his sheep. Through his Incarnation, Jesus, the son of God, has become one with each human person, so that what we do for someone in need, we do to Jesus himself.

But there is more. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, gave his life for his sheep. In fact if we really want to see Jesus as King we have to look at the Cross. It is from the Cross that Jesus reigns.

He asks us if we are ready to follow him in this life of service which is never-ending. Do we have the strength to keep going? We must remember that Jesus is not only a commander, giving orders from above. He is close to us. He gives himself to us in this Eucharist. In fact he has become our strength, by becoming our food and drink.

So, on this Feast of Christ the King, we are invited to identify with Jesus, to become one with him by receiving him, so that we may continue to walk with him.

Michael

SYNOD 2020

Since the beginning of October, we have been asked to reflect about the propositions to be put forward for **Synod discussion**. To help in this reflection, four different papers containing the propositions and the affirmations to be considered were distributed at Mass. This was so that

every parishioner would have the opportunity to give his or her opinion.

We have received twelve replies for Theme 1, nine for Theme 2, five for Theme 3 and three for Theme 4. The lower participation for themes 3 and 4 is easily explained by the second lockdown imposed at the end of October.

In theme one, the most approved proposal is: *“that pastoral areas develop and implement strategies for more effective communication and collaboration between parishes, including the sharing of resources and good practice”*. In theme Two it is: *“that pastoral areas or clusters of parishes work together to reflect on the needs of the communities they serve, the support available and effective responses”*. In theme three: *“that ways be found to support and value the sick and housebound as praying members of the community”*. In theme four, the joint favourites are: *“that our churches and parishes are places of welcome and inclusion”* #4.1, and *“that deacons and lay people be given a share in the pastoral care of some parishes under the direction of an appointed priest”* #4.4. Don't forget that only 3 people sent in their replies to this theme.

We can note that what most draws us together is threefold. Firstly, there is the desire for more collaboration and communication between neighbouring parishes, or parishes in one pastoral area. Secondly, there is a desire to be more caring for the sick and housebound of our communities. Thirdly, there is a desire that ordinary parish members have more responsibility in the running of the parishes in all activities. (cont overleaf, left column)

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
The winning numbers for
14th November are:
03 05 06 07 11 12

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Open for Personal Prayer:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
All are Welcome.

Offerings for 14th November 2020
Envelopes £9.00
Plate £117.00

Christmas Church Celebrations 2020

The celebration of
Christmas Vigil at 7 pm,
Christmas Day at 10 am.
Because of the restrictions
and the capacity of the
church, we will have to
implement a **ticketing**
system, by which people will
have access to the
celebrations.
Members of the parish
council will be contacting
regular Mass-Goers this
week to help you obtain
tickets.

ADVENT IN THE LIGHT OF FRATELLI TUTTI

A SERIES OF Reflections as part of
“Prepare the Future” given by Cardinal
Michael Fitzgerald M Afr.

Monday in Advent

Prayer beginning at 7pm

30 November

STAY AWAKE

7 December

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

14 December

BEARING WITNESS

21 December

GET ON WITH IT LASS

Zoom Registration: www.jp.liverpool.org.uk
You Tube: LiverpoolJ&P FB: jpliverpooljp

Pastoral Associate Update:

As we approach the end of the liturgical year it has been a time of disquieting news reports, uncertainty, but also some tangible hope, as the vaccines seem to be imminent.

The Pastoral Area Advent Service involves many schools, a few pets and parish communities with parishioners of all ages participating. It will be broadcast on the St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube channel on **Sun 20 Dec at 4pm**: do contact me by email if you can help – readers and announcers needed!

Our Synod proposals are online with a form facility to capture your proposal choices. The results are anonymised (email is required only in order to send you a copy of your choices) and will be sent to your Parish Synod Member. Links to the proposals are also there: please do connect to help your synod members discern.

Happy Feast of Christ the King especially for our wonderful young people who keep inspiring us and keep us smiling! God Bless,
Helen

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Synod 2020 (contined from front page)

We still have until the 8th December to return our own favourite propositions and affirmations. So, can we please ask that people do return the papers they took home by the **7th December**?

Please, do not tick all the statements. Remember that the first line of each paragraph, the line under the heading which always starts “The synod affirms...”, is an affirmation. You are asked to choose 2 of them to which you are most drawn in each theme. Then choose 5 of the propositions which begin after each number. That’s 5 for each theme.

We invite all of you to two ZOOM MEETINGS where we will share further on these themes. The first zoom meeting is scheduled for Friday 27th November at 6pm to 7pm. We will discuss themes 1 and 2. The second will be on Friday 4th December at 6pm until 7pm. We will discuss themes 3 and 4. Please email us (stvincent@rcaolp.co.uk) to let us know to whom we can send the joining code.

If anyone would like to make a further contribution to the discussion but cannot join the zoom meeting, then please send it to us before the 7th December, by post or email, or hand delivery at 13 Hardy Street, L1 5JN.

We Remember and pray for the repose of the soul of **MARGARET CAVE**, of Vincent Court, who died on the 8th November. She will be cremated after a service of prayer on Thursday 26th Nov, following Covid Restriction Rules.

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Tracy McCLEAN, Molly McEVOY, Kathleen McGOVERN, Alfie MONTGOMERY, May MURRAY, John OSBALDESTON, Maria OSBALDESTON, Danny POWER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Terry & Teresa TOOHEY, .

Also for the intentions of: Sheila ABBOT, Anne BAXTER, Joan BAXTER, EDWARDS Family, Lilly FLANNERY, Irene FOX, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Madeleine McCANN & Family, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, TARPEY Family, Teresa SWIFT, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family,

And for those who have died: Jimmy BLOWER, Margaret CAVE, Mary CONNOLLY, Betty HASAN, Joe PERRY, Alan PHILPOT, Michael WALSH