



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



Mass Intentions

Sat 20: Terri Valiant RIP
& Val Brandrick RIP
Sun 21 : Cecilia Flatley RIP
Mon 22: Parishioners
Tue 23: Holy Souls
Wed 24: Mary & Michael Walsh
Thu:25: Mgr M Cookson RIP
Fri 26: Tommy & Maureen Ward
Sat 27: Terri Valiant
Sun 28: Ann Bennet
& Josie Calvey

COP 26 and All That

Cop 26, many would claim, was successful in getting an acknowledgement from everyone that coal needs to be phased out completely. Delegates also agreed that the Poorer countries must be helped to make necessary changes and that the most vulnerable island and

*coastal nations need to be supported. One huge contributor to the problem of climate change, though, was not mentioned: WAR. This led **Bruce Kent**, of MOVEMENT FOR THE ABOLITION OF WAR, to write to the Tablet on the 30th October to point out that war is one of the worst polluters of the planet.*

He wrote:

“Instability, mass migration, competition for resources and the links between ecology and poverty are increasingly recognised as multiplying the threat of war. What is ignored is that war itself contributes to climate change through every stage of military activity from weapons production to repairing devastated infrastructure after conflict, to the wasteful global military budget – just a little short of \$2trn annually. Yet so far military emissions have been left out of the greenhouse gas calculations.

If COP26 is to mark a turning point in human behaviour we must also turn away from warfare and all that goes with it. This involves questioning deeply embedded assumptions about the inevitability of armed conflict as a way of resolving disputes”.

War is not inevitable. The Catechism states in #2308, **“All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war”**.

It’s time for us also to lobby the Government to end the use of all military force and the manufacture of instruments of war, for the sake of the survival of the planet and of Humanity.

Terry

Regular 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

Today's Gospel reading is part of the Passion narrative from John's Gospel. Jesus is on trial. After having been arrested, he is standing before Pontius Pilate, the Roman ruler at the time.

The Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus; he has become a threat to their authority.

However, they were not allowed to sentence him to death.

The Romans had withdrawn from the Jewish court this power.

Therefore, the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of having called himself King. This was a sensitive issue; the Romans did not tolerate kings in their territory for kings could be a threat to their authority.

Therefore, Pilate asks Jesus: Are you the King of the Jews? Yes, I am a King, Jesus answers, but my Kingdom is not of this world.

My kingdom is not of this world. Jesus' kingdom is not placed on us from the outside, but it begins in the human heart. His Kingdom starts when we welcome Jesus into our hearts, and when we allow him to reign, when we allow him to lead us.

His Kingdom is not enforced on us but it is like a gift. To let Jesus lead us means to choose for him: to choose love rather than hatred, to choose enthusiasm rather than cynicism, to choose unity rather than division, to choose trust rather than fear, to choose gentleness rather than extremism, and to choose truth rather than falsehood and lies.

Jesus' kingdom begins in our hearts, but it does not remain enclosed there. From our hearts it spreads, into our families and community, our relationships and places of work, into the world of sports and entertainment, the world of politics and economics.

The kingdom has a humble beginning in our hearts but it is destined for enormous growth in the whole of society.

Ferdinand

Parish Notice Board

SVP CONVERSATIONS

As part of the new series of conversations with people engaged by their faith in the life of the community, we have invited

Dr. Matthew THOMPSON, of LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY SPIRIT, to talk with us about their mission.

They do great work, breaking down the barriers between people of different faiths, in schools, prisons and places of work.

Come and share in our meeting. Who knows? You may find yourself inspired!

Guild Room

Tuesday 30th November 6.30pm



Christmas Raffle

Once again, we are grateful to **Alice and Marian** who, over the years, have been organising the **Christmas and Easter Raffles** for the support of parish activities. Each year they have organised the gifts so well that this year there is a greater demand for tickets and a larger collection of prizes.

So, the sale of tickets has been extended until the date of the draw on the 26th November.

This is a great way to raise funds for the needs of the parish.

Thank you to all and everyone for your contributions and support.

Offerings on 14th November

Envelopes £52.00

Plate £166.30

Thank you 🌸🌺

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

News of the Pastoral Plan

After the meeting of Synod 2020 in June this year, work began on preparing a pastoral plan which would guide the archdiocese in the years to come based on the outcomes of the Synod. This plan will be launched next weekend.

Every parishioner will get a postcard giving details of how to access the plan and an invitation to a meeting to hear about it.

Copies of the plan will be available online and at Pauline Books and Media from next weekend.

Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020.

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm
in St Mary's Church, Leyland

Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm
in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm
on Zoom

Toiletries Needed

Please give for Christmas to the FOOD BANK

Toothpaste & brushes, soaps, shampoo, deodorant (women & men), nail clippers/files, make-up, etc.

Please place in box at church entrance.

Thank you. 🌸🌺

Tuesday Coffee Morning

Why not join us for a coffee or tea and delicious cake on **Tuesday** mornings from **10.30am to 01pm** in the church?

All parishioners welcome to partake.

Sunday 21st 10am MASS

This Mass will be dedicated to the deceased Catenians of their local council. They will prepare the liturgy.

Retiring Collection for ANIMATE

This Weekend there is a retiring collection at both Masses on behalf of **Animate**, the Liverpool diocesan youth service. Please give generously.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

A booklet, "*The True Spirit of Christmas Giving*", is available at the back of the church. This is an excellent way of giving gifts to our loved ones here whilst sharing with the poor elsewhere.

Instead of leaving their gifts in the drawer for the rest of the year, the receiver will know that your gift to them is giving life to others.

Please take a copy of the booklet for your consideration.

The funeral of CECILIA FLATLEY,

of 56 Nelson St., L1,
who died on 5th November 2021,
aged 95 years,

will take place in this church on
Thursday 25th November
13.00hrs

We extend our sympathy to
Billy, Maria and Cecilia and all
her family.

May she rest in peace.

Lottery Results 14/11/21

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No Winners

Jackpot £650

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Betty GARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Sean CONNEELY, Baby Daisy DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HAINS, Raymond JOYCE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS

And for those who have died: Tommy BAXTER, Cecilia FLATLEY,