



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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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

Someone once said; "We are not the chosen people but the choosing people".

Indeed, we are a choosing people, and we are aware that choices are important as they determine our lives and our societies in significant ways. The current situation in Afghanistan reminds us of the importance and significance of choices. We recall a major choice that America and NATO forces have had to make in withdrawing from Afghanistan, the choice the Talibans have to make in regard to the place of women in society - a matter of the dignity of women, the choice that even we who are far from Afghanistan have to make in regard to the fleeing Afghans. If in solidarity we choose to receive refugees, we still have to make a choice on how to receive them while caring also for the interest and needs of our local communities.

In the first reading, Joshua, asks the people to choose whom they would serve. The choice is between God and other gods. The people respond, "We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God". In this response they manifest fidelity and solidarity. Similarly, in the Gospel after Jesus is deserted by some of his disciples, he asks the twelve apostles, "What about you, do you want to go away too? They reply, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe". In the second reading Paul talks of social order in the family. We can take this as an invitation to adhere to what we identify as glorifying God in our family relationships such as parents respecting each other and respecting the choices of their children.

In the light of today's readings, fidelity to what we have come to know as good through our experiences, solidarity with others and respect for their dignity, can be a good guide in our choices.

Charles



Lord, to whom shall we go?

Mass Intentions

Sat 21: Tony Edwards
Sun 22: Sr. Jane de Chantal RIP
Mon 23 : Richard Mawson
Tue 24: Thanksgiving
Wed 25: Gillian Housbey
Thu 26: Parishioners
Fri 27: Alec Pritchard
Sat 28: Alan McShane
Sun 29 : Anne Foster

God is Love

"Celebrate, folks, but with open doors. I discovered Love in 2019. Up to then my life had been utterly arid and

then during my time abroad that year I had this upending experience of being loved all over the place, an experience that has stayed with me since.

(Since then), to me this God is a label for Love, and there ain't nuttin else but love, so there!

But then I noticed, not exactly hate, but exclusion. Now look, you can't love and exclude at the same time. But once you recognise that Love is the only thing that matters, all the others change colour.

You still want this team to lose and that team to win, and have a beer about it afterwards, but that's ok. It becomes very not-ok if you become insulting, offensive and EXCLUSIVE about it.

Pal of mine in Dublin had to welcome some reps of the company he worked for, they were English. Now you know the English and the Irish make a living out of belittling one another. So, my pal took this group of Brits to a very Irish pub, where lots of patriotic songs were sung, in all of which of course the Brits were disgusting and the Irish all had haloes and wings.

After a bit my pal felt guilty, and so with a muttered apology he said let's go somewhere else. No way! They were enjoying themselves hugely, up on the table shouting to the chorus of 'To hell with the Brits and Three More Beers for the Irish!'

So, I'm saying, the evil thing is exclusiveness, offensiveness, proactive rejection: now the water is getting deeper and dirtier. Not on, just not on. I can tell you this, that if you can rise to being equally kind to all your contacts, you're doing a very great deal towards banishing the evil of COVID-19.

Yes, it's hard work – people will want you to share their antipathy with those who are different to you. You are being poisoned. If you find yourself attacked thus, take a stand and reject this exclusionism.

Love is everywhere, let's join the party. God bless.

The author, **Brendan MacCarthaigh**, is a Christian Brother from Dublin who worked in India for over 50 years This is a resumé of what he wrote in **La Croix**. Read more at: <https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/love-is-everywhere-lets-join-the-party/14786>

Terry

Parish Notice Board



The Food Bank opened again on Tuesday, 10th Aug.
VOLUNTEERS are **needed** to offer a welcome to the people who come. Your duties will be to offer light refreshments and help clean up at the end. Whether you can come for 30 minutes or 180, please call Bill Flatley 07960 279435, who organises the rota.

La Mennais Brothers.

The La Mennais Brothers have been teaching at St. Francis Xavier School since 1964. This week, they have closed their community and the 3 remaining brothers are moving to different communities in France.

As they close and sell their house, they very kindly donated to our Parish Community **8 tables**: just what we needed to furnish the **Guild Room**, above the sacristy.

Many thanks to the brothers for the almost 60 years of service to the Archdiocese of Liverpool and for their parting gift to us.

God speed and be with you in your new ventures.



Lottery Results 14 Aug

03 05 06 08 11 14

No winners. Jackpot £100

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

STREAMING

NOW ON YOUTUBE:

St Vincent de Paul Parish Liverpool L1

ECHOS OF PARISH COUNCIL

- PARISH FEASTDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
 - *With the proviso that Covid will permit, the PC proposes that we celebrate and give thanks in the following manner:*
 - Saturday 25th, the Evening Eucharist will be replaced by a talk, given by Fr. Michael, on ‘St. Vincent de Paul and the Pope’s recent letter, Fratelli Tutti’, followed by Evening Prayer and refreshments
 - Sunday 26th, 10am, Parish Eucharist, and shared lunch.
 - *The Council is approaching some people for their cooperation in the preparations of this event. Please do your best to help make this day a success.*
- *Covid obliging, we will begin, on Tuesday 28th September, a series of 6 monthly meetings for exchanges on pertinent subjects affecting our life as a Christian Community. The first will be with the Headmistress of SVP Primary School, on the role of the school in the parish.*
 - *These meetings will be on the last Tuesday of every month.*
 - *More details to follow.*

GOSPEL SHARING

Continues every

Wednesday evening at 6.30pm.

Want to grow in faith, in knowledge of the scriptures?

Then join us.

No great knowledge of the Bible needed.

Just faith and a desire to grow closer to Christ!

WE NEED HELP



Recent Sundays have revealed our need for more help with the technical side of Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. 😞

It is surely not right that the priest leaves the altar to deal with the *camera* broadcasting the celebration to the sick and those at home, nor that the reader is distracted from her/his reading by turning the pages on the *screen!* 😞
 More people are needed to commit to these services for the community. It is not tech-savvy; it is easy to do. I can do it, so can you!!!

Secondary School Students and others, you too can help operate the projector and/or the camera.

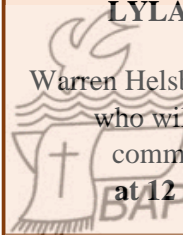
😊 *Please help.*

WELCOME to

LYLA MARY HELSBY,

Daughter of

Warren Helsby and Sian Helsby-Hastie, who will be received into the community by BAPTISM at 12 noon, this Sunday.



Offerings on 15th August

Envelopes £85.00

Plate £96.16

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Loretta ASHCROFT, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Pat BURKE, Josie CALVEY, Betty CARDEN, Billy CARTLEDGE Jr., Vera CARTLEDGE, Sean CONNEELY, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNN, Joseph EDDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mr. FERNANDEZ, Ray FIGUEROA, Joan FORD, Peter HAYES, Gillian HOUSBY, Uzoma A LARIBE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Lily M^cGUINNESS, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Mary MELODY, Alfie MONTGOMERY, Katherine MORLEY, Bernadette MURPHY, Teresa NALL, Pat O[’]DONOVAN, Sarah PAUL, Mary PEERS, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip SCOT, Elizabeth STABRAWA

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

And for those who have died: Margaret ANDERSON, (died 12th Aug)