



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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3rd Sunday year A Prayer for Christian Unity



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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

Mass Intentions

Sat 21	: Lee Jones
Sun 22	: Mary Thompson
Mon 23	: Parishioners
Tue 24	: Anne Walsh (SI)
Wed 25	: Betty Almond
Thur 26	: Ellen Packwood
Fri 27	: Elizabeth McEvoy
Sat 28	: Cath Bowles
Sun 29	: Edward Carr

A Prayer in the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

*Gracious
and loving God,
Expand our vision
that we might see the mission
we share with all of our
Christian brothers and sisters,
to show forth the justice
and loving kindness
of your kingdom.*

*Help us to welcome
our neighbours
as your Son welcomed us.*

*Help us to be more generous
as we witness to the grace
that you freely give us.*

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Christian Unity

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, addressed the World Council of Churches 11th Assembly on 7 September, 2022.

He spoke of how the theme of the WCC assembly “*Christ’s love moves the world to reconciliation*

and unity” resonates with the theme of the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops, held in August under the theme “*God’s Church for God’s World.*”

Welby commented on the ways in which the participants at Lambeth were able to move forward. “We found our way forward, not by solving the issues, but by living in the light of Christ, by saying we do not agree, by being honest without excluding one another.” he said. “At the beginning many felt they could not participate—by the end almost all did.”

The challenge to Christians, Welby said, is in daily conversion of life. “The next decades look no better, economically, militarily, spiritually, socially, scientifically, technologically, especially for the poorest and the weakest,” he said. “In this time of world crisis, Christians are to be a community of peace, the creation of God, not us, in Christ through the Spirit.”

We live amidst the ecumenism of suffering, Welby continued. “We are well practised in the ecumenism of service,” he said. “Theological understanding has advanced greatly.”

But none of us are yet imbued with the spirit of the love of Christ, he emphasized. “Christ’s prayer for visible unity to convert and draw us close enough to each other, although not united, we share as one people in the paschal mystery,” he said. “But we do not show that day to day.”

The luxurious expense of well-practised Christian division is no longer affordable, he concluded.

“My simple challenge to all of us today, is to re-find the spiritual passion of the past for ecumenism; theologically, in solidarity with the suffering, in love that covers a multitude of sins,” he said. “To do that we must face our fears of each other and of the world together, we must love one another, we must give common witness and work towards a more visible unity that we reimagine in the grace of God.” (*Churches Together*)

Parish Notice Board

Today we welcome:

Rev. Miranda Threlfall-Holmes, who will preach at both the Saturday and the Sunday Masses.

Rev. Miranda is the "Team Vicar" of the 3 parishes which make up the Anglican Team Parish of St. Luke in the City.

This Team Parish unites St. Michael's on Upper Pitt Street, St. Bride's on Percy Street, and St Dunstan's on Earle Road. Rev Laura Ferguson, vicar of St. Michael's and Rev Louis Johnson, curate of St. Dunstan's, have already preached here over the past 2 years.

It is good to have this friendship between the churches of different denominations and good to hear the ways that others also live in Christ and seek to contribute to Christ's Kingdom in this area of the city. The more we meet each other, the more we will know each other and overcome our divisions and let down our hostile defences.

Let us heed the prayer of Jesus that we "all be one and united in God, the Father of all".

Young Workers and Students

Every Friday at 6pm, a group of young workers and students meet in the Guild Room for Gospel Sharing (Lectio Divina) and Friendship. The meeting lasts between one and two hours.

For more information contact **Silvesta**, of this parish, on 07534 245789

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon

Fr. Anthony Chantry, National Director of MISSIO, has written to thank the parish for the contribution of £131.50.

Our support for Mission is crucial in helping the Church in Ethiopia, and around the world, to reach out with God's love and hope for the future.

Feeding Liverpool – Queen of Greens

The Queen of Greens bus is a new mobile greengrocer bringing affordable fresh fruit and vegetables to communities across Liverpool and Knowsley to boost access to healthy food and tackle health inequalities. Some areas visited on the route are classed as 'food deserts', where residents have to travel a kilometre or more to reach a supermarket selling 'green' produce, 800 metres to a convenience store, or 500 metres to a fresh market stall. The bus will visit 29 stops including Toxteth, providing people with better opportunities to shop for nutritious food closer to their home. The project is a partnership between charities Feeding Liverpool, which is leading the city's Good Food Plan, and Feedback project Alchemic Kitchen, with funding from Feeding Britain. Healthy Start cards and Alexandra Rose vouchers are accepted.

Find out more about the Queen of Greens [here](#) and the timetable is available [here](#)

This Sunday Evening, 6pm:
TAIZE PRAYER
for unity among Christians,
with our Anglican friends.
6pm in SVP church.
Please do join us in our prayer
for unity.

Thursday 26th January
14h30
Funeral Service for
Sharon Brannon,
of Forfar Road,
who died the 3rd January at the
age of 60 years.
May she rest in peace.
We pray for her surviving
relatives.

SERVICE OF
RECONCILIATION
for the children who are
preparing their First Holy
Communion and their families.
3.15pm Thursday 26th
in the church.



The Young Vincentians of the parish will hold their meeting in the church at 5pm on Saturday 28th.

To know more about the YV, take a look at:

<https://www.svp.org.uk/young-vincentians-development>

OFFERINGS 15th January *Thank You*
Envelopes: £ 29.00
Plate: £ 139.77

Little Church
is available at the 10am
Eucharist on Sunday

Lottery Results – 15 January
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Patsy BIRCH, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Christopher BROWNE, Tommy CHANDLER, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Kai, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip RUSHBROOK, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Camila WILD

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON,

And for those who have died: Raymond JOYCE, Sharon BRANNON