



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

23rd August 2020

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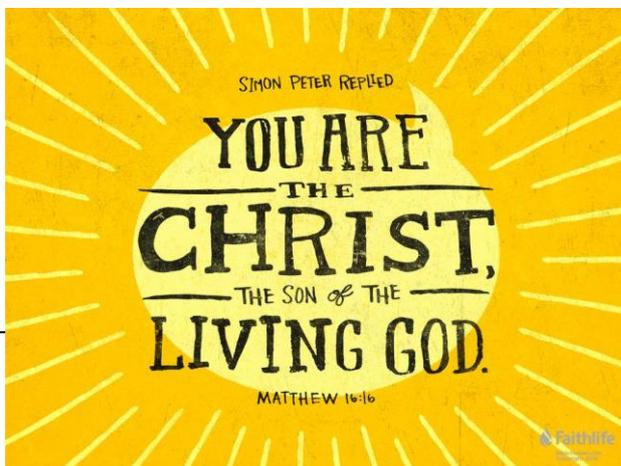
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Mass Times

Sunday streamed	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday vigil	18.00



Mass Intentions

- Sat 22: Tony Macklin
- Sun 23: Parishioners
- Mon 24: Sr. M. Adela
- Tues 25: Tommy Fletcher
- Wed 26: Mary Gibbons
- Thu 27: Michael Cleaver
- Fri 28: Eileen Lally
- Sat 29: Joseph & Shelly Glanville

Homily Notes

At Caesarea Philippi Jesus asked his disciples;

Who do you say I am? Caesarea Philippi lies at the foothill of Mt Hermon in a beautiful landscape with scenic rocks, streams, and wooded areas. The city then was built on a rock that is over 100 feet high up and about 500 feet wide. Part of the city was considered as a sacred place and shrines to the Greek and Roman gods were erected there. Ruins of some of these shrines can still be seen today. Caesarea Philippi with its religious significance would seem a fitting location for Jesus' question and the answer from Peter. A catechist in a class once changed the question to read; *In the context of many gods, who do you say I am.*

Peter answered, *you are the Christ, the son of the living God.* It can be said that by acknowledging Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God, Peter is declaring not only his vision of God but also a vision of himself, of others, and of the world. Jesus declared Peter's insight as coming from God and not from natural and human knowledge. *Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.*

Peter is given a name and a mission - *You are Peter, and on this rock, I shall build my Church.* In his leadership Peter would be the one to unite, inspire, and strengthen the community of believers. He would have the power of seeing the presence of the living God in the church (the body of Christ), and in all the members of the community. We too seek the grace to see the presence of the living God and to be rock foundations for the reign of God.

Charles

Corona Thoughts

We come to church not because we must but because it is the gathering place for the community of Disciples of Christ of which we are happy to be members. It is the place where we support one another and where we collectively listen to the Word of God and are nourished by the Word of God.

For some time now, the corona virus has kept us apart. Bishops have told us that during the pandemic there is no obligation to go to Sunday Mass. We have been encouraged to stay at home and pray. What many thought was impossible, or sinful, became, albeit temporarily, the norm.

We all, I think, found this difficult. But some, led by the Holy Spirit, used the time to learn to pray and to read the Bible. Some families have found the gift of praying together. After this experience, they could be asking: why go back?

We come back because we are free members of the community founded by Christ; the community that is indeed Christ Himself here on earth, even marked by the wounds of our sin. This is the Community which is the feet and hands and mouth of Christ, which bears witness to Christ's loving and redeeming presence in the world in which we live. Our desire is to share this light, which enlightens our lives, with others who do not know and who do not live in hope.

A recent document came from the Vatican about parish life. In it we find this paragraph: *“Over and above places and reasons for membership, the Parish Community is the human context wherein the evangelising work of the Church is carried out, where Sacraments are celebrated and where charity is exercised, all with missionary zeal, which, apart from being an intrinsic part of pastoral action, is a litmus test of its authenticity. In this present age, marked at times by marginalisation and solitude, the Parish community is called to be a living sign of the proximity of Christ through fraternal bonds, ever attentive to new forms of poverty”.*

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
The winning numbers are:
01 03 04 10 13 14

Offerings for 16th August 2020
 Envelopes £47.00
 Plate £79.00
Thank you



Parish accounts

At the last meeting of the Parish Financial Council it was decided to regularly publish the Parish accounts, to promote a spirit of transparency and co-responsibility. The **quarter April-June 2020** was for our parish, in financial terms, a relatively good quarter.

Though we were living through the lock down, parishioners have been generous, for which we thank you. The summary of the accounts is as follows:

Item	Income	Expenditure
Received for lottery, plate, Masses, candles, Cafod, Gift Aid and other gifts	£ 6,236.50	
phone and internet (3 months)		£ 269.70
electricity house & church		£ 397.33
stamps		£ 60.05
upkeep		£ 355.00
council tax (3 months)		£ 1,219.56
gas house & church		£ 1,960.72
candles		£ 161.69
cheque to Cafod		£ 116.45
for winner of lottery		£ 650.00
photocopies		£ 96.00
salary parish priest (3 months)		£ 2,250.00
water and waste water		£ 304.55
Total	£ 6,236.50	£ 7,841.05

Ferdinand

Joe Savage has a great number of cinefilms, slides, and VHS tapes with material on the history and life of the Parish. Before Joe became ill, he frequently spoke about transferring his films to DVD, but he never got around to doing it. We believe many people would be interested to watch some of this material.

We are looking for (a) volunteer(s) to watch the films and slides with the film projector and slide projector which Joe has and to select what is most interesting to be transferred to modern day media.

So, if you are interested and you have some time, please let us know! Thank you.

Ferdinand



Welcome to the streamed Sunday Mass at 9 am.

As you are all aware, since the start of the lock down, we have been streaming Sunday Mass through Facebook. Although since Saturday the 11th July we can celebrate the Mass again together in the church, we have continued to live-stream the Mass on Sunday for all those who are still unable to come to church.

Starting Sunday 23rd August, we will open the church doors for those who wish to join us in the celebration of this Mass at 9 am. We will follow all the necessary precautions to stop the spread of the virus, like on Saturday evening.

And do not worry, if you do not want to, you will not appear in the recording!

Ferdinand

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: John BIRKENHEAD, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, William FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Angela KING, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Edna RENSHAW, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Matthew SCOTLAND, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, Billy SUTHERLAND

Also for the intentions of: Elen CARDEN, Nicola EVANS, Lilly FLANNERY, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Gerard McCAFFERTY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Teresa NALL, Edna RENSHAW, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, The SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, Joan WALSH, The WILLIAMS Family, All unemployed People

And for those who have died: Henry ANDERS, Terry BOLGER, Glenn Exton (died of Covid 10th May 2020) Tony LAVELLE, Francis McPARTLAND, Tony MOGAN