



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Prayer for Christian Unity

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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Word of God

This Sunday has been designated by the Pope as Sunday of the Word of God. Maybe the biggest reform of the Second Vatican

Council was the placing of the Word of God in its proper place in the heart of the Christian Community and so in the hearts of all the faithful.

The Bishops introduced the vernacular – meaning that the Mass would be in the peoples’ language so that they could understand everything including the Word of God. The Council introduced the reading from the Old Testament, so that people could hear the wonders that God did for the People of the Covenant and how God slowly revealed Himself to them and how God, in his Son Jesus, fulfilled all the promises he had made. The Council encouraged everyone to procure a Bible – at least one Bible per home – so that people could read the Word of God at home and pray on it. When Ezra read the Word of God, the people who heard it were full of emotion; they wept, they fell to the ground, they cried out in praise to God. They recognised the will of God in what they heard.

The Word of God is the Living Word. Jesus himself is often referred to as the Word, especially in the Gospel of St John; just read the first chapter.

Each time that we read the Word of God in the Bible, it is as if we are listening to God Himself who is speaking with us. The Word is alive for us.

You could also read it quietly at home, and when you have read a passage, just sit quietly and let the words you have read work in your mind and heart. In this way, God speaks to us and encourages us.

The more we read the Word of God, the better we know God and his Son Jesus, his Word. The more we know God, the more we will be happy and live in hope and confidence of his love.

Terry

Mass Intentions

Sat 22: Robbie & Agnes O’Gorman
 Sun 23: Jimmy Gallagher
 Mon 24 : Parishioners
 Tue 25: Theresa Brown
 Wed 26: Sr. Pius Flannery
 Thu 27: Marian Fallon RIP
 Fri 28: Cecilia Flatley
 Sat 29: Birch Family
 Sun 30: Desmond Devine

UNITY WEEK

We are coming to the end of Unity Week, a week of prayer for the unity of all Christians that goes from 18-25 January. This year, in the gospel for the Sunday within this week, Jesus reads a text from

Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord . . . has anointed me. He has sent me to preach the Good News to the poor.” Jesus adopts this as his “manifesto” for the Kingdom of God that he has come to proclaim. Jesus says: “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.” Notice that he does not say it has been fulfilled, but rather that it is being fulfilled. This fulfilment is something ongoing in which we are all involved. Inspired by the Spirit, this manifesto is to be carried out not only by Jesus himself, but also by all his disciples, all Christians, with the help of the Spirit. We are called to continue the mission of Jesus. Would this not be more effective if we were united? We don’t need to be the same, nor to be doing the same things. What is required of us is to respect one another and to be ready to cooperate, work together, with the same concern for those who are disadvantaged, exploited, oppressed.

The text of Isaiah says “to bring to the blind new sight”. We can include ourselves among “the blind”. We are often blind to our dividedness as Christians; we are used to it, not realizing the scandal it gives to people of other religions, or none. “When will these Christians get their act together?”

So we need to pray for our Churches, our leaders, ourselves, for openness to the Spirit, that the Spirit may convert us, make us truly faithful to the Gospel. May we be truly one, giving a united witness. Let us pray, and work, for Christian unity, not only this week, but all the weeks of the year.

Michael

Parish Notice

Octave of Prayer of Christian Unity

On Saturday evening and Sunday morning, we are happy to welcome **the Rev. Laura Ferguson**, the priest at St. Michael's Church, who will preach at Mass. This is an annual visit and exchange of preachers with the Team Parish of St. Luke in the City. We also work together to welcome people at the Food Bank, here at SVP and St. Bride's, Percy Street.

Cardinal Michael will preach at St. Bride's Church on Sunday morning.

"I pray that all of them may be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me" Jn 17:21

Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

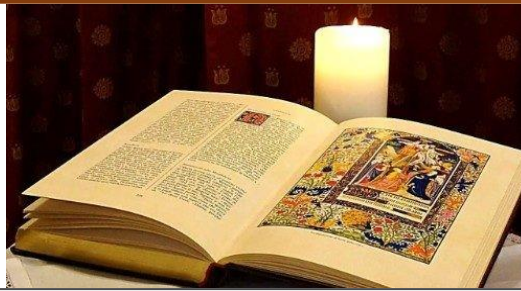
Registration will close on Monday 21st March.

To register they should visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page.

Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

Lottery Results 15/01/21
03 04 05 07 09 12
Jackpot £300.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
Sacrament of Reconciliation available



Lay Reader

Because of the Vatican Council's reforms and the importance of the Word of God as a means of strengthening and deepening the faith of all the Baptised, Pope Francis has introduced the ministry of Reader for Women and Men in the Church. Whereas, in the past this ministry was reserved to men, as it was part of the preparation for ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood, now it can be conferred on all the faithful, as a recognised and instituted ministry.

Pope Francis, on this **Sunday of the Word of God**, will, in Rome, confer the ministry, for the first time, on a group of women and men, coming from all corners of the world. By this act, he will recognise the importance of this ministry in the life of the Church and will indicate that all the baptised are able to take up this ministry.

Readers can be expected to be women and men capable of reading clearly and with dignity in public. They will also be people who take time to prepare their readings by prayer and study. Prior to reading in the church, they will be expected to take time to ensure that they understand what they will read and to take it into their heart by prayer and meditation.

Anyone who wishes to be a reader in our parish, should contact Terry (mobile 07591 106021) or Angela Everett and join the group of readers in their preparation meetings, yet to be announced.
Terry

This weekend, there is a retiring collection for **PAX CHRISTI**. Please give generously for this Christian organisation which works for peace.

Friday 28th January 7pm

in the Guild Room,
Presentation of the Film

"The Treat"

memories of the annual Treat of St. Vincent de Paul.
All are welcome

Preparation Course for Infant Baptism

Fr. Ferdinand intends to start a new course to prepare infant baptisms. If you intend to request baptism for your infant in the coming months, please inform him on:
0151 709 8589

Prayer on Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January

God of mercy,
on this day, this one day, we come into your presence

in darkness and in light
aware of what has happened in days past,

in darkness and in light
conscious of what people experience today

in darkness and in light
trusting that you will guide your world in every day to come

in darkness and in light.
Produced by The Council of Christians and Jews

Offerings on 16th January

Envelopes £72.00
Plate £126.64
Thank you

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Frank BENJAMIN, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Raymond JOYCE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, David THOMAS, Camila WILD

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Denise BELL, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON

And for those who have died: Catherine BOWLES, Lee GLANVILLE, Mary HAINS, 17/1/22) May Dodson (anniversary)