

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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16th Sunday Year A

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Mass Times this week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00



Homily Notes

Jesus would have shared this parable of the good seed and the weeds when he was reflecting on the life of the community of disciples. There were some living in the community who found it hard to live according to his rule of love. Do not expel them, he would say, but let them grow in love with you all.

Maybe there is another way of interpreting this parable. Jesus could be talking about us, as individuals. For there is both good and bad within each of us. Who does not sin? Who can say, "I am the good person, the good seed of the parable"? God, we know, loves the sinner, seeks out the sinner in his or her weakness, to tell us how much he loves us. God gives us until the last moment of our lives to show our love for him.

It is up to each of us to take time each day to examine our actions and our words of that day and to recognise our sins as well as our good deeds and the integrity of our actions. They go hand in hand. We are both good and bad. Who can be all good? Who can be all bad? The more we take stock of our good deeds, of the moments we have felt closest to God, the more we will be encouraged to stay close to God and grow in God like the good seed.

To examine our day in this way, we need to seek a moment of silence, a moment of prayer at the end of the day. It is only in silence that we can truly face up to who we are, both good and bad, and recognise the hand of God in our daily lives. To be increasingly confident that we live within the kingdom of God, we need also to take time to pray – not a noisy prayer where we speak to God with prayers we have learnt by heart, but a quiet prayer of silence before God.

It is this silence of heart which will also lead us to a greater awareness of God in the world around us; of our dependence on God's love, of the fragility of life and the sufferings of others.

Terry

Mass Intentions

- Sat 22: Patricia Bridge
- Sun 23: Elizabeth Barton & Family
- Mon 24: Parishioners
- Tue 25: John Poland
- Wed 26: Eileen Braithwaite
- Thu 27: Sheila Arrowsmigh
- Fri 28: David Tague
- Sat 29: Patsy Swan
- Sun 30: Joanne (Get well)

Meet Salina

Salina is an organic farmer

and seed saver. She lives with her husband, Mogibor, in the village of Gorasin in Bangladesh. Salina shares with CAFOD the challenges that farmers face when they are pushed to buy commercial seeds, and why free access to seeds matters.

“When I bought seeds from the market, my perception was that they must be good seeds. So I tried my best to produce good crops from them. But after I sowed the seeds, after a few days the plants started turning reddish, because they required chemical fertiliser.

So by then, whether I liked it or not, I had to buy the chemical fertiliser or I'd lose my entire crop. Sometimes I borrowed money from my neighbours to buy it, and had to pay it back with interest. Altogether, when I harvested the crop and calculated how much I had made, compared to how much I had spent, I made hardly anything.”

“When I was still doing chemical agriculture, at that time I had to buy seeds from outside. But the seed is not just one thing – it is a package. Company seeds always need chemical fertilisers. If you use chemical fertilisers, then you need to also buy chemical pesticides.

“So you end up having to spend a lot of money to buy everything you need for the seeds. But at that time I didn't have much money to buy the chemical fertiliser, pesticides, and buying seeds. So often my land would just remain fallow.

Please sign up on the poster-letter at the back of the church, asking the World Bank to stop protecting the agrobusiness companies exploiting the small farmers. Only your signature is need, nothing else. Thank you. SVP J&P Group

Parish Notice Board

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MASS


Now that the fitting of the kitchen is finished, we can resume our 9.00am Mass on Wednesday and Friday. Unfortunately, there will still be no Adoration on Friday, until further notice, due to the unavailability of a priest.

Parish Pilgrimage to WALSINGHAM 2024

If there is enough interest, we will organise a pilgrimage to **Walsingham** in April 2024.

The journey will be by coach, and we will stay 3 nights (Friday - Monday) on a half board basis. The approximate cost will be in the region of £250-£300.

If you are interested in going, please add your name to the poster at the back of the church, or speak to Margaret Hastie, Andrea Glanville or Marie Crane. Once we establish if there is sufficient interest and numbers, places will be secured with a £10 deposit.

 **LITTLE CHURCH** is on holiday. Normal service will resume in September! 😊 😄 🌟

Lottery Results – 16TH July
01 02 07 09 11 13

OFFERINGS 16TH July

Envelopes: £ 22.00
Plate: £ 189.60

Retired Priests Offering: £80.05
Many thanks to you all

Sacrament of Reconciliation on demand

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

We need more Eucharistic ministers, welcomers at the door, readers, choristers and musicians, Mass Servers, slide-projector operators, cleaners, catechists to help prepare the sacraments of baptism and marriage, members of the Justice and Peace Group, Tuesday Café volunteers. These people are all needed to help ensure the good functioning of the community. Even if you can only help occasionally, please let us know.

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly



Dear Lord,
We thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives throughout the world, their lives and their vocation. We are grateful for their love, care and the advice that they give to each of us. Protect them dear Lord, in all that they do, as we continue to be blessed by their wisdom in our communities. Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and always keep them close to your heart, so that they continue to generously respond to your call. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

KITCHEN

I wondered if we would ever see the day! Thanks to Fr. Ferdinand, and to many benefactors, whose names will soon be mentioned, and to the rapid work of the Team Bill once they were able to start, the kitchen was handed over to us on Friday afternoon. Please, take a look after Mass. Now, we will be able to safely serve refreshments every Tuesday morning and on any other occasion. We still need contributions to pay completely and to purchase the necessary equipment.



**Come, join us in PRAYERFUL
CHANT and MEDITATION,
Sunday 23rd July 6pm,
in the church.**

Sophie Farrell and James Welsh
will celebrate their
marriage

in this church on Saturday 29 July
with a nuptial Mass at 1.30 pm.

All are welcome to join the
celebration.

*By the power of Christ, may you
grow together in love, through faith.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Stefan ASHTON, Natasha BAKER, Patricia BRIDGE, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, , Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Peter O'BRIEN, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skylar REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

Those who have died recently: Sheila ARROWSMIGH, Frances HAYES, David TAGUE

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