

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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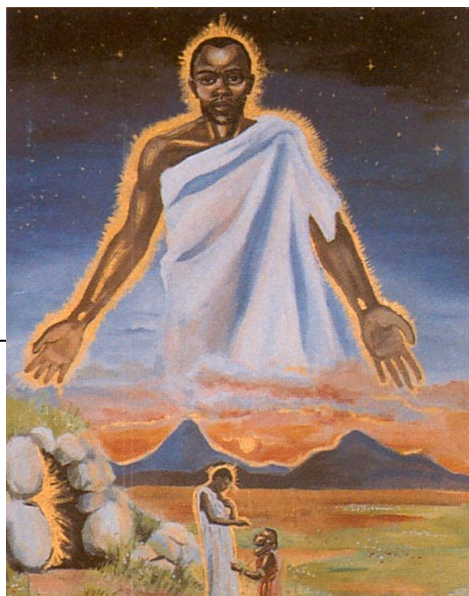
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## Mass Times

Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30



## Mass Intentions

Sun 24:	Eileen Lally
Mon 25:	Parishioners
Tues 26:	Parishioners
Wed 27:	Parishioners
Thu 28:	Parishioners
Fri 29:	Parishioners
Sat 30:	Parishioners

## Homily Notes

The setting of the first reading is between the Ascension and Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles. We are presented with a single community that is made up of three groups of people who had each experienced Jesus in a unique way, a community that is in a state of waiting and is continually at prayer.

The eleven disciples had been chosen by Jesus and were closely associated with him during his mission. The women from Galilee were the first to hear the message of the resurrection at the empty tomb. Mary was the first in the Gospel to hear God's message about Jesus and together with Joseph brought Jesus up. To these groups Jesus had revealed the name (the glory) of God and this is what bound them together. A Parish community too is made up of different groups of people bound together by varied experiences of Jesus.

Waiting can be a bothersome experience especially if it includes restrictions. A lot of our waiting in life can seem to be far removed from God yet it is also through moments of waiting that the divine reaches out to us. Prayer is mentioned as what the waiting community of disciples was involved in. Prayer would allow them to be attentive to the present moment and would also prepare them to receive what was to come.

To us as a faith community, Jesus has revealed something of the glory of God; *I have made your name known to the people you took from this world to give me.* The gift of the Pentecost Spirit deepens that knowledge of the glory of God.

*Charles*

## Corona Thoughts

This Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's timely letter on life on the planet, *Laudato Si*. They call it the encyclical on ecology. It is surely the most read and the most talked about papal document since *Humanae Vitae*: and

probably more read as a whole document.

The Pope's call for a conversion in our way of life and in our relationships with each other and with the natural world is even more relevant today, in the middle of this Corona Pandemic.

*"Laudato Si' captured millennia of teaching in a way that was relevant to today's environmental crisis, and the way it has been embraced by millions of people around the world is truly the work of the Holy Spirit," said Reba Elliott from the Global Catholic Climate Movement.*

*She told Crux the current COVID-19 pandemic is highlighting the problems facing the planet due to climate change and other issues facing the environment.*

*"The coronavirus crisis is showing us again that everything is connected. From the system of employment that puts the poorest in the cross hairs of the pandemic to the massive investments that fossil fuel executives are getting governments to hand out, injustice is alive and well," Elliot said.*

*She said it is only natural for faith groups to take the environment seriously, and take concrete steps to fight climate change, including by divesting in fossil fuel companies. (<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-uk-and-ireland/2020/05/on-5th-anniversary-of-laudato-si-faith-organizations-divest-from-fossil-fuel/>)*

What practical steps can we take in our parish to treat the planet better? Maybe something to do with the heating of the church which burns up 2751 units per month in winter, (costing some £1,100 per month!!!) Now is that a *Laudato Si* challenge for us?

*Terry*

## Parish Notice Board

**Lottery Results**  
01 05 07 08 10 12  
Drawn 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Don't Forget**  
6.30pm, every evening  
**Parish Evening Prayer**

at home

Wherever you are, take time to pray with all other parish members.

Let our prayer be united to help us stay faithful to the Lord and to each other during this difficult time.

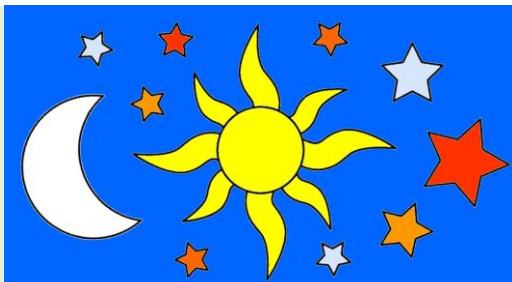
*Leaflets available at the Parish House and on Facebook*

**From the Canticle of the Creatures**  
by St. Francis of Assisi

Praised be you, my Lord  
with all your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,  
who in the day through whom  
you bring us light.

And he is lovely, shining  
with great splendour,  
for he heralds you, Most High.

Praised be you, my Lord,  
through Sister Moon and Stars.  
In heaven you have formed them,  
lightsome and precious and fair.



*You are welcome to join us for Sunday's Mass  
live-streamed on Facebook  
At 9am on Sunday*

### Message to Our Muslim Friends at the end of Ramadan

#### 'Id al-Fitr

Today I take the means of the parish newsletter to greet our Muslim Friends who come to the end of their Ramadan. This gives me the opportunity to express to our Muslim brothers and sisters, on behalf of all of us at St Vincent's, priests and people, our very best wishes as they celebrate 'Id al-Fitr, the feast ( 'id) of the Breaking of the Fast at the end of the month of Ramadan. I would like to tell our Muslim friends that we at St Vincent's parish have been accompanying them all through the month of Ramadan.

We know that on the morning of the feast there is a special Prayer when all Muslims are invited to gather together. Last year, at the **Abdul Quilliam Mosque**, three services were scheduled for the celebration of the 'Id Prayer, at 7.30, 8.30 and 9.30 in the morning. This will not be possible this year, because of the restrictions imposed on account of the coronavirus pandemic. We sympathise with you. But we know, like you, that God is near, *Allâhu carob*,

Distancing is not part of God's *sunna*, His normal way of relating to us. *Allâhu ma'a al-sâbirîn*, "God is with the steadfast" (Q 2:153), and you have surely been steadfast as you have observed Ramadan in the difficult conditions of this year.

May God pour out on you an abundance of blessings. We say to you: '*Id mabrûk, al-salâmu 'alaykum wa-rahmat Allâh wa-barakâtu-hu*, A Blessed Feast, Peace be with you and the Mercy of God and His Blessings.

*Michael*

*"When **nature** is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This... has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus." (Laudato Si #82)*

### Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Baby HARVEY, Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Michael BRATIN, Les BURNS, Angela EVERETT, Paul HADFIELD, Joyce HIGGINS, SR. Gloria INDIRA, Molly McEVOY, Kathleen McGOVERN (still in hospital), Maria MURPHY, May MURRAY, Joe PERRY, Jim SHEPHERD, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

**Also for the intentions of:** Baby Kirwin, BRATIN Family, Lilly FLANNERY, Lee HALPIN, Beverly HARPER, Paul HART, Beverley HARPER, Theresa HASTIE, Frances HIGHAM, Madelene McCANN and Family, The MIDGHALL Family, Henry MIDTSAETER, Joey MORGAN, Carole and Billy RUDKIN, SALCEDO Family, SCOTT family, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terry VALIANT, Pauline WALSH, WILLIAMS Family, Pray for those who are suffering with this disease across the world, ALL NHS staff and ALL key workers.

**And for those who have died:** Eileen FOSTER, John McGOVERN, Bishop Vin MALONE