

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of EASTER

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### Regular Mass Times

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

### Homily notes

Today's Gospel is a drama in two acts. Act One: Jesus and the disciples; fear which turns to joy at the presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus is calm; he brings Peace. Act Two: Jesus and the disciples, but this time with Thomas present. Jesus is gentle; he doesn't

blame Thomas for his unbelief but invites him to see for himself. Thomas immediately declares his faith: he does not just acclaim Jesus, the Master, but professes belief saying "My Lord and my God".

Does this drama concern us? Surely since "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." We are such people, and that is why we are at Mass. We have not seen the Holy Spirit, and yet we believe that we have received the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and our Confirmation.

This drama concerns us, because Jesus gives us a mission to spread this peace in a world which needs it so much. He shows us how to fulfill this mission, through forgiveness.

We know how hard this is. How hard it is to forgive someone who has wronged us, but also how hard it is to accept that we have been forgiven. Yet this is liberation. When we forgive, the burden of "paying back", is taken from us. When we accept that we have been forgiven, that we have been.

So let us rejoice together at the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst and let us renew our resolve to continue to live according to his spirit, not for our glory, but for the honour and glory of the Father, who sent his Son Jesus into the world and who sends us also.

+ *Michael*



When Jesus first appeared to the apostles, Thomas was absent. He appeared again and Thomas saw that Jesus lived.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 23: Mary, Tommy, Patrick Fraser  
Sun 24: Kathleen Brown  
Mon 25: Frank Benjamin  
Tue 26: Vera Cartledge  
Wed 27: Betty Carden  
Thu 28: Sr. Matilda Tizon  
Fri 29: Kenny Kelbrick  
Sat 30: Rose Healy  
Sun 01/05: Robbie O'Gorman

### Thoughts for Week

This Thursday evening, there is a meeting of our Justice and Peace group. I'm not sure if there was such a parish group in the past or if it is entirely new. However, it is some time since one existed in SVP.

You have seen some of the fruits of the work of the SVP JPIC group, in the presentations we have made to bring to your attention the issue of clean water

for everyone, or reminding you of the present-age scourge of slavery and people trafficking. We spoke about the plight of the people of Tigray. You responded with great generosity to our condemnation of racism last year when we made a collection for the RNLI and wrote a letter of support for the crews. We are all aware of what our community does to welcome the people to the Food Bank on a Tuesday morning. And together we have done great work for the people of Ukraine.

Some might say that our parish community is becoming too political or too involved when we speak of these issues or we write to our MP or join protests on the streets and organise vigils of prayer on church steps for all to see. As a parish community, we want to avoid favouring one or the other political party. However, as disciples of Christ, we cannot avoid getting involved in organisations that work for the end of poverty, or for improvements in government services, or for the end of racism and prejudices that deny others their rights and even their lives. Political parties and local advocacy groups are a means for us to achieve our ends: the bringing about of the Kingdom of God.

We recall the words of Mary in her hymn, the Magnificat: "*His mercy extends to those who fear him... He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty*".

*Terry*

# Parish Notice Board

This weekend, we welcome **Sr. Priscilla Ohawuchi**, of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She will speak at both Eucharists to present her new book, "Looking at Mary, learning from her"

## Infant Baptisms

A new session of preparation for the baptism of your child will begin 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact Ferdinand to arrange.

## SVP Justice and Peace & the Integrity of Creation Group MEETING

6pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Programme:

- *Fratelli Tutti*
- *War in Ukraine*
- *Wild Flowers*
- *Letter to Kim Johnson*
- *Programme of May & June*

*New members are welcome*

## Offerings on 16<sup>th</sup> April

Envelopes £30.00

Plate £170.15

CAFOD £25.00

Raffle £3.00 (total £418.00)

Collection for Holy Places  
£132.00

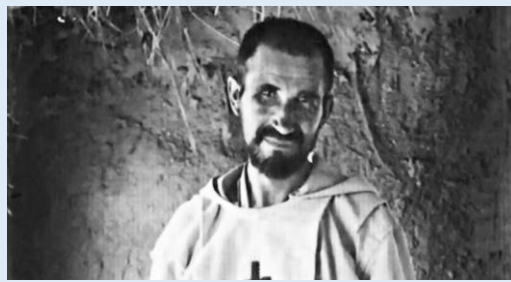
**Thank you, indeed, to all those who contribute.**

## Lottery Results

For Draw on 16<sup>th</sup> April

**02 05 06 10 11 13**

**Jackpot £900**



## Conversations with Charles de Foucauld

*His life and spiritual legacy for the Church and our world today on the occasion of his canonisation in Rome May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022*

Sessions to be held live by zoom, recorded and then posted on You Tube.

Session 1: Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. 2pm – 3.30pm

Session 2: Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>. 2pm – 3.30

Session 3: Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2pm – 3.30pm

For further information and to register for zoom contact Moira Potier at

[moira.cdf@gmail.com](mailto:moira.cdf@gmail.com)

Dear Vincent,

## We did it!

The sore feet and aching muscles were worth it! Thanks to you, many children like Lombeh will be able to live a healthy life free from malnutrition. Remember to continue sharing your page to encourage those final donations!



*"On behalf of the Handmaid Sisters here in Sierra Leone, we are saying a very big thank you for your sacrifices, for your generosity, for all your donations."*

Sr Anthonia, Sierra Leone

*Christine*

From Christine

On behalf of the entire CAFOD family

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# CHRIST IS RISEN



## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

### SVP CONVERSATIONS

Mr Jo Ramsden of **KUUMBA IMAANI** Can't make it this week Tuesday so we have changed the date to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.30pm.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

*Please, do come to hear about their great work at the service of the people of Toxteth*

*An invitation from FCJ Centre St Hugh's*  
New Perspectives on the Mother Of Jesus

Wednesday 27 April 2022

**Webinar 1:** What's in a name?  
Mary, Maria, Mariam, Miriam

Wednesday 4 May 2022

**Webinar 2:** Courageous,  
unorthodox prophet of liberation

Wednesday 11 May 2022

**Webinar 3:** Spirit-filled teacher,  
theologian, priest

*Each session will follow this outline:*

*5.45pm Arrivals*

*6.00pm Watch Webinar together (1hr)*

*7.00pm Time for discussion (30 mins)*

*Venue: FCJ Centre St Hugh's, 53A Cranborne Rd, L15 2HY*

These webinars are part of **The Tablet Reflection Programme** and will be delivered by **Margaret Hebblethwaite**.  
<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/events/153/the-tablet-reflection-programme-2022-new-perspectives-on-the-mother-of-jesus>

Each session stands alone so you are welcome to attend any of them.

**Registration is free**, email us

on [fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com) or phone 0151 733 5475 for more information.

The novelty of this proposal by the sisters is that we gather in their centre, listen to the talk and discuss it afterwards. Also it is free. Why not delve further into your love for Mary?

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Sheila & Mike, Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Eddie M<sup>c</sup>KENNA, Mary MELODY, Cathy MURRAY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Camila WILD.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Marian DAVIES, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M<sup>c</sup>CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

**And for those who have died:** Joan BAXTER, Vera CARTLEDGE, May FLEETWOOD.