



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

25th April 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

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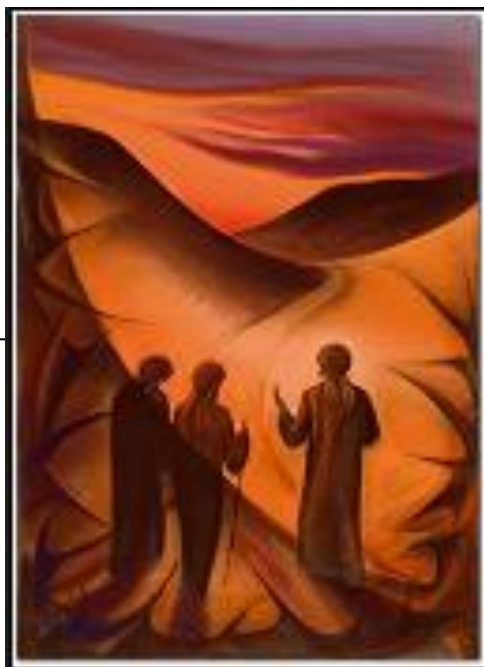
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Mass Times

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

Mass Intentions

Sun 26: Paul Johnson RIP
 Mon 27 : Parishioners
 Tues 28: Parishioners
 Wed 29: Parishioners
 Thu 30: Parishioners
 Fri 01: Fr. Peter Kelly RIP
 Sat 02: Parishioners



Homily Notes

The disciples were helped to make sense of the past and present in the light of scripture and that made a difference in their lives. For "it is never too late to recover the Joy of resurrection".

We hear of two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus and troubled by two things – the death of Jesus and their dashed hopes. To the stranger they tell their story *about Jesus who proved to be a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God, and how he was put to death.* They also tell the stranger about their *own hope which had been that Jesus was the one to set Israel free.* The stranger helps them to make sense of the past in the light of scripture and their hearts are set on fire.

Our own stories may not be very different from that of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. If we were given a question; have you ever been on the road to Emmaus? Many of us would say "I have been on it, several times". There is so much in life that put us on that road. Like the two disciples, when we are on the road to Emmaus, we have to tell our story not just to each other but also to the "stranger", Jesus, who is mysteriously present among us. When he helps us to look at what troubles us, we gain new understanding and recover joy. In this troubled and challenging time, may "Your word be a lamp for our feet, a light for our path". Ps 119:105.

Charles

Corona Thoughts

It is now 4 weeks that we have been living in isolation and have been unable to gather in church for our weekly Eucharist. Many of us feel both the pain of being isolated from our families and loved ones as well as the pain and loneliness of being isolated from Church. Some ask how we can pray if

we cannot go to church. How can we be true Catholics if we do not go to Sunday Mass? Sunday Mass has been the defining practice of Catholics in Europe for more than a thousand years, except in the years of persecution.

One consoling thought is that we now find ourselves, as far as Mass-going is concerned, in the same situation as a good half of all Catholics across the world. In Africa, in Asia, in South America, Catholics live their faith without a regular Sunday Mass. A priest might only reach their village or homestead 3 or 4 times a year. Yet, in these areas of the world, Catholicism is blooming. People pray at home or in small, localised communities. They read and share the Word of God at home. They also have a very strong sense and practice of care for each other and for people in their vicinity. They practise charity. They take seriously the reminder of Jesus: "What I want is love, not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6).

These Catholics value enormously the days when they can celebrate the Eucharist. However, they can also witness to the fact that Eucharist is more than the simple gathering of the community around the altar: it is a whole way of life, involving the Word of God, prayer – both individual and in family – the practice of charity and a spirit of recognising God in all people and things.

The example of these Catholics can inspire us to begin feeding our faith in other ways; no longer reliant on the Sunday Eucharist alone for the inspiration we need to
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Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
02 03 05 10 12 13
Drawn 19th April 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

Let us pray for the repose of the soul
of
LYGIA WARREN
Of upper Frederick Street,
whose cremation takes place.
Monday 27th April.
May she rest in peace.

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“get through the week”.

We can also nourish our faith by our own prayer and meditation of the Word and by our practice of charity. We can form little communities around us; in our block of flats, in our close or in our street, coming together at the parish centre for our major celebrations.

Let our homes become the centre of our Christian life so that through our homespun charity we may build the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Terry

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

The Pope's name-day

23 April, the Feast of St George, is the day in which Pope Francis - Jorge Mario Bergoglio - celebrates his "name day". The Pontiff himself offered a gift to mark the occasion: the delivery of ventilators and medical equipment, masks, and protective glasses for doctors and nurses, and coveralls for intensive care. A number of hospitals will be benefiting: one is in the city of Suceava, Romania, which has seen an outbreak of coronavirus, where five latest generation ventilators are expected; another two will go to a hospital in Lecce, Italy, and three more to Madrid, Spain.

The embrace of Francis

It is “a beautiful sign that falls on this particular day when the Holy Father does not receive a gift but gives it to others”, said Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the Papal Almoner, speaking of the imminent delivery, which he calls “an embrace of the Pope in a difficult situation for the whole world”.

Synod during COVID-19

How God is speaking to us through our present experience

You are invited to join us virtually at one of two Zoom meetings to reflect on our collective experience during COVID-19 for Synod 2020 on

Wednesday, 29 April 11am - 12.30pm

or **Thursday, 30 April 7pm-8.30pm** (*there will be a short "applause" break at 8pm*).

To participate you need a device with sound and camera (phone/iPad/tablet/laptop etc) that can access the internet. Let **Helen Jones** (Pastoral Associate) know which meeting you intend to join, by sending an email to h.jones@rcaol.org.uk. An email invitation will be sent back to you with the Zoom set up link, Meeting ID and Password for that day. *If you need some help, let Helen know and she can assist you before the meetings on Tuesday 28 April.*

The meeting will include a communal presentation before smaller group discussion. This is a unique opportunity to discuss our experiences of church through new technologies. We are all learning so much - please do have a go and join the conversation in discerning the church that God is calling us to be.

All are welcome!

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Les BURNS, Baby HARVEY, Paul HADFIELD, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Pat O'DONOVAN, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

Also for the intentions of: Steve & Teresa CREWE, Vera DEV, Lilly FLANNERY, Kathy HALLIGAN, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Lyndsay MAHER, Madelene McCANN and Family, John & Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, The MIDTSAETER Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, The SALCEDO Family, Shirley & Phil SCOTT, Jessie THOMAS, Margaret WALKER, 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: Paula JOHNSON, JOSEPH KEALEY, Patrick MCALLISTER, (father of Fr Barry McAllister), May McCARTHY, Anthony PRINCE, Lygia WARREN