



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

25th December 2021

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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

*Please note special
Christmas times
overleaf*

COVID PRECAUTIONS

We have received no news from the Archdiocese about new precautions to take in the face of the new surge in COVID cases.

Let us remain sensible and take all the precautions we already know well.

Our hope is that our Christmas Celebrations will take place normally. We will make them as safe as possible.

If you are vulnerable, we understand that you may not be able to come.

If you need help, let us know.

Offerings on 19th December

Envelopes £55.00

Plate £131.00

Thank you

Lottery Results 19/12/21

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Parish Notice Board

NO

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
this Friday 31st December:**

Christmas Week services at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday 24th December at 8pm

Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December at 10am

Christmas Day Mass

(no evening Mass)

Sunday 26th December at 10am

Holy Family Sunday Mass

Monday 27th December at 9am

Feast of St. John: Mass

Tuesday 28th December at 9am

Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass

Wednesday 29th December Mass at 9am

Thursday 30th December Mass at 9am

Friday 31st December Mass at 9am

Saturday 01st January. Mass at 9am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.

Evening: Sunday Vigil at 6pm

Sunday 2nd January Mass at 10am

2nd Sunday after Christmas



Mass Intentions

Sat 25: Parishioners

Sun 26: Margaret O’Gorman

Mon 27: Sr. Mary Joseph

Tue 28 : Linda Rolph

Wed 29: John O’Gorman

Thu 30: Baxter Family

Fri 31: Morrissey Family

Sat 01/01: Christmas Flower Intentions

Sun 02: Cecilia Flatley

News from the Pastoral Development Dept.



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Justice & Peace Commission

Memorial Lecture 2022

Sunday 16 January 2022, 2 – 4pm

SPEAKER: DR LORNA GOLD

More Info next week

The CAFOD FUN RUN

IS BACK

This Family Fun Run is back after a break due to covid. It will take place at MYSTERY WAVERTREE CENTRE

CENTRE

Bank Holiday Monday,

27th December.

If you wish to take part, check it out in the CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

December Edition, still at the back of the church, page 8.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kitty BAXTER, Frank BENJAMIN, Catherine BOWLES, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HAINS, Raymond JOYCE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, David THOMAS, Robert WARD

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: Maureen CUNNINGHAM, Aldegund DREES, Jimmy GALLAGHER, Dianne HEATHCOTE, Barbara LOVAT

**Christmas Message of The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP,
Archbishop of Liverpool**

Christmas is a special time, and at the heart of our celebrations is the fact that God became man for us. Two thousand years ago there wasn't a feast of Christmas yet there was still expectation as people longed for the coming of the Messiah to transform their lives. We don't always get what we expect at Christmas and two thousand years ago people didn't expect that the Messiah would be born in poverty, to a refugee family forced to leave their home to take part in a census for an occupying power. Homeless, with nowhere to stay they found refuge in a cold, dark stable with only the farm animals for company. Yet lives were about to be transformed.

I am sure celebrations were far from the minds of shepherds on a cold, bleak hillside and yet suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to them, there was light, and glory shone around them – no wonder they were terrified. The first words of the angel to them were 'Do not be afraid...' as they went full of joy to Bethlehem to greet the new born king. So many of us need those words of the angel today: 'Do not be afraid...' Weighed down with the cares of life we fear for the future, but Christmas gives us hope as we know that Christ is with us. The Prince of Peace comes to us to bring his peace and healing and to give us hope.

Christmas is a time for precious memories too. Memories of Christmases past - maybe recent or long ago. Memories of loved ones, just by thinking of them we are saying, 'we love you...you are still with us in our hearts...' There may be tears too, 'Do not be afraid' of them, they are fine because they are a sign of love.

The message of peace and goodwill means it is a time for us to reach out to others, especially to those in need. So many people work in the weeks before Christmas to help those in greatest need. We see people giving up their time to feed the hungry, and to provide a place of refuge for those who are lonely. Those who work in our essential services are there for us too. During the pandemic we have renewed our spirit of care and generosity – we have reached out to others and offered them hope and readily give thanks to those who care.

For Christians the joy of Christmas is found in the Eucharist and the crib. We give thanks to God for the gift of his Son who cried out from the manger to remind us of the continuing plight of the homeless, refugees and those escaping terror. When we gather as far as restrictions allow us, we remember what it is to be a family no matter how few we are or how distant we are from each other. The Holy Family was only three people yet proved to be the source of a great love which has overflowed into our lives two millennia later. May our families have the child Jesus at their centre as a source of love and a true source of strength.

May this Christmas time be happy, blessed and peaceful.

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP

Archbishop of Liverpool

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