



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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2nd Sunday of Lent B

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



And he was transfigured before them

The Transfiguration

Jesus goes to the mountain with Peter, James and John, and a wonderful change comes over him. The disciples are able to see him in all his glory as the Son of God.

There are times in all our lives, when we might fail to see what is right in front of us. A helping hand, or a word of explanation, a new way of looking at something can open our eyes to see what was there all along.

At sea, it can be difficult to navigate and find fish to catch. Before he received training and a GPS tracker, fisherman James, in Liberia, had to try and line up his boat with points on the land to remember where the good fishing grounds were. It was often hard to catch enough to feed his family, as James' partner Cynthia explains, "Sometimes there wasn't any food at all to eat. Sometimes we hoped that if there was no food in the morning, we would get food in the evening. But when the evening comes, there is no food." Now that he has the fish finder, James is able to navigate with ease. The fish that were there all along, are much simpler to find, so he brings home a larger catch.

Let us pray today, that our eyes may be opened to the glory of God all around us, in places where we may not have perceived it before.

And let us "listen to him", holding God's word in our hearts, by loving our neighbours and supporting them wherever they are in the world.

A Reflection
from
CAFOD

Prayer

Loving God,
help us to listen to you
and to live out your word in our lives.

Open our eyes to situations
where we can make a difference and
grant us the courage to take action
to support one another.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

- Sat 24: Gilbertson Family
- Sun 25: Robbie & Agnes O'Gorman
- Mon 26: Stavross Archondopoulos
- Tues 27: Mulvey Family
- Wed 28: Sr. Josephine (get well)
- Thu 29: Lena Durr RIP
- Fri 1/3: Ann Booth
- Sat 02: Vera Cartledge
- Sun 03: Baxter Family

How are we peacemakers?

Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect and re-evaluate how we are as peacemakers in our society, in

our homes, in our towns. How are we supporting the men and women in the Armed Forces? How are we supporting those who protect us - the police? How are we supporting and appreciating the NHS workers? How are we supporting those men and women who keep our neighbourhoods clean - that keep our streets clean? How are we supporting our educators? How can we let our educators, our teachers, know that they're important to us? I'd also not like us to forget about priests who are having to provide pastoral ministry, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, for all of those who are working in the church, in our chanceries, in our parish offices, helping each other.

So for me, the way that we can keep our focus on Ukraine and on the Middle East is by keeping aware of what's going on in our communities. For me, as the Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics here in Great Britain, I also think of how we can be supporting, in prayer, His Majesty the King, who has been so supportive of Ukrainian people both here and abroad. We have an opportunity to make little differences that altogether make big differences. And my prayer, and my wish, for all of us during this time of Lent is that we can become that community of God that we are all called to.

Here in the United Kingdom, we have the image of cloudy skies and rainy weather. But when the sun comes out and shines on the British countryside, there's nothing more glorious than that. And certainly we, people of faith, our job, in many ways, our vocation, is to encourage each other along our journeys and to provide hope, hope that we are not alone, hope that we have not been abandoned.

People of hope

When I was visiting Ukraine shortly after the full-scale invasion, and I met with people who suffered so much and listened to them and asked them what they would like us in the West to do, their comments were, "Don't forget about us. Please pray for us. When we know that you remember us, we have hope." And so I think that we are meant, as Christians, to be those signs of hope for those who feel they have no hope. When we think of the place of candles in our liturgical celebration, when we light a candle, it brings light, it brings warmth, it brings joy where there was darkness before. When we are journeying towards the Resurrection, to Jesus who is the light Himself, we are also meant to be those candles, or at least reflect that eternal flame that gives us all hope. (Watch Bishop Nowakowski's reflection here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlzbdpNwDDo) with thanks to Independent Catholic News

Parish Notice Board

FAMILY OF PARISHES

St. Vincent de Paul

- Tuesday: Tuesday Café & Food Bank, 10am – 12.00, church

- Wednesday: Bible Study, (Bible-based prayer) **6.30pm** in church.

- Friday: Stations of the Cross **6pm**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

St. Patrick's

St. Anne's

- Tuesday: Alpha Course **6pm**, in parish rooms.

- Wednesday: Stations of the Cross in church, 7pm (No 10am Mass)

READERS, PLEASE NOTE: a retreat for you on **Sunday 25th Feb, 3pm – 5pm, in church.**

We hope that all readers, new and experienced, will participate in this retreat. If you are unable to attend, please let us know. Non-readers are welcome. Terry

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

will be celebrated at 3pm on **Sunday 10th March** for all those advanced in years or who feel unwell, anxious, depressed, sick. *Healthy neighbours could inform those who would benefit from this sacrament and help them get to church to participate.*

OFFERINGS 18th February

Envelopes £23

Plate £223.46

Candles £257.40

Donation £500.00

Many thanks indeed for your generous support of the Parish Community

Lottery Results – 18th February

02 03 07 08 13 14

Jackpot £600.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

The new **PARISH COUNCIL** met for the first-time last Monday. In this first meeting they accepted to meet again on **Sunday 3rd March, 3pm – 5.30pm**, for a session of formation with Chris Knowles.

They also decided:

- Refreshments after Mass will be served every Sunday. *Volunteers to help support this are asked to sign-up on the notice board or speak to Georgia or Nicolas.*
- The Sacrament for the Sick will be celebrated on **Sunday 10th March at 3pm**, in the church.
- Frank Showlin was selected as Chair of the Council and Pat Granville as its Vice Chair. Megan Knowles is Secretary.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Easter is the opportune time to celebrate our reconciliation with God and with each other. At this tense time of international violence and national stress, it is the moment to repent and return to God. We will celebrate the Sacrament prior to Mass on **Saturday 23rd March at 5.30pm.**

Hope University and the Archdiocese of Liverpool:

Gaudium et Spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World:

Lecture by Dr Patricia Jones (Durham University)

5.30 pm to 7.00 pm, 28th February, FML 014, Hope Park, L16 9JD

Stations of the Cross

For the remaining Fridays of Lent, we will extend the meditation of the Stations with a **Prayer for Peace** at the altar of St. Joseph.

St Joseph's chapel will be transformed into a **Peace Chapel** where people can take a moment to pray for peace in the 32 countries

currently at war according to

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/countries-currently-at-war>

(More in the emailed newsletter)

CAFOD Family Fast Day 23rd February.



Envelopes are available at back of church for your contributions to Family Fast Day.

The funeral of **John Michael LUNDON**, of Parliament Close, L1, who died on 11th February 2024, aged 74 years, will take place in this church on **Friday 1st March at 10.15am**. We extend our sympathy to his wife Kathleen and all their family. **May he rest in peace.**

LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool: Our next Mass and gathering will be on: **Sunday 3rd March 2024, at 2.00pm.** All Saints, Oakfield, L4 2QG. All are welcome. *Canon Steve Maloney*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kathleen CUMMINS, Eileen DOLAN, Joe EDIE, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Jane MANN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Philip WONG.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Carol GALVIN, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Frances KERWIN, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sreya Rose, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE

Those who have died recently: David COLE, John Michael LUNDON,

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