



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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## Mass Times

Sunday streamed	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday vigil	18.00

**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like...”**



**-Matthew 13:45**

## Mass Intentions

Sat 25: Robbie & Agnes O’Gorman  
Kitty & George Everett  
Sun 26: Kenny Kelbrick  
Mon 27: Kevin Hawkins RIP  
Tues 28: Khalil Baidoe Jones  
Wed 29: Richard Morrissey  
Thu 30: Patrick Keech  
Fri 31: Winnie Christopherson  
Sat 01: Paul & Pat O’Donovan 40th anniversary

## Homily Notes

By means of two short parables Jesus tells us how precious the Kingdom of God is, like a hidden treasure, like a precious pearl, so that the treasure or comes across the pearl is filled with immense joy. This joy is so great that the one who experiences it is ready to sacrifice everything in order to possess its source.

We pray for the Kingdom of God every time we say in the Our Father: “Thy kingdom come”. Surely we can say that this Kingdom is Jesus himself, Jesus who is the Way to God the Father in Heaven, Jesus who pours his Spirit into our hearts, Jesus who comes with the Father to dwell in our hearts. Does this thought fill us with joy, a joy so great that we are ready to do everything possible to remain united with Jesus?

Jesus adds the parable of the dragnet which brings us down to earth. There are good fish and rotten fish in the net. Not everything is good, in us and in the world around us, but not everything is bad either. So we have to be patient, welcoming the good, fighting against evil, but finally leaving the judgement to God.

We are to put our trust in God who will turn everything to our good. Even this pandemic can turn to our good. Without minimizing the suffering it has caused, we can say that it has helped us to understand how inter-dependent we are, and how much we need to help one another. We thank God for all the acts of kindness and concern that have been and are being performed by so many people.

In this Eucharist we are celebrating Jesus who has given his life for us on the Cross, and who, Risen from the dead, wishes to share his life with us. He is the source of our strength so that we can keep moving ahead, building up the Kingdom of God, each day of the coming week, and every day of our lives. Amen.

+ Michael

## Corona Thoughts

I read a news story this week about an African American man who migrated to Ghana to escape police prejudice and violence against people of his race. His

move was sparked off when he was arrested and put on trial in his hometown of Chicago, back in 2007. He was accused of having a loaded firearm in his car, nothing else, in this land where everyone seems to carry guns! In fact, the gun, for which he produced his licence, was unloaded in the boot of his car and legal.

As he defended and won his case in court, he vowed “Never again will I allow myself to be in a jurisdiction where corrupt white police officers and a judge will take me away from my family, wife and kids just on a whim.”

In an interview, since moving to Ghana, he says that he has noticed that he no longer feels he is a victim of racial profiling or racial abuse. He points out that his friend felt likewise when he relocated, and quipped: “Wow, this is what it must feel like to be a white person in America, just to be able to live without worrying that something is going to happen to you.”

I thought to myself, how many people walk our streets of Liverpool, fearful that they will be noticed because of the colour of their skin and may be stopped or spat upon or abused for no other reason? What must it be like for them, to constantly walk in fear of some injustice or violence against them because of what they look like? What injustice it is that a person must live in that fear of prejudice. What effect can it have on their lives, on their chances of employment, of self-improvement and promotion?

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”, writes St. Paul in Galatians 3:28. In the Kingdom of God, this is so, and it is up to each one of us to make it a reality.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-49394354> Terry

## Parish Notice Board

### Lottery Results

The winning numbers are:

01, 02, 07, 11, 12, 14

### Offerings for 19<sup>th</sup> July

Envelopes £35.00

Plate £79.00

Lottery £63.50

Masses £20.00

### The Guild Room

You are surely wondering why we are still waiting to use the Upper or Guild Room, above the sacristy, when we have contributed for its refurbishment. Entry has been still further delayed because the plaster on the wall fell off, after the application of paint!!! The problem is that the original lime plaster used by our Victorian forebears has to be used to replace that which we stripped off to cure the dry rot. And modern plaster and paint does not seem to adhere to that under-surface. The builder is as frustrated as we are. He is looking for a solution: Old wine in new skins...  
New plaster on old plaster!! 😡😡

### Requests for Prayers

During corona lockdown we have asked you to present your prayer intentions through FaceBook. Until the present social distancing practices are changed, can we ask you, please, to continue to make your requests this way? Please remember, too, that we ask for them to be renewed each week, to avoid peoples' names being left on the list when no longer needed. Requests through the parish house front door are still accepted!!!



Id al-Adha is known in English as the "Festival of the Sacrifice". It is the second of two Islamic holy days celebrated worldwide each year (the other being Id al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan), and considered the holier of the two.

It honours the willingness of Abraham (Ibrahim) to sacrifice his Son as an act of obedience to God's command. But, before Ibrahim could sacrifice his son, God provided a ram to sacrifice instead. In commemoration of this intervention, an animal, usually a sheep, is sacrificed ritually and divided into three parts.

One share is given to the poor and needy, another is kept for home, and the third is given to relatives. *Terry and Michael*

### Greetings to Muslims for Id al-Adhâ (31 July 2020)

Dear Friends,

Sincere greetings to you for Id al-Adhâ. We hope that, despite the restrictions still necessary because of COVID-19, you will be able to have a joyful community celebration of this feast.

Abraham gives us the example of a real believer in the One God. When tested, he put his trust in God. He showed his openness to others through his hospitality and through his prayer. May we all take inspiration from this Friend of God.

In this spirit of friendship we say to you '*Idu-kum mubâarak, wa-kulla sanna wa-antum bi-khayr.*

*"May your feast be blessed, and may you have a good year"*

### A Report spotted by Cardinal Michael, by Heather Walker

Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si'," and the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference COP26 were central to a recent conversation with British Ambassador to the Holy See Sally Axworthy. The encyclical addresses much more than climate change; the key message is that "everything is interconnected," she said. "At the moment, with COVID-19, there is a move... to see things as much more interconnected: healthcare, environment, climate change, poverty and exclusion," she said. The encyclical seems to have been "written for this crisis," she continued, and "bears re-reading because the messages are so relevant now." She emphasized that "Laudato Si'" shares a message of hope, not despair, and it communicates to readers that the situation is not helpless and that there is "something we can do." "It's designed as a kind of call to action," she added.

### Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** John BIRKENHEAD, Michael BRATIN, Kenneth BROPHY, Vera CARTLEDGE, William FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Molly McEVOY, Elizabeth MIDSÄETER, May MURRAY, Joe & Jean PERRY, Dominic REID, Edna RENSHAW, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, Madeleine SPINT, John SWINERTON

**Also for the intentions of:** Joan FORD, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Lindsay MAHER, Norah MARTIN, The Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Carole and Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Daniel & Elsie SMITH, The TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT, The WILLIAMS Family.

**And for those who have died:** Lesley BURNS, Des DEVINE, Norah MARTIN,