



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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12th Sunday Year A

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Mass Times this week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07:30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	18:00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

MATT. 10:31

SO DON'T BE AFRAID;
you are worth more than many sparrows.



Mass Intentions

- Sat 24: Br. Tom Kelly
- Sun 25: Alice Silker
- Mon 26: Parishioners
- Tue 27: Elizabeth Livingstone
- Wed 28
- Thu 29
- Fri 30
- Sat 1/7 Mary & Patsy Crane
- Sun

Homily Notes

Trust in God

“Do not be afraid”: These words of Jesus encourage us. He is revealing to us his Father’s goodness and mercy. Yet the following words of Jesus may scare us:

“For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear”. We all have things in our lives that we should prefer to remain hidden. Of course, transparency in our dealings with other people is needed, but there are still zones of what we call ‘our private lives’ that do not have to be made public.

“Do not be afraid”. There is no need to fear God, and yet “the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom”, but this fear is different, it is the fear of a Loved one; we avoid doing wrong because we do not want to offend God. We are children of God and just as children obey their parents because they do not want to offend them, so we do what God wants, we obey the commandments, because we love God. We love God because God has first loved us.

We know that we are not perfect; we are all tainted by sin. But Jesus, the son of God, has come to set us free. That is what we are celebrating in this Eucharist, as in every Eucharist – divine grace, that is the favour of God, has come to us, and comes to us again and again, through Jesus Christ. This gives us strength, so that we can openly declare ourselves as followers of Christ in the presence of our fellow human beings. We don’t have to say anything, only to prove by our actions that we have the same spirit as Christ. May this Eucharist help us to do just that.

Michael

Sunday Thoughts

Jesus tells us that we are worth more than many sparrows. He was close to nature, Jesus, and often used nature to illustrate a teaching about life. What would he make of today when climate change is making many species of birds extinct and causing some others to migrate to our shores which they fled many centuries ago.

A report by the Natural History Museum in 2020 revealed:

- 48% of all bird species have declined between 2015 and 2020.
- Woodland birds have been the most impacted since 2015 with 59% of species showing a decrease.
- Farmland birds have shown the biggest decline overall since 1970, with 63% of species showing a decrease.
- In 2021, 130 breeding species were on average 12% below their number in 1970.

An interesting reflection on Laudato Si can be found at:

<http://theologicalanthropology.com/blog/2017/2/23/laudato-si-hearing-the-cry-of-the-world-in-the-anthropocene#:~:text=The%20song%20of%20birds%2C%20the%20song%20of%20fellow%20humans&text=Laudato%20Si%20is%20speaking%20into,wounds%20of%20fellow%20human%20beings.>

“Laudato Si’ is speaking into the heart of the Anthropocene, urging those indifferent to live attentively. It emphasizes moreover that we should not pay attention to the wounds of the earth as if these could be separated out from the wounds of fellow human beings. Just as we care about the singing of the birds and worry about their disappearance, we must care at least as much about the singing of fellow human beings, being attentive, listening to what their sounds are telling us. Do we hear the sounds and silences of dominance and suffering or the lively chatter of everyday attentiveness, care and hospitality, the songs of human flourishing? Do anxious semiotics also arise from our listening in and do we allow this anxiety to encourage our enskilment in ethically relating to them?”

In other words, if the climate is changing so much that our traditional birds are migrating elsewhere and birds from hotter climes are migrating here, we should worry as much about the humans, who cannot migrate so freely. If we are happy to see these new birds amongst us, can we not also be happy to see new human migrations too?

TPM

Parish Notice Board

Please Note

All weekday Masses will be at 7.30am. This is to allow the work on the kitchen to continue without interruption. Also there will be no Adoration on Friday.

Fr James Nugent Walk

The St Michael's Parish social Justice Group is organising this year's short walk to celebrate the life and ministry of James NUGENT.

The walk happens on SUNDAY 2ND JULY, at SFX church, at 4pm. It ends at the Nugent Statue in St. John's Gardens at approx. 5pm. (1/2 mile)

Refreshments can be taken in the Dr. Dunstan's Pub at the end of the walk.



Lottery Results – 18th June

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OFFERINGS 18th June

Envelopes: £ 32.00

Plate: £ 208.58

Many thanks to you all

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT during the work on the kitchen.



Fr. Ferdinand says “goodbye” to the parish of SVP, after almost 5 years’ service as parish priest. He leaves for Brussels, where he will take up a new mission as assistant Provincial Superior of Europe for the Missionaries of Africa. Many people gathered on Friday night to wish him God Speed and to thank him for his presence and ministry in the parish. After the Eucharist a great meal was served by the Parish Council with food prepared by generous people of the parish.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

KITCHEN: The work has begun. The corridor behind the confessionals has been cleared of years of junk, almost filling the skip. The heating pipes have been removed and will not be replaced as they were already redundant. Progress has been made on the electrical installation. Hopefully, this week the work will see more evident progress.

A stand-up fridge/freezer has been donated. Thank you to the donor.

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I was absent last week and I'm not quite sure what Barbara and Moira included in their presentations concerning onions.

They were representing the parish J&P Group. For the past 3 weeks we have been unwrapping onions to bring to your attention the needs of MICAHA who administer the Food Bank on Tuesday mornings. Thank you for sharing your onions this weekend. We will leave the basket at the foot of the altar in case you want to add yours. In the book of Exodus, the people felt the lack of onions and complained to Moses. Let us not allow it to happen again!
Terry

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Bernard CAMPOS, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Frances HAYES, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, David TAGUE, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Ronnie & Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON.

Those who have died recently: Bernard CAMPOS, June DUNNE,

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