



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

25th May 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

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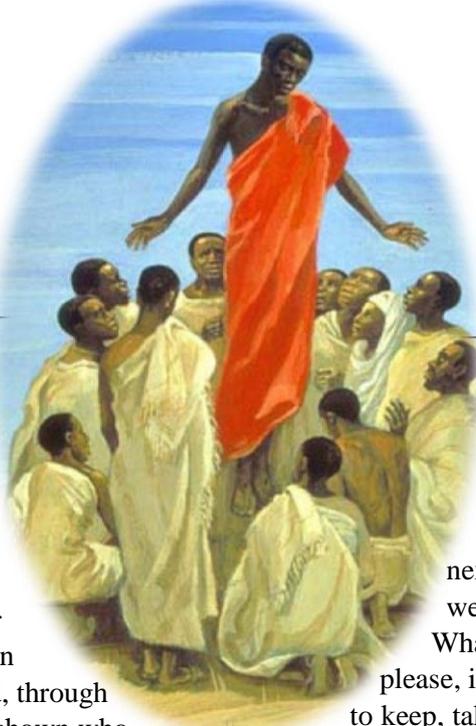
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Mass Intentions

- Sat 20: Lesley Carruthers,
Pauline O'Connor
- Sun 21: Wilcock Family
- Mon 22: James & Laura Brown
- Tue 23: Barbara Hyland
- Wed 24: Mary Melody
- Thu 25: John Kearney
- Fri 26: James McDonough
- Sat 27: Les Marie & Paul Davies
- Sun 28: Ann Mannion

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



Homily Notes

We can admire Jesus as a true communicator. He tells his disciples that he has made the Father's name known, in other words he has revealed what God the Father is really like. Jesus has not invented this. He says that he has given them the teaching that the Father gave to him. Yet he has been creative in communicating this knowledge of God, through parables and stories. Above all he has shown who God is through his deeds: in feeding the multitudes he has shown the generosity of God; in healing the sick, he has shown mercy and compassion. So he can say: "to have seen me is to have seen the Father".

This was not easy to understand, especially when the disciples saw their Master suffering on the Cross. So Jesus promises them the Holy Spirit who will teach them everything and help them to understand. So, we see that the disciples returned to Jerusalem and gathered in the Upper Room in order to pray for the coming of the Spirit, and they did so together with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

We should be doing this too. We need to pray for the Holy Spirit, so that we can understand the message of Jesus. We can ask Mary, our mother, to help us. We can ask also to be able to communicate the message of Jesus to others, not only by our words, but especially through the example of our lives. Just as Jesus showed kindness, going around doing good, so we should be kind. Just as Jesus was merciful and forgiving, so we too should be ready to forgive. Just as Jesus was ready to serve and give his life for others, so we too should be ready to serve others. We should be ready to answer people when they ask us the reason for our behaviour. We are not to be afraid to say that being Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, makes a difference to the way we live.

Not easy. But Jesus is praying for us.

Michael

The Kitchen

This week, we received the visit from the builders who will install the new kitchen in the church. The work involves moving the present food bank store to the next room along. This means that this week we must empty that room of all its contents.

What is not claimed will be thrown out, so, please, if you have anything in there that you want to keep, take it out this week. The builders will move in very soon.

The kitchen will contain cupboards and shelves for storage, a fridge, electric cooker top, oven, dish washer and sink; the equipment we need to improve our service to the visitors we receive on Tuesday mornings, and make it easier to cater for social events and refreshments after Mass. It will make it safer for the volunteers too.

This is an important step in rendering our church building more suitable to the mission that is asked of it and us in this new age, where we are all reminded of our missionary vocation and the need to engage in Christian witness in our area of the city.

The numbers of people crossing our doorstep on a Tuesday morning has increased three or fourfold since the end of the pandemic. More people from the neighbourhood need a helping hand to get by. They can no longer make ends meet. Refugees, too, have heard of the way we treat them with dignity and respect. They have heard that we do more than simply dish out food, that we also have clothes, cases, kitchenware, and other useful things to share with them. They come from those areas of the city where they are spat upon, insulted and sometimes suffer violence, to come to a place where they feel safe and accepted.

Who knows how each one of us would manage, if the situation in this country were to turn sour, as it has done in theirs? And in this day and age, it could so easily happen. Let us treat them, as we would have them treat us were our situations reversed.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

20th / 21st May,
RETIRING COLLECTION for
World Communications Day.

**Congratulations to
EVERLEY HALL,
AND TO
RIVER ROSE EVANS-
WILLIAMS,
for their baptism on Saturday
20th May 2023.
May the Lord show their
godparents and parents the Way
to lead their children to God.**

*“We are called to live our baptism
every day, as new creatures,
clothed in Christ”
- Pope Francis*

SVP CONVERSATIONS

Our next Conversation evening is on **Tuesday 30th May** at 6pm. Our aim being to get to know the people and organisations of our area, **Mr Edward Rosenfield** will come to share on the life of the **Synagogue Community on Princes Ave.** Edward is the manager and an entertaining speaker, as we have experienced during a recent visit. He will be accompanied by his colleague **Michael Swerdlow** who will bring slides to project to help us know better the synagogue. An interesting evening in view.

OFFERINGS 14th May

Envelopes: £ 22.00
Plate: £ 205.60
STO April £460.00

Many thanks to you all

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 11am until Noon
Sacrament of reconciliation available

World Communications Sunday



Pope Francis has released his message for World Communications Day.

He stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to “see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, also in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.”

“The call to speak with the heart,” he says, “radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth.”

The Pope hails the example of St Francis de Sales and his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue with everyone – even those who opposed him. A gifted theologian, his phrase “*Heart speaks to heart*” inspired many, none more so than St. John Henry Newman who, on being made a Cardinal in 1879, chose as his motto, *Cor ad cor loquitur* or **Heart speaks to heart.**

We will remember that ‘*Heart speaks unto heart*’ was also the motto for Pope Benedict XVI’s historic visit to the UK in 2010. It is a model for us all as we engage in conversations with non-believers around us.

(with thanks to CBCEW)

First Holy Communion
18 Pupils of SVP Catholic Primary School and LIPA Primary make their First Holy Communion today, Sunday.

We offer them our heart-felt congratulations and encourage them in their Way of Faith.
Many blessings on those who have accompanied them on their journey towards this sacrament.



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL meeting

Monday 22nd May at 6.30pm



Come,
Join us in
PRAYER-
FUL
CHANT
and

MEDITATION, Sunday 28th May,
6pm, in the church.

Please Note:

The summary of the Minutes of last week’s Parish Council are on the Notice Board. You can also receive them by email, if you have submitted your address!!!

Lottery Results – 14th May

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, 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.

And for those who have died: Margaret Jones