



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A World Mission Sunday

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### Mass Times

Sunday streamed	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday vigil	18.00

### Homily Thoughts

In today's Gospel the Pharisees are trying to trick Jesus again, asking him: Master, which is the greatest commandment?

Jesus answers: *You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.*

Love of God and love of neighbour: the two commandments go together; they are like two sides of one coin. There is no love of God without love of our brother and sister, because God is in all. God lives in all.

But what is love? Is Love about feelings? Yes, but not only. Is love about romance and mutual attraction? Yes, but not always and not only.

There is more. Love is about parents who care for their handicapped child, a wife who looks after her husband who is sick, or the other way around, a teacher who wakes up early to be well prepared for the next day of classes, neighbours who care for each other during this pandemic. There are so many examples. In true love, there is always an element of gift. In true love we make ourselves a gift to the other.

But how? To truly love can be difficult. St John writes: *Let us love then because God loves us first.* Love is a gift from God. God is the source. Let us open our hearts for God's love. And in that way, we can share that love with others.

On this Mission Sunday, we want to remember that this is the mission of each one of us: to share God's love with others: far and near, abroad and at home and in our street and city.

Ferdinand



### Mass Intentions

- Sat 24: Lily & John Reilly
- Sun 25: Sarah Benjamin
- Mon 26: William Sunderland
- Tues 27: Parishioners
- Wed 28: Gerard O'Leary
- Thu 29: Eddie Rooney
- Fri 30: Susan Morris
- Sat 31: Paddy Ryan
- Sun 1: Holy Souls

### *Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity in the current world crisis. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus. Jesus is the Father's Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father's will.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life...?

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear, and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others.

Pope Francis

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## Parish Notice Board

### Lottery Results

The winning numbers for  
18<sup>th</sup> October are:  
02, 03, 04, 05, 09, 13

November is traditionally the month to pray for all the faithful departed. Please, bring your **Pious List** next weekend.

### Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

RETRouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, and for those who are considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the programme. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

Email  
[retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or  
visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

This Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15 pm at St Vincent's will be the **Funeral Service for Mr Julian Jones** of Gilbert Street who died on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our sincere condolences to his mother, children, and grandchildren. May he rest in Peace.



Dear All,

I would like to say a very big thank you to all involved in our Holy Communion masses Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. It was such a joyful and faith-filled celebration. Seventeen of our children came forth, for the first time in their young lives, to receive Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist.

It was a true honour to be present at both masses. I would like to say thank you to Barbara Tomlie for her beautiful singing, the parishioners who supported the cleaning and welcoming, Fr Ferdinand for his leadership throughout the programme and a special thank you to the children and families that attended. With great joy and hope I ask you to pray that the First Communion received by our children will just be the beginning.

St. Maximilian Kolbe once said 'If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion'

Thank you

Lisa Salters, Headteacher

### Offerings for 17/18 October 2020

Envelopes £ 29.00

Plate £ 69.38

CAFOD £ 15.

**Many thanks to you all!**

### Pastoral Associate Update

It was a great supportive boost to meet up online with other Synod members this week – the task we have as an Archdiocese is a challenge for each one of us and although there is a lot of information to digest, I do hope you will take the time to access the proposals and read them – copies are on the synod website: [synod2020.co.uk](http://synod2020.co.uk) or contact your synod member. Parishes will be letting you know how to feed back in the coming weeks. An opportunity to spend time in prayer together, led from St Wilfrid's, is a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour starting on Tuesday at 7pm, weekly for 9 weeks. It is on zoom BUT you can join on your landline or mobile – by calling an access number and keying in the Meeting ID. You will be able to be part of the prayer in real time with others. Details are given in the events information. *"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."* Maya Angelou. Keep safe, God Bless, *Helen*

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### Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Maureen COOK, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Jade JOHNSON, Stella HUGHES, Molly McEVOY, Alfie MONTGOMERY, Albert MURPHY, May MURRAY, Joe PERRY, Danny POWER, Mary RICE, Ava RUDZINSKI (Operation on 26<sup>th</sup>), Kelly SHEPHERD, David TONG.

**Also for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Holly HARRISON, Charlotte KELLY, Darrel MAY, Teddy MAY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Joseph SAVAGE, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT, Joan WALSH.

**And for those who have died:** Joe KELLY, Julian JONES, Billy ANDERSON.