

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Feast of the Holy Family

Please Note the Times of Mass through the Christmas Octave.

Dec 26: 18h Sunday Vigil
Dec 27: 10h00
Dec 28: 09h00
Dec 29: 09h00
Dec 30: 09h00
Dec 31: 09h00
Jan 01: 09h00



Mass Intentions

Sat 26: John & Margaret O’Gorman
Sun 27: William Flatley RIP
Mon 28: Sophie Armstrong RIP
Tue 29: Margaret Cave
Wed 30: Joe Savage
Thu 31: Parishioners
Fri 01: Richard & Christine Chandler
Sat 02: Christmas Flower List
Sun 03: Parishioners

Homily Notes

Today, there is no homily but a letter from Archbishop Malcolm shall be read at all Masses.

He begins his letter by recalling that “One of the paradoxes of modern life is that as belief in the reason for Christmas declines the feast grows in importance because of its emphasis on family. Family as a constant feature in our lives is as important as ever. Therefore, it seems appropriate that today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family to ask for blessings on our own families”.

The origins of this devotion to the Holy Family, he tells us, go back to the early settlers from Europe in North America. They were far from their families and their original churches. They developed the practice of prayer and Bible-reading in their small family units in their new situation. It was this prayer and reading of scriptures that gave them strength and courage and held them together in the face of adversity. The same can be said of the church.

He reminds us: “there are over 45 million refugees in the world today that have had to leave their homes and often their countries as well because of war. Five times that number of people migrate in search of a better life for their families”. Imagine the strains on their family life.

The Holy Family knew this pain and through it we can understand “Jesus’ identity and relationship with his heavenly Father – a relationship which inevitably involves pain and suffering for his family as well as himself”.

“The crisis we are enduring as a Church has shown us that the heart of the Church is in family life, and the loving face of the Church in reaching out to those who are needy or lonely begins in our families and the family of the parish community.”

Thank you, Archbishop.

Terry

Covid Thoughts

God came in Jesus Christ to share our lot. God was born in a stable, in the confusion of a census which put the people in panic. God-in-Jesus lived in a time of uncertainty, in a land occupied by the enemy, in poverty. God associated with the poorest of society, chose the uneducated and humble as friends. God lived, not in a big house needing to exploit others and nature to maintain his standard of living, but in harmony with nature, respectful of persons and beasts and the environment in which he lived.

In Jesus, God would teach, *Blessed are the poor in Spirit... Blessed are the humble... Blessed are those who mourn... Blessed are those who thirst for justice for others...*

Blessed, then, are we in our fragility, in our vulnerability. Blessed are we in our grief and in our mourning. Blessed are we in our insecurity and anxiety about what tomorrow might bring. Blessed are we in our weariness in the middle of this bleak winter of Corona Virus.

The author, Kathleen Norris, wrote: “It is precisely because we are weary, and poor in spirit, **that God can touch us with hope.** This is not an easy truth... But as the martyred archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Romero, once said, it is only the poor and hungry, those who know they need someone to come on their behalf, who can celebrate Christmas.”

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In the midst of the bleak winter, when troubles are falling on us like snow upon snow, almost driving us to despair, we can do nothing better than to turn to God; to this God who left heaven and came among us in his Son Jesus; to this God who took upon himself all our vulnerability, our pain, our anxiety as he died on the cross and rose in the glory of the resurrection. We can do nothing better than to come before the divine child lying in the manger and give our heart to God.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers for
19th December are:
01 02 05 06 09 13

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Dec 31 Thu: 09h00
Jan 01 Fri: 09h00
Jan 02 Sat: 18h00

Cafod Christmas Fun Walk

On Sunday 27th December we
could raise some money for
Cafod!

Join a 2 hour walk to
Sefton Park,
after the 10 am Mass.

Please register this weekend
with **Fr. Ferdinand**.

**If you cannot join the walk,
consider sponsoring a
walker.**

All proceeds to CAFOD's
Christmas Appeal **Ferdinand**



St. Vincent de Paul Church
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
All are Welcome.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Community of priests, Michael, Ferdinand, Charles and Terry, would like to thank everyone who came to us with gifts this Christmas. We are overwhelmed with your thoughtfulness and kindness. May God bless you all at this special time and reward your generosity one hundred fold.

An Appeal



As you know, during the pandemic we have regularly been transmitting the Sunday morning Eucharist via Facebook. The Parish Council noted that this has been a beneficial exercise for the members of the community who are house-bound and unable to participate in community prayer. They decided that the practice should continue to alleviate the loneliness and isolation of the elderly and sick.

The council also approved the purchase of the necessary equipment. We know nothing about camcorders and are unable to set up a system alone. We would therefore appeal to anyone who has a better knowledge of camcorders, videos and broadcasting to contact us at the parish house (0151 709 8589). We would be grateful for any advice you can offer, or, even better, any assistance you can give on a Sunday morning at the 10 'clock Mass.

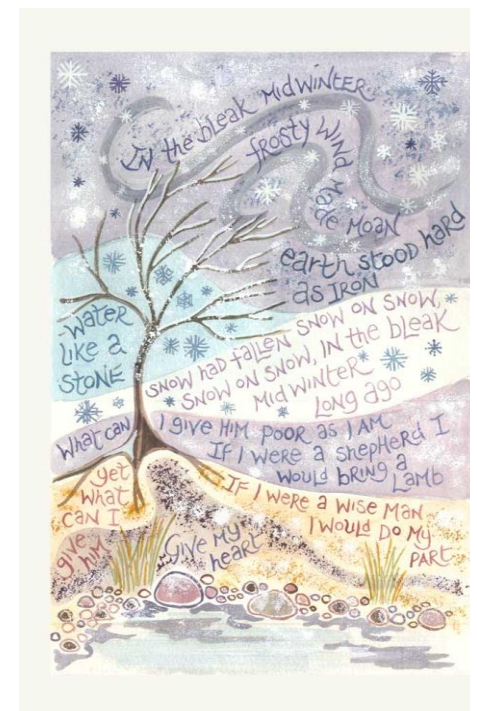
Offerings for 19th December 2020

Envelopes £3956.00
Plate £147.90

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Pastoral Associate Update:

Helen is taking a well-deserved rest this week, so we would like to use this space to say a great big THANK YOU to her for all the work she did during Advent to help us all approach Christmas in a more spiritual frame of mind. She put on Cardinal Michael's talks for us all to follow on Monday evenings. She created, directed, broadcast the Pastoral Area Advent Service last Sunday. It was appreciated by more than 500 viewers. What a success. Thank you, Helen, for all that you do for us and for the Kingdom of God.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lesley ANDERS, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, James CARR, Maureen COOK, Craig DIXON, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Barbara HAZELDINE, Joseph & Lisa HEALEY, Stella HUGHES, Darren KELLY, Molly M'EVOY, Kathleen M'GOVERN, Tracey M'CLEAN, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Maureen O'HARE, Danny POWER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Cathy SILKER

Also for the intentions of: Joe ANDERSON, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER (78th Wedding Anniversary) Anne & Joan BAXTER, Khalil Jones BAIDOE, Vera CARTLEDGE, Denise CLARK, Pauline DEARING & Family, DIXON Family, Ryan EDWARDS, Lilly FLANNERY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Norman KELLY, Ann KENNY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Tommy & Mary O'BRIEN, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Ann NEEDHAM, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, Terri VALIANT, WALKER Family, WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Craig DIXON