



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

26th February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

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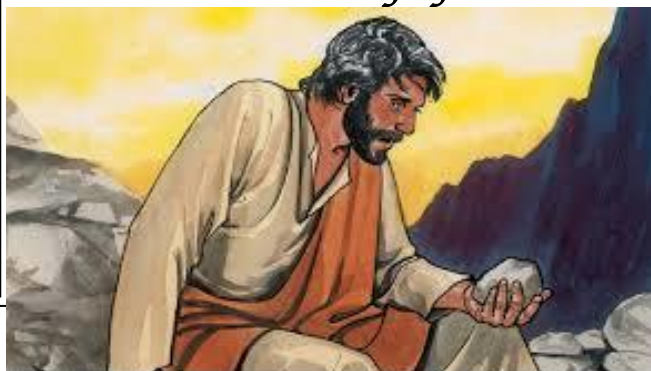
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Regular Mass Times

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



Mass Intentions

- Sat 25: Sheila Glanville-Jones
- Sun 26 : Maureen Farrell
- Mon 27: James Wilson RIP
- Tue 28: Margaret Minns
- Wed 01: Tommy Chandler
- Thur 02: Fran Noctor RIP
- Fri 03: Peter Malone
- Sat 04 : Frank Hastie
- Sun 05: William & Celia Flatley

Homily Notes

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

The temptations of Jesus come immediately after his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus had had an experience of his intimate union with God his Father. We can imagine Jesus ready and eager to begin proclaiming the Kingdom of God, and yet he is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. This is mysterious; but since the Spirit leads Jesus, it cannot be bad; we can understand it as a sort of preparation for his mission. In the desert, Jesus is alone. It cannot have been easy for him. Matthew adds: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry”. This is important: it proves that Jesus was truly human.

The first temptation – to turn stones into bread - is to use power for one’s own benefit. Jesus replies to Satan: “Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God”. With humble reliance on his Father, Jesus refuses this temptation.

The second temptation is that of seeking notoriety. “Throw yourself down” so that God can save you. Jesus is not a celebrity looking for glory. To those whom he cured, he often said “Do not tell anyone”. He did not work miracles in order to increase his fame.

The third temptation is the desire to dominate. Jesus does not dominate. He calls people to follow him, he invites, he encourages. He is the Master, but like a servant, he washes the feet of his disciples.

What lessons can we draw from this meditation? First, not to be afraid when we experience temptations. We should remain firm in our faith in God who loves us. We should keep our eyes on Jesus, nourishing ourselves on the Word of God, our light and our guide. In this way may we live this Lent fully, faithfully and joyfully, not for our own satisfaction, but solely for the glory of God.

Michael

Christian Witness

Sue Manning sent us an amusing but thought-provoking email in which she shares a story which her friend posted on his Face Book page. The event he mentions happened on Ash Wednesday, as the group of “Catholic social-justice types” were preparing to begin their Way of the Cross, down Bold Street and through Liverpool 1 to the City Hall. The people he mentions include Moira Potier, one of the Pax Christi leaders and Terry Madden (the “old fella” to whom Moira pointed out our author on the bus!!).

“On the bus out of town yesterday, I passed a bunch of CND protesters gathered on the steps of the Bombed Out Church. They seemed mostly older, Catholic social-justice types, one of them carrying a big cross all decked in flowers.

As I looked down from the top deck, one lady noticed I’d been ashed (I’d forgotten by this stage), and she smiled and waved, so I waved back. Then another saw and smiled and waved, so again I waved back. Then she nudged the old fella next to her, and he smiled and waved, too, and suddenly there we all were, strangers, they on the sidewalk and I hovering above them on the upper deck of the 82, waving and smiling something silly at each other, joyfully and momentarily united in our love for Christ and our opinion that nuclear weapons are, frankly, a bit shit.”



Parish Notice Board

Friday 3rd March

First Friday Mass at 09h30

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 6pm

A worthwhile meditation on the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FAITH?

One of the reasons frequently given as an explanation for the rapid decline of Christian faith in the UK is a lack of knowledge. After primary school, many adults do not develop their understanding of our Christian Faith. Would you agree? If so, why not come to learn a bit more?

Join us on Wednesday 8th March, at 6.30pm, in the Guild Room, for a first INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE.

No previous knowledge required. If you have one, bring your own Bible.

"Spiritual formation helps us to see the face of God in the midst of a hardened world and in our own heart". Henri JM Nouwen

— Richard Rohr, *Just This*



OFFERINGS 19th February

Envelopes: £ 20.00
Plate: £ 200.07

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Cafod's Local representative, Collette Byrne, will visit us and talk at Masses this weekend.

FAMILY FAST DAY
Friday 3rd March

"While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascesis* – as God's holy people".

Pope Francis on Lent

Lottery Results – 19th February

01 04 05 07 08 10
Jackpot £ 950.00

Meeting of Finance Council

Monday 27th at 6pm

PARISH ASSEMBLY

After each Mass next weekend, please stay for no more than 30 minutes for a parish assembly.

Subjects for Discussion: The Kitchen, a Social Space, Christian Formation, SVP Conversations, A Pilgrimage to Walsingham. AOB.

Invitation to meet with the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of Africa.

Fr. Gérard Chabanon will visit us between the 27th February and 3rd of March. All parishioners are invited to join us at **6.30pm on Thursday 2nd March**, in the Parish House, 13 Hardy Street. There will be refreshments and convivial chat about the mission of the White Fathers.

This meeting replaces the February meeting of SVP Conversations

THE TUESDAY CAFÉ NEEDS YOU: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

to help serve refreshments and / or serve at the clothes stall.

We are now very short staffed.

Even one hour of help would be more than welcome.

Please join us.

For Your Diary

The Early Music Youth Orchestra

will give a concert here in SVP Church on Saturday 1st April at 7.30pm.

Come and listen to the Music.
Admission Free

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Isaac BRESWITH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Maureen FARREL, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Kai, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: Tommv CHANDLER, Margaret HIGGINS, Lindsey BARTON, Phil CUMBERLIDGE