



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

Sat 26: Edward Carr, RIP  
Sun 27: Mary Thompson RIP  
Mon 28: Patrick Malone  
Tue 29: Matthew Scotland  
Wed 30: Holy Souls  
Thur 1<sup>st</sup>: Mary Hughes  
Fri 2: Joe Kerwin  
Sat 3: Shelly & Sheila Glanville  
Sun 4: Billy & Celia Flatley

### 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

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*Stay awake,  
because you do not  
know either the  
day or the hour*

Jesus, Matthew 25:13



### An Advent Prayer

#### Adventus

With expectant waiting  
we anticipate your coming.  
Come close to us, Lord,  
come very close.

Come, Alpha and Omega,  
who is from before the ages.  
Come, Son of Joseph and Son of Mary,  
who went down to Nazareth to be obedient to them.

Come, Morning Star,  
who named the stars.  
Come, carpenter from Nazareth,  
who knows the smell of planed wood.

Come, Beloved Son of God,  
who knows the heart of God.  
Come, Son of Man,  
who knows the hearts of God's people.

Come, Lord of Life and Prince of Peace.  
Come, Dayspring and Rising Sun.  
Come, Wonderful Counsellor.  
Come Emmanuel, God with us;  
God very close to us.

Amen.

*Ged Johnson/CAFOD*

*Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year (A). With Advent, our thoughts and prayer turn to Christmas, looking forward to the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives.*

*The prophet cries out: "Prepare the way of the Lord!". What can we do to prepare the coming of Jesus during the next four weeks of Advent?*

*It would be good to find time to read the Gospel of the day, or to sit quietly in prayer, asking the Lord to come into our hearts. Maybe, make every Friday a fast day and share what we save with the poor.. Let each one reflect to find the best way for him or herself. Terry*

### Christian Formation

If a doctor, once she is qualified and registered, never opens a medical journal, or follows a renewal course, she will soon be out of touch with medical progress and lose the confidence of her patients and

fellow doctors. If an electrician does not keep up to date with new electrical technology, he will lose his customers and his business will fail. It is surely the same for any profession and any knowledge that we acquire for life. If we do not keep up our formation, we will atrophy and fall by the wayside.

How come, then, do we tend to think that once we are confirmed, or once we have left school, there is no need to do anything else to maintain our faith and our love of God? When we are fourteen, is our knowledge of the faith complete? Can we say "I now know it all and have no further need of formation in my faith?"

Sometimes we are called "People of the Book – the Bible". I would rather say, "We are people of Jesus; people who are in a relationship with Jesus and so with God". A relationship needs to be nourished, or it will grow stale and may even die.

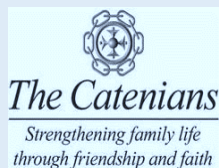
So it is that as Christians, we need to constantly renew and keep up to date with the "knowledge" of the faith. If not, our knowledge of God will soon atrophy and die.

We feed our faith, we renew our faith through prayer. But it needs more than that; it also needs education and formation. The church has failed in recent years by not offering the faithful disciples further formation; by leaving them at a stage of development of their faith at the level of a 14 year old. How can we become "adult" in our relationship with God, in our faith, if we do not grow?

Bible reading, spiritual reading, attending courses such as the Alpha course, RCIA, and all the others that you can find on You Tube; all these are essential if we want to grow in faith and in love of God.

*Terry*

**EVENING PRAYER,**  
in *TAIZE* style  
will take place Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm,  
at St. Bride's Church, L8 7LT  
*All are welcome*



The Catenians wrote to say "thank you" for our hospitality last week. 😊

### **SVP CONVERSATIONS**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**6.30 – 7.30am**  
**In the Guild Room.**  
**Guest: Steve Munby,**  
**City Councillor for our area**  
**Everyone is welcome to come, listen, and voice their opinions on the topics of the day: local needs, Climate Change and Refugees...**

### **First Friday**

2<sup>nd</sup> December, Friday Mass is at 9.30am, to accommodate the School Children, preparing their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

**Sr Siobhan** offers on her website, [www.sistersiobhan.org](http://www.sistersiobhan.org), reflections for Advent. Why not take a look?

### **GOSPEL POWER**

The Pauline Sisters offer a book of **Gospel Reflections** for the liturgical year A, 2023. Available at the church door for £6.00

### **OFFERINGS 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Envelopes: £ 25.00  
Plate: £ 441.50  
"Animate" Collection £273.25  
😊 *Thank you.* 😊

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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

**A message from Fr. Peter Murphy, the Catholic Chaplain to Liverpool Hospitals, based at the Cathedral.**

### **"I was sick and you cared for me..."**

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals, is looking for new volunteers to join our team. Volunteers often enjoy visiting patients and their families on the wards. These visits can include praying with patients, and bringing them Holy Communion, or simply having a chat. It is possible to volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Fr Peter by email [peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk](mailto:peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk) or by calling 0151 706 2828.

Best wishes,

Fr Peter

*Is the Lord calling you to chaplaincy work?*

*Terry*

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

This is to help those who come to the Food Bank on Tuesday Morning with some Christmas cheer.

Needed: toothpaste & brushes, shampoo, deodorants, soap...

*Please leave in the box at the back of church*

The funeral of

**KENNETH "KENNY" D. ALCOCK,**

of 20 Henry St., L1,  
who died on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022,  
aged 57 years,

will take place in this church on  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
14.00hrs

We extend our sympathy to his partner, Julie, his sons, Kyle and Calum and all his family.

**May he rest in peace.**

**Archdiocesan Synodal Council**  
**Barbara Tolmie,** our

representative on the Council, will talk to us after each Mass this weekend, to bring us up to date on what is going on in this council.

*Thank you, Barbara, for this service of the Parish Community.*

### **ADVENT EVENTS AT St VINCENT'S**

8 Dec; Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Silvesta's Missionary Promise, in church at 6pm

15 Dec: Carol Concert by WWDN choir 7.30pm

16 Dec: Nativity Play with SVP Primary School, in church, 2pm

16 Dec: BINGO, in School Hall at 7pm

20 Dec: Service of Reconciliation in church at 6.30pm

24 Dec, Saturday: Christmas Vigil Mass, 8pm

25 Dec: Christmas Day Mass 10am

### **Lottery Results**

20<sup>th</sup> November  
**01 02 06 09 11 13**

**Christmas Cards, and other new cards, are now available at the back of the church, at a good price. Don't miss out!!**

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Baby Bobby ENWRIGHT, John BRAGGER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Kai, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Margaret MUCHMORE, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD.,

**Also, for the intentions of:** Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON, A Family trying to conceive.

**And for those who have died:** Lesley CARRUTHERS, Kenny ALCOCK, Pauline O'CONNOR (née Barton) Mary THOMPSON, Mary HUGHES,