



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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## Palm Sunday

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### 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

Sun 28: Parishioners  
 Mon 29  
 Tue 30  
 Wed 31  
 Thu 01  
 Fri 02  
 Sat 03: Parishioners  
 Sun 04: Baxter Family

### Homily Notes

#### WELCOME, WALK, WATCH

“Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
 With this shout the crowds *welcome* Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. They recognize him as the Promised One. We too are called to *welcome* Jesus and to recognize him as our King, our Saviour and our Hope. We are called to recognize his presence among us, to recognize him in our fellow human beings wherever they come from, to whatever religion they may belong, *welcoming* them as our brothers and sisters, appreciating their needs, respecting their dignity.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowd *walked* with him. They did not know that Jesus was going forward to his Passion and Death, to be followed by the Resurrection. We are called to *walk* with Jesus. We sing: “I want to follow, to follow Jesus...no turning back, no turning back”. Following Jesus means going through suffering with him, facing up to death with him, always with the hope of New Life. In this way we *walk* with Jesus during Holy Week. We are called also to *walk* with Jesus in our brothers and sisters, accompanying them in their difficulties, helping them in whatever way possible.

The journey of Jesus took him to the Cross. Our walk with Jesus leads to the foot of the Cross. There we are called to stand and *watch* with Mary, his mother. We can only *watch* and hope. We see him breathe his last and we declare with the centurion: “In truth this man was a son of God”. As we go through the difficulties of our lives, as we accompany others in their difficult situations, we *watch*, seemingly helpless, yet with hope that all will be well. We pray that we may persevere to the end, *watching* faithfully, hoping against hope. We ask Mary, the Faithful Virgin, our Mother, to help us.

Michael

### Covid Thoughts

I was so envious of my friend who lives on the Wirral. She kept posting photos on Facebook of her sponsored promenades in the countryside, during lockdown. Even through the camera lens, I could imaginatively immerse myself in the wide and endless expanse of the moors under dramatic grey skies. My excitement was roused when she showed us a view peering through the hedgerow, still in winter colours and leafless branches, at the light ochre of the setting sun. Then came the snowdrops and crocuses, reminding us that new life is just round the corner and hope never fades.

My envy was not due to her freedom to walk and breathe in the country and seaside air of the Wirral but from the fact that living in Liverpool One you must go so far to find it. We can easily walk down to the Mersey, only to be confronted by industrial red brick or gaze across the muddy waters to the bleak repair yards, remains of glory-days past, on the opposite bank. Even the 3000 steps, paced through cemented estates to Sefton Park, cannot raise the spirits; confronted, once arrived, by the meandering crowds and the dog-droppings on the jammed pathways!

Let's not forget that all this was for the sake of someone, in a distant land, made known to us by CAFOD, who gains no pleasure in the tens of thousands of steps he and his fellows must walk each day to fetch the few litres of water they can find to survive. I count my steps, done to support CAFOD's attempts to alleviate their pain, with a pedometer. He counts them with the wear and tear of his flip-flops, already repaired and held together by strands of wire. I return home, to a shower and a cup of tea. He eventually crawls home and douses down the sweat and dust with half a bucket of water in a standing wash, carefully reserving whatever is left to share with the goats.

Thank you, CAFOD, for reminding us this Lent just how so many people live in so many parts of the world. Terry

# Parish Notice Board

**Lottery Results**  
For Draw on 21<sup>st</sup> March  
**02 04 05 06 10 11**

**COVID BENEFIT**  
🌸🌷 One could think this as a benefit from the Covid 🌷🌸 Lockdown, when we did not have flowers in church: there is still enough money from the Christmas collection to decorate the church at Easter!!!  
*So, no need for a collection for flowers this spring!!!* 🌿

The funeral of **RONALD ELLIOT**, of Shelmore Drive, L8, who died on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, aged 67 years, after a short illness, will take place in this church on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**, at 1.45pm,  
We extend our sympathy to his wife Betty and his family.  
**May he rest in peace.**

**PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**  
**Volunteer needed**  
To manage the Parish FaceBook Page, answer the messages and keep the parish news up to date, please let Fr. Terry know if you can help!  
Thank you.

**692,250 Steps.**  
**£860 generously donated for CAFOD's Walk for WATER.**  
**SVP Parish is the best!!!**

*Parish Celebrations for Holy Week*  
**Palm Sunday** Sat Eve Vigil **6 pm**  
Sunday **10 am**  
**Tues 30 March** Penitential Service & possibility of Confession **7 pm**  
**Holy Thursday** Last Supper of O L **7 pm**  
**Good Friday** Passion of OL **3 pm**  
**Holy Saturday** Paschal Vigil **8 pm**  
**Easter Sunday** Eucharist **10 am**

*Archbishop Malcolm has asked that the following message be distributed to parishes:*  
**Good Friday Holy Land Collection**  
Just a reminder that the collection on Good Friday is traditionally held for the Holy Land and, while we are all facing continued financial pressures due to the pandemic, I would encourage you where possible to hold this collection *pro Terra Sancta* on Good Friday.  
This collection was born from the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong link between all the faithful and the Holy Places. It is the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land and is a way that the faithful across the world can express solidarity with the ecclesial communities of the Middle East. Through these funds, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures. As a rule, the Custody of the Holy Land receives 65% of the collection, while the remaining 35% goes to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, which uses it for the formation of candidates for the priesthood, the support of the clergy, educational activities, cultural formation and subsidies to the various ecclesiastical circumscriptions in the Middle East.  
This is a difficult time financially for everyone, including those who live and work in the Holy Land. May this year's collection *pro Terra Sancta* be an opportunity to lighten their burdens.  
With every good wish, +Malcolm

**CAFOD STEPS:** If you have walked and been sponsored for WALK FOR WATER, why not let us know your results so that we could publish the efforts of the whole parish community!!! *Terry*

**Offerings on 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Envelopes £48.00  
Plate £163.68  
*February Bank Receipts £370.00*  
*CAFOD £260*  
**Many Thanks**

**Pastoral Associate Update:**  
And so, we celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week in any way we can, given restrictions and circumstances, and with churches able to open, some of us can be together at this most special time. I wish you a very prayerful Holy Week as we spend time with those we can meet and reflect on what has been, what is and what will be.  
Our website has full details of Holy Week Online from the Cathedral. Also the FCJs are providing prayer and reflection opportunities during Holy Week.  
After Easter events (!) following on from the success of Echoes of God we will be looking at more faith sharing using a multi-media approach enabling different perspectives of scripture to be experienced virtually.  
We're putting together Way of the Light, Stations of the Resurrection, before Pentecost and also watch out for Pastoral Area Synod opportunities to reflect on the Synod recommendations.  
I'll be taking some annual leave in the next weeks so wish you all a blessed Holy Week and a joyful, hope-filled and healthy Easter. God bless and keep safe!  
*Helen*  
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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**  
**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Floyd ALCOCK, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Ryan EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Ray FIGUEROA, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M<sup>c</sup>EOVOY, Kathleen M<sup>c</sup>GOVERN, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Sarah PAUL, Mary RICE, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Jimmy SHIELD,  
**Also, for the intentions of:** Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, CRILLEY Family, Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M<sup>c</sup>CANN & Family, M<sup>c</sup>GOVERN Family, Anthony SILKER, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT,  
**And for those who have died:** Kenny ALCOCK Snr, Peter CRILLEY, Ronald ELLIOT, Ellen FAY, Anthony FOSTER, Mary MASON