



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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26th Sunday Year A

Change my heart oh God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God. May I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.



Mass Times

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

Mass Intentions

- Sat 26: The Parish & deceased priests
- Sun 27: Parishioners
- Mon 28: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Tues 29: Ann Walsh (S.I.)
- Wed 30: John O’Gorman
- Thu 01: Tony O’Hara
- Fri 02: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Sat 03: Martin Crane
- Sun 04: Agnes O’Gorman & Kathleen Brown

Homily Notes

Being able to change your mind is a Christian value, something to be admired.

Saint Vincent de Paul was saved by his ability to change his mind. When he left home at the age of 15 to enter the seminary his ambition was to leave the chains of family poverty behind and find a way of getting rich

He was ordained at the age of 19, after four years in the seminary, and was made a parish priest. Unfortunately for him, someone made a complaint to Rome against him. So, he resigned from his position in the parish and went to university to study theology.

His studies and a series of events and personal encounters in the following years, helped this intelligent young man to realise the error of his ways. Ten years later, he is to be found in Paris, working with the poor and outcast, helping the slaves of the galley ships, and bringing succour to prisoners. He worked hard to educate young people, hoping to help them leave the slavery of their poverty and ignorance, to become free and happy.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us the story of the son who changed his mind. When his father first asked him to do something, he refused. However, recognising his Father’s love and his justice, he changed his mind and he returned to his Father to do his will. It is this change of mind that we honour when we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or confession. We return to the Father and say, “I have come to do your will. Forgive me please my first refusal, I am ready to do what you want of me”. It is our return to God and the happiness of our yes that we celebrate in the sacrament. This is the true happiness and peace of mind that we all seek. It can only be found in a faithful loving relationship with God.

Season of Creation

This weekend is indeed the Feast of the Parish Patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. If

it were not for Covid 19, we may have been celebrating with a BBQ or, at least, with a bring-along-and-share lunch, like we did last year. Alas, there are greater events than our parish fiesta which are adversely affected by the pandemic and we think of all those who have postponed their weddings, baptisms or other celebrations.

Unless, however, we also take very strict measures to protect nature we may well soon find similar draconian restrictions imposed on us due to global warming. Indeed, as we have discussed before, the Covid 19 epidemic is probably a direct link to global warming; the virus having been released into the human arena via the cutting down of forests and human intrusion into areas of forest and animal life never before entered.

We have to make unpleasant and drastic changes in our lives and our activities due to the Covid pandemic. We also have to make similarly drastic changes in our life styles and activities if we are to prevent the average temperature rising and with it the sea levels, the numbers of forest fires, the droughts and the consequent loss of forests and farming lands. The death rate will then be far worse than that of the Corona Virus.

The changes we can make begin in our own choices in our daily lives: changes in the way we travel, changes in where we take our holidays; changes in the energy we use to cook, to heat or cool our houses, to run our machines; changes in how we use the earth’s resources at a personal and domestic level; changes in what we ask from our farmers and grocers; changes in the way we shop for our clothes and in what we demand of the shop-keepers. Even before we lobby our politicians and governments to make the massive changes needed, it is those we make for ourselves that will count the most.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
The winning numbers for
20th September are:
05 06 07 10 13 14

Let us pray for **Marie Marcella NORRIS**, lately of 28 Parliament Cl, who died on the 19th September 2020 aged 78 years. She was a long-standing and loved member of this parish community. Her funeral will take place in this church on Wednesday 30th September at 10am. Due to Corona Virus numbers for those who can attend are limited. Our sympathy goes to her Family. **May she rest in peace.**

Corona Virus News

The unsettling news that the 'R' is on the up and that there are many very sick people in Intensive Care affects us all. For those of you who are unable to come to Church and who receive Holy Communion at home, this is the instruction we have received: "From **NOW**: Home visits should not be taking place, so the permission for visiting with Holy Communion should not be used at the moment". Sorry.

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Please remember to let Parish Council Members or the Priests know what you think of the proposal to introduce a 2nd Sunday Mass on Sunday morning, in addition to the Saturday evening Mass.

We would also like to know what time you suggest for the Sunday morning Mass: that of Saturday does not change!!!!
Terry

*Our Hearts go out to the Parents and Family of Little **Dominic Reid**, who died on the 19th September after 2 precious years with them. May he rest in peace and may his Loved Ones find peace and consolation through our prayers.*



QR Codes: The new track and trace NHS app asks that places of worship set up a QR bar code and have it on posters around the entrances to churches so that people can use a smart phone to register their presence.



"Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it. Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction." (Pope Francis, LS. 8. 23. 204)

Offerings for 20th Sept 2020

Envelopes £32.00
 Plate £121.33

💰 **Many thanks to you all!** 💰

Pastoral Associate Update

I'm sure I share with many that sinking feeling when I listened to the news on Tuesday evening and heard the current restrictions may be in place nationally for six months. And the media speculation that "Christmas is cancelled" will no doubt be prevalent in the next months! However, Christmas cannot be cancelled, as we know, and perhaps we can challenge ourselves to reach out in creative ways to prepare for an Advent and Christmas like no other.

Registration is now open as we mark the end of Creation Time with J&P Commission's Zoom event - Prepare the Future (Sat 10 Oct) led by Christine Allen, CAFOD Director and a Liverpool native. She is an inspirational and engaging speaker if you haven't heard her yet – now is your chance! Register on the Liverpool J&P website.

"You will change the world just by being a warm, kind hearted human being": online quote this week. Keep well,
God Bless, *Helen*

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joan BAXTER, Maureen COOK, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Lisa HEALEY, Eileen KEEF, Sheila KEELEY, Billy FLATLEY, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Joe PERRY, Danny POWER, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Kelly SHEPHERD

Also for the intentions of: The BACCINO Family, Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Beverly HARPER, Holly Harrison, Teddy Harrison, Joan HART, Charlotte KELLY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, Joey PERRY, Teresa SWIFT, Denise & Frances Tarpey, Terri VALIANT Joan WALSH,

And for those who have died: Dominic Reid died, aged 2, on Sunday 20th September, Terence BACCINO, Marie NORRIS, Billy Reid, All Police Officers who have died in the line of duty.