

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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2nd Sunday Lent

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Mass Times

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



Mass Intentions

Sun 28:	Parishioners
Mon 01:	Private Intention
Tue 02:	Monica Leonard RIP
Wed 03:	Theresa Toohey RIP
Thu 04:	Private Intention
Fri 05:	Elizabeth KLOPP RIP
Sat 06:	Maria OSBALDESTON
Sun:	Parishioners

Homily Notes

The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain was an important moment for Jesus and for the disciples. To grasp how significant it was, we must recall what had happened before. Jesus had spoken to his disciples about his coming rejection, suffering and death at the hands of the authorities. On top of that he had told them: if you want to be a disciple, take up your cross and follow me!

No doubt, these words of Jesus must have shocked the disciples. We can imagine their state of mind while they are going up the mountain.

What is sure, the events on the mountain transformed both Jesus and the disciples. They went down the mountain as different people. While the going up was hard, the going down was different; the darkness and doubts in their hearts had been transformed into light and love and determination.

What did the events on the mountain reveal?

When Jesus was transfigured, the disciples were granted a glimpse of Jesus in his heavenly state. When Elijah and Moses are in conversation with Jesus, and later disappear again, the disciples understand that Jesus is not just an one-off preacher; he is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. And when God says from the cloud: *This is my son, the beloved, listen to Him*, Jesus is confirmed in the Father's love for him.

The events on the mountain reveal that Jesus, despite rejection, suffering and the cross will be victorious. And we, with Jesus, united with Jesus, clinging to Jesus, will be victorious too.

Jesus and the disciples were transfigured by the light and love they experienced coming from God. On this day may God transfigure us as well with his light and love. And may we transfigure each other by sharing God's light and love.

Ferdinand

Let's Pray for Pope Francis

Friday 5th March will see Pope Francis taking a risk to his personal safety by undertaking a journey to Iraq. The purpose of this journey is essentially to comfort and strengthen the Christians in Iraq. In the last years they have come under great pressure and many have been killed and many of their homes and churches have been destroyed.

In Baghdad, Pope Francis will be meeting the Catholic community in the Syro-catholic cathedral of Our Lady of Salvation which had been the scene of a tragic bomb attack, on 31 October 2010, which left 50 dead, and in Qaraqosh he will visit another church that has been rebuilt after its destruction by ISIS.

He will also meet with civil authorities and meet with a leading Shi'ite Muslim Cleric, Ayatollah al-Sistani. These Muslim leaders are also courageously putting their own lives at risk by meeting with the Pope. Extremist terrorism is never far away in Iraq at this time.

Cardinal Sandri, who heads the Vatican office for Oriental Catholics, has said: "The visit entails risks, and the Pope is taking the risks because he sees himself as a pastor, as a father, as one who goes to whoever is in difficulty". He "wants to bring consolation, closeness, fraternity, openness, friendship to this people who have suffered in a way that has left them decimated."

Before the 2003 war against Iraq there were 1.5 million Christians in the country. Now they are at the most 500,000, and probably less.

Michael

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

For Draw on 21st February
06 08 10 11 12 14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Offerings on 14th February

Envelopes £51.00
Plate £108.43
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Stations of the CROSS

Join us for a meditative prayer with Jesus who carries his cross to Calvary. Keeping safe, we do not move round the church but sit quietly and pray. Prayer begins at 6pm on Fridays in Lent.

The funeral of

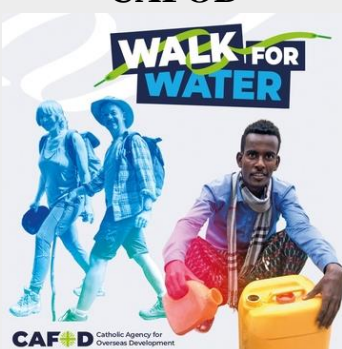
PETER WILTON,

formerly of this parish, who died in Southport, aged 94yrs, on the 8th February 2021, will take place in this church on Monday 1st March at 12 noon, We extend our sympathy to his grieving Family. **May he rest in peace.**

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Tickets for sale by members of the Financial Council: Marian Bird, Alice Silker, Angela Everett, Betty Calvey Proceeds towards the Needs of the Parish.

CAFOD



Please, remember your priests who are committed to walking 10,000 steps between them each Day of Lent and who are seeking SPONSORS to support our efforts. To date, we have done **173,108 steps**, which is calculated at 78.26 miles!!! We even surprise ourselves!!

Many thanks to those who have already shown solidarity and contributed to our effort.

As the week advanced, we became more aware of the drudgery of being forced to go 6 miles each day in search of small amounts of infested water for one's daily needs. It's a good lesson for us and brings back, for me at least, my life in the villages of Burkina Faso, where this was and is still the reality of life.

Pastoral Associate Update:

I have been out on the highways and byways getting in my 10,000 steps for CAFOD's **Walk for Water** through sunshine, wind and rain, through mud, fields and on the pavements. The slight discomfort I experienced when walking my steps is nothing compared with the 10-hour daily trek for water, which was so starkly illustrated when we prayed the CAFOD stations online along with Colette, our CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator, last week. You can see the edited version on the St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube channel: they are moving, inspiring and thought provoking.

On Monday do look out for the Synod Talk on *Coping with the COVID Crisis*, given by John Bell (Iona Community) which promises to be excellent (7pm www.zoom.us Meeting ID 822 3528 9988).

Much of our activity has gone online and I know all our communities are doing their best to reach out to those who are not on the virtual network and keeping in touch. Our prayers combine spiritually for a safe end to this enforced isolation. *Helen*

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There is a "very credible case" that the Chinese government is carrying out the crime of genocide against the Uyghur people, according to a formal legal opinion newly published in the UK. It concludes there is evidence of state-mandated behaviour showing an intent to destroy the largely Muslim minority in north-western China. (Report on the BBC)

Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the persecution and human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against the Uyghur community. The amendment passed in the Lords on 23 February by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the **Genocide Response** campaign website, which can be accessed by visiting the link [:https://genocideresponse.org/](https://genocideresponse.org/)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kenny ALLCOCK Snr, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Ronnie BAYBUT, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Ryan EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Carl & Mandy KERWIN (sick with the virus) Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EVOY, Alfie Montgomery – 3 yr old battling leukaemia - Kathleen M'GOVERN, Patricia M'INERNEY, May MURRAY, Sarah PAUL, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Cathy THOMAS,

Also, for the intentions of: Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, M'GOVERN Family, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Cathy SILKER (died last Sunday), Peter WILTON, George CHANTRE, Tracey M'CLEAN, Maria OSBALDESTON, Teresa TOOHEY