



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent year B

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Mass Times

Sunday (streamed)	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.30
Saturday vigil	18.00

Homily Notes

In the Synod zoom meetings we had this week, my attention was drawn to the proposition 2.5. Put simply it might read: *“We want to be courageous in changing from a church of self-preservation to a church with a mission”*

Somehow, in the recent past, we have allowed ourselves to become preoccupied with ourselves, maintaining structures, becoming a Church of self-preservation. Could this be why we have just lived through the IICSA Inquiry into the terrible abuse of children and vulnerable people by priests and those in positions of responsibility and its mismanagement by the leadership of the Church?

We lost the plot and lost the message of the Gospel. Not only did our lamps go out, but their black smoke created a sooty smoke screen that covered our good deeds and our Truth like a London smog.

The IICSA report has done a great service and partially restored justice and dignity to all those who are victims of abuse by Church personnel. It has done the Church a favour because it is a wake-up call that change does need to happen. The report, like today’s Gospel, wakes us up to the fact that we are all sinners, and we need to care for each other and look after each other, as sinners.

Just this week, in his weekly general audience, Pope Francis said: *“The Apostles’ letters of the New Testament and the Acts of the Apostles give us the image of an active Church, a Church on the move, yet which, gathered in prayer, finds the basis and impulse for missionary action. The image of the early Community of Jerusalem is the point of reference for every other Christian experience. Luke writes in the Book of Acts: “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (2:42). The community persevered in prayer”.*

This is the model of Church we can adopt as we now go forward to become a Church with a Mission.



Mass Intentions

- Sun 29: Parishioners
- Mon 30: Holy Souls Pious List
- Tue 01: Brian Steele
- Wed 02: Joe Kerwin
- Thu 03: Sacred Heart Sister
- Fri 04: Sr Siobhan O’Keefe
- Sat 05: Shelly & Sheila Glanville
Dominic Reid

Covid Thoughts

Covid, not only here at home but right across the world, the

depressing isolation that is needed to slow down its progress, the lack of clarity as to what tomorrow will bring, the perilous state of the economy and the freeze of the wages of the people who have been at the forefront of protecting us and caring for the most vulnerable in this pandemic; add to that the news of the senseless violence and loss of life in Tigray, of the civil unrest in Poland and Belarus, of the disputed election in the USA, of the.... How long is the list of depressing news about the selfish, greedy, senseless activities of people across the world?

Even with the better news that we in Liverpool, at least, have improved our lot by our efforts to self-isolate these past weeks, it is easy to be depressed about the state of the world. Yet today there is Good News to be heard. There is hope in the air. There is the shining of a star in the sky that will lead us to a stable in Bethlehem. And if we follow that star, we will find there, laid in an animal’s feeding trough, a little child who is Christ the Lord.

Follow Him and his WAY and we will be saved from the folly and the sin of humankind. Follow Him and live in his LIGHT and the darkest shadows will be dissolved. Follow Him and live by his WORD and all will be well. “Swords will be turned into ploughshares. The Lion and the Lamb will lie down together”. We will live in peace. We will live in harmony with a nature which we have learnt to respect and appreciate. “And all will be well. All manner of things will be well”.

Happy Advent to you all.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

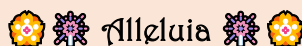
Lottery Results
The winning numbers for
21st November are:
03 04 07 10 12 14

Christmas Church Celebrations 2020

The celebration of
Christmas Vigil at 7 pm,
Christmas Day at 10 am.
Because of the restrictions
and the capacity of the
church, we will have to
implement a **ticketing
system**, by which people will
have access to the
celebrations.
Members of the parish
council will be contacting
regular Mass-Goers this week
to help you obtain tickets.

Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 3 December at 18h00
Council Members
Andrea Glanville
Marie Crane
Frances Kerwin
The Priests

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Open for Personal Prayer:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
All are Welcome.



Normal Service will resume in the Church on
Wednesday 2nd December with Mass at 9am.
Friday Mass, this week, will be at 9.30am, as
the children who made their First Holy
Communion will be joining us.

ADVENT IN THE LIGHT OF FRATELLI TUTTI

A SERIES OF Reflections as part of “Prepare
the Future” given by Cardinal **Michael**

Fitzgerald M Afr.

Monday in Advent

Prayer beginning at 7pm

30 November

STAY AWAKE

7 December

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

14 December

BEARING WITNESS

21 December

GET ON WITH IT LASS

Zoom Registration: www.jp.liverpool.org.uk

You Tube: LiverpoolJ&P FB: jpliverpooljp



Offerings for 22nd November 2020
Envelopes £7
Plate £52

Pastoral Associate Update:

Most years I feel rather resigned as the
Christmas lights get put up so
early. But this year I am embracing the
joy that the lights and decorations
bring in these trying days. My town
(across the water here in Neston) is
encouraging people to decorate their
windows so that those on winter walks
will have a glow of hope to cheer
them. Perhaps we can all show the
light of our hope-filled faith in our
windows this Advent in some way?

Our Advent Service “**The Coming of
the Light**” is coming together at a
pace. Parishioners from all parishes
across the Liverpool South area have
been involved in some way and I am
sure the Service will bring some cheer
to us before we start on the Christmas
count-down! Synod forms are on the
website to send parish members the
proposals you are most drawn to:
deadline 7 December!

Do register for **Cardinal Michael’s
talk** if you want to join us in real time
on Zoom: it is a chance for reflection
and prayer in our busy world and don’t
forget the CAFOD run this year –
details online!

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI “*It is the
beautiful task of Advent to awaken in
all of us memories of goodness, and
thus to open doors of hope*”

God Bless, **Helen**

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In a letter received this week,
CAFOD thanks the people of the
parish for the £145 raised on our
recent Fast Day in their support.



In another letter, Colette Byrne, Community Participation Coordinator, for
CAFOD Liverpool, reminds us of their Word Gifts Scheme, which they run with
FAIRTRADE and other charities, including Aid to the Church in Need. This is a
way of giving Christmas gifts which also shares our Christmas with people in need
in other countries. It is worth looking into at: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts. When I
returned from Burkina Faso to work in London, before coming here, I was faced
with the question of what to do at Christmas for my relatives at home. I did not
want to spend all my resources on little luxuries, when my friends in BF were
going hungry. I hit on **CAFOD’s World Gifts**, and all is well! *Terry*

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sheila ABBOT, Catherine BOWLES, Baby Daisy
Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Molly McEVOY, Kathleen McGOVERN, Alfie
MONTGOMERY, May MURRAY, Danny POWER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD.

Also for the intentions of: Khalil BAIDOE, Anne BAXTER, Joan BAXTER, EDWARDS Family, Lilly FLANNERY,
Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine McCANN & Family, MIDGHALL Family, Joey
MORGAN, Cathy RUSHER, SCOTT Family, Elizabeth, George & Kristine STABRAWA, TARPEY Family, Teresa
SWIFT, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family, Thanksgiving for gifted Scientists

And for those who have died: Christopher (Chris) BRANNIGAN, Michael WALSH, Syd BOWLES (Anniversary)
Margaret Cave