



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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1st Sunday of Advent Liturgical Year C

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



Gospel Thoughts

This is the 1st Sunday of Advent, the 1st Sunday of a new liturgical year – Year C in the Church’s calendar. Almost every Sunday in this coming year we will be reading the Gospel of Luke. So why, we could ask ourselves, begin with a passage from the end of the Gospel?

Our friend, Martin Bennet, answers in this way: “It might seem strange that the first Gospel of the year is from near the end of Luke’s Gospel, when Jesus is close to arrest. (Luke 21 25-28, 34-36), He is warning his followers that the arrival of the new Kingdom will be into a world which is still turned away from God, which will mean they face persecution and rejection. It is clear that he doesn’t expect them to cut themselves off from their neighbours, but to live in a state of readiness to respond to the coming of the Son of Man in glory, a term which, for his Jewish audience, meant the coming which would establish God’s reign and would, as Jesus promises, mean their liberation, (from powers opposed to God’s reign.).

Jesus’ concern is that his followers’ hearts become coarsened, i.e. hardened and insensitive to God and so not free to respond to him, through debauchery and drunkenness, (too much attachment to the pursuit of any leisure or pleasure can have the same effect), or through being too preoccupied with the cares and worries of life, (which, in our busy and frenetic age will probably be more of a problem)”.

In Advent, we took look forward to the coming of that Kingdom and we try to focus our attention on that as we prepare for Christmas. As Michael Bennet says: “This Gospel should help me to set the right tone for Advent. Instead of bemoaning the ‘godless’ commercial Christmas, I should recognise that this is the world which God loves so much, and which he became flesh in. It is the world in which he wants us to reveal the Good News, to soften the coarse hearts with God’s love”.

Terry

Mass Intentions

Sat 27: Terri Valiant
 Sun 28: Ann Bennet
 & Josie Calvey
 Mon 29: Parishioners
 Tue 30: Holy souls
 Wed 1st: Shelly & Sheila Glanville
 Thu 2: Danny O’Hare
 Fri 3: Marion Reid & Joe Kerwin
 Sat 4: Terri Valiant
 Sun 5: Wilcock Family

Jesus was a Refugee in Egypt

Fr Philip Dyer-Perry, Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Staines, writes in a message to parishioners this week:

I really don't know where to start when it comes to this week's tragic deaths in the English Channel. We are rightly appalled at the plight of those seeking to enter the USA and Poland, at the cruel ways in which these vulnerable people are exploited, and the inhuman indifference shown to their humanity by those in authority who ought to know better. Yet are we in the UK any less irresponsible?

A government can only be as good as those who permit it to exist - and if the popular demand is to secure our precious borders, rather than to protect fellow human beings, then the future is not promising. Issues of migration and border control have their place, but the real crisis on the Straits of Dover is that this issue has trumped the most important consideration of all - our duty towards our fellow human beings.

It's time that the narrative around migration to the UK is changed dramatically. The classic fictions about immigrants 'flooding' the UK and taking 'our' jobs is simply untrue - as is our characterisation of 'economic migrants' as some sort of drain on our society. This isn't a left- or right-wing issue, but a question of respecting all human life, supporting families, and giving everyone an opportunity to reach their potential where they are best placed to grow.

If we want to see things change, it begins first with each of us. Perhaps the events of this week will prove to be our turning point.

Fr Philip

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/43544>

This letter is published in the *Independent Catholic News* this Saturday. It is worth reading and considering our attitude to the refugees. Can we just let this continue in our names or should we be lobbying our MPs to demand better and more just ways to treat those who seek refuge among us?

Terry

Parish Notice Board

SVP CONVERSATIONS

As part of the new series of conversations with people engaged by their faith in the life of the community, we have invited

Dr. Matthew THOMPSON, of LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY SPIRIT, to talk with us about their mission.

They do great work, breaking down the barriers between people of different faiths, in schools, prisons and places of work.

Come and share in our meeting. Who knows? You may find yourself inspired!

Guild Room

**Tuesday 30th November
6.30pm**

Tuesday Coffee Morning

Why not join us for a coffee or tea and delicious toast on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 01pm in the church?

All parishioners welcome to partake.

Toiletries Needed Please give for Christmas to the FOOD BANK

Toothpaste & brushes, soaps, shampoo, deodorant (women & men), nail clippers/files, make-up, etc.

Please place in box at church entrance. Thank you. 🌸🙏

Offerings on 20th November

Envelopes £87.00

Plate £556.70

STO October £365

Thank you

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

News of the Pastoral Plan

With his Pastoral Letter which will be read at all Masses this weekend and is available in print at the back of the church, Archbishop Malcolm launches **the new way forward** for the Church in Liverpool. We call this the **“Pastoral Plan”**. It is the direct result of all the preparation we made for Synod 2020. It is certainly an invitation to be more involved in the Church and our Mission.

Every parishioner will get a postcard giving details of how to access the plan and an invitation to a meeting to hear about it. Copies of the plan are available online and at Pauline Books and Media.

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm
in St Mary’s Church, Leyland

Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm
in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm
on Zoom

Also, **every Monday evening** from 7pm – 8pm you can join a zoom meeting as an Advent Exercise in preparation for Christmas. During these meetings we will treat the 4 important themes of the Synod: *Accompaniment, Youth and Young People, Synodality, and Structures and Property in Service of the Mission of the Church.*

To find out more consult:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays

Or join the Monday evening sessions at the zoom link:

<https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>

Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020.

Welcome to

MIA FASSARI

Daughter of Karolina Guza
of South Ferry Quay

She will be **baptised** this Sunday
at 12 Noon.



IS BACK!

*Fun for all in SVP Primary School
at 7pm on Friday 17th December.*

*Organised by Margaret and Ian
Hastie*

GOSPEL SHARING

An enjoyable and formative 50 minutes every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in a warmed Guild Room. Deepen your knowledge of the Word of God by sharing on the Gospel of Sunday.

“Don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time.” Mt 10:19

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

“Dear Parishioners, thank you to all parishioners of SVP for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £59.80 which we received on 15 November 2021. Thank you so much for being there for our global family”.

*Signed Michelle Oakford,
Head of Supporter Relations.*

Lottery Results 20/11/21

01 03 05 08 11 12

No Winners

Jackpot £700

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Mary HAINS, Raymond JOYCE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, Robert WARD

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M’CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON

And for those who have died: Tommy BAXTER, Sean CONNEELY, Cecilia FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Eva White (*Pat O’Donovan’s Cousin’s granddaughter*)