

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday year A

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## Mass Intentions

Sat 28: Cath Bowles

Sun 29: Edward Carr

Mon 30: Mary Thompson RIP

Tue 31: Margaret Newhouse

Wed 01: Kenny Kelbrick RIP

Thur 02: Ellen Packwood

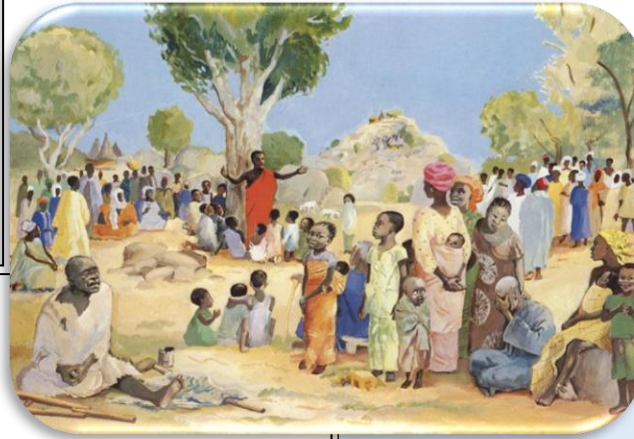
Fri 03: Sr. Maureen Gavin RIP

Sat 04: Patsy Crane

Sun 05: Karl Jennings

## 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



## Homily Notes

Jesus went up the hill to preach, to deliver his 'sermon on the mount'.

The mission of Jesus was to announce and launch the Kingdom of God. In his sermon, Jesus explains to his disciples the spirit in which the children of the Kingdom should live.

The first part of the sermon is called the Beatitudes. A word which has at its root the word *Beati*, meaning 'the happy ones'. In nine statements, which each begin with the words: *Happy are*, Jesus presents to us his program of happiness.

We all strive for happiness; it is a normal and God given human desire and wish. Jesus' way to happiness is quite different from what society suggests. Society and the world of commerce will tell us that happiness is reached by climbing the social ladder, by being self-assertive and by a life filled with pleasures and riches. Jesus on the other hand, will say: *happy are the poor in spirit, happy are the gentle, happy are the merciful.*

The first Beatitude is the door which opens the way to all the others: *How happy are the poor in Spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

The poor in spirit are those the prophet Zephaniah calls the humble of the earth. They do not exalt themselves but find their strength in God.

What would be the opposite of the poor in spirit?

We could say: those who are full of themselves.

When we are full of ourselves, we can't benefit from meeting others, we have nothing to learn, and we have no need of God.

We ask for the grace to truly welcome the new spirit of the Kingdom of God and be truly its citizens and witnesses.

**Fr. Ferdinand**

*The Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) are encouraging people to use this prayer for*

## **Holocaust Memorial Day,**

*27 January, and throughout the year.*

## Prayer

Loving God, you care for each and every human life. All people are cherished as your beloved children, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary their stories are. Today we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

We lament the loss of the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and victims of all genocides.

May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory, and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Help us all to turn away from hatred and division, and to build a world where genocide is no more.

Strengthen us so that we, in our own ordinary ways, may show extraordinary love in the world today. *Amen*

*"We commit ourselves to stand against anti-semitism, injustice and prejudice," says Bishop Declan Lang on Holocaust Memorial Day.*



*(with thanks to The Catholic News Network)*

## Parish Notice Board

### Many thanks to

**Rev. Miranda Threlfall-Holmes**, who preached at Mass last Saturday and Sunday. Terry also received a warm welcome at St. Bride's on Sunday and enjoyed the discussion after his homily. (*Might it be something to try here?* 😊)



What a shame more people could not profit from the **Shared Prayer, Taizé style**, we had on Sunday evening.

It is both worship of God, by listening to the Word and by singing God's praises, and *cross-boundaries community building* with our Anglican Sisters and Brothers. Hopefully, when the evenings are longer and warmer, more of you will join us.

### Young Workers and Students

Every Friday at 6pm, a group of young workers and students meet in the Guild Room for Gospel Sharing (Lectio Divina) and Friendship. The meeting lasts between one and two hours. For more information contact **Silvesta**, of this parish, on 07534 245789

### OFFERINGS 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Envelopes: £ 30.00  
Plate: £ 145.45  
Pax Christi £ 113.80  
Bank a/c December:

For Parish £525.00

For Tues Café £185.00 ☕

*Many thanks for all contributions*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Friday 11.00am to Noon

### Care for our Common Home: ready to learn new skills.

Retailers now understand that people are more aware of the negative impact of **fast fashion** on our environment- estimated at around 8-10% of global polluting emissions. This is due to the massive consumption of water, water pollution from chemicals and dyes, the high content of microfibres which are released into the environment when clothes are washed. **85%** of garments end up in dumps each year, releasing further damaging microfibres. The waste is said to be equivalent to 50 billion plastic bottles! (www.earth.org) Also, the fast fashion industry often has poor labour practices including the exploitation of the workforce- 85-90% of whom are women.

**To combat this**, we are encouraged to buy less, but go for better quality and to learn how to repair clothes or use the services of repair shops which are springing up in response to demand. Maybe we could also try going for the next 6-8 weeks without buying anything.

*Adapted from newsletter of St. Anne's Parish with thanks .*

### ATTENTION Year 8 Students

This is your time for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. If you are ready to begin your preparation, please register at [Liverpool Called](#) Open from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> March.



### Little Church

is available at the 10am Eucharist on Sunday

### Lottery Results – 22 January

**02 05 06 08 10 13**

### Financial Council Meeting

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm  
In the church

### First Friday Mass

**09.30 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
With the School Children

### Calling all WYA catechists

You are invited to an evening at St Michael's and Sacred Heart Presbytery, Horne Street, L6 5EH  
**6.30pm Monday 6 February**  
*This is an opportunity to get to know each other, share problems, ideas and good practice.*  
For more information call Ann on 07771 883328.

### NEEDED PARISH CATECHISTS

To help prepare children and adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Marriage.  
This is a practical way to improve your own knowledge of your faith and help others do the same.  
Only involves a few hours each month.  
*If you are interested, please inform Fr. Ferdinand, parish priest.*

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Kai, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip RUSHBROOK, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD

**Also, for the intentions of:** Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON,

**And for those who have died:** Kitty BAXTER, Tommy CHANDLER,