



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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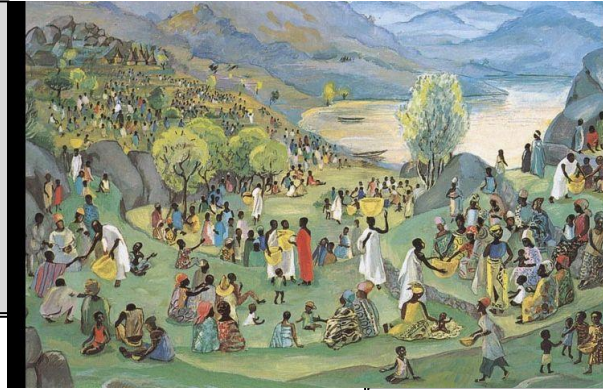
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Mass Times

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 01: Paul & Pat O'Donovan 40th anniversary
- Sun 02: Parishioners
- Mon 03: Sr. M Pasqua Rosa MC
- Tues 04: Sr. M Fabienne MC
- Wed 05: Sr. Therese Cooney RIP MC
- Thu 06: Sr. M. Mala MC
- Fri 07: Eileen Lally
- Sat 08: Rose Healy & Nancy Farrell

Homily Notes

Imitating Jesus

Let us accompany Jesus in the events described in today's Gospel and see what we can learn from him.

He first receives the news of the death of John the Baptist. Jesus must have been terribly upset on receiving this news. It is understandable that he feels the need for solitude in order to mourn. So, he goes off, with only his disciples, to a lonely place, to have some quiet time.

Yet there is a change of plans. The people follow Jesus, so he attends to them, responding to their needs. He takes pity on the people and heals their sick. He also realizes that they are hungry and decides to feed them. We see how attentive Jesus is. He is not thinking of himself. He is ready to sacrifice his own comfort to help others. He gives us an example to follow.

Jesus involves his apostles in his action. In fact he gives them an apparently impossible task, the task of feeding this crowd. The disciples must have been puzzled and rather anxious. How can they provide food for such a great number of people?

But Jesus is able to make much out of little. Jesus prays and then enables his disciples to distribute bread and fish to all the people. Not just the minimum, but an abundance: twelve baskets of left-overs. When we are helping others, let us not be skimpy. Let us be generous with our gifts, including gifts of time and sympathy.

Jesus shows his generosity in the Eucharist that we are celebrating. He offers us his own Body and Blood. Let us receive these gifts with open hearts, with joy and gratitude, so that he may come and transform us. We can be sure that Jesus will not be stingy. He will give us his grace in abundance so that we may become like him.

Let us pray that like him we may be adaptable, attentive to the needs of others, and generous in our giving of what we have and of what we are.

Michael

Corona Thoughts

Insidious Racism

I would think that many of us watched the BBC film "Anthony – The life he would have lived" last Tuesday evening, on the fifteenth anniversary of Anthony Walker's senseless murder in McGoldrick Park, Huyton. It's impossible for most of us, I'm sure, to understand the attitude of the murderers: their racist abuse when they saw the youngsters in the bus stop, the hatred and contempt for another human being as they gave chase, like dogs after the fox, and brutally attacked Anthony, helpless under their cowardly, superior weight.

I have met two people this week who personally know Anthony's mother, Gee Walker. They have told me that she is like a saint in the way she has forgiven those who murdered her son and has since worked for the end to racism and its ensuing violence in all its ugly forms.

In these last weeks in "Lockdown", since the cruel death of George Floyd in the USA, we have heard much of the issue of racism. It is good that the question has been raised again, even if it has opened up the anger and the pain of so many victims of racism and led to violence. But when we condemn that violence, we have also to condemn the hidden but real violence of the attitudes of those who disparage, deride and mock others who are not part of the white majority, not only in America, but here in Great Britain today. We do not need to look far to recognise the outcome of such attitudes: the near absence of Black leaders in our universities, in our football clubs, in industry and in most sections of our society. The statistics speak for themselves.

Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham, wrote recently in the Northern Echo about Racism: "Unless I, and all who have experienced (a life of) quiet privilege, recognise it, own up to it, repent of it, and commit ourselves to change, then this (continue overleaf, first column)"

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers are:
03 05 09 11 12 14

Offerings for 26th July

Envelopes £33.00
Plate £140.80
Masses £ 95.00

Mass Streaming

It is a joy that we are able to meet on Saturday evening again for our weekly Eucharist. However, we know that not everyone can come to this celebration and our numbers are restricted. This means that we need to consider if we shall continue with the STREAMED MASS on Facebook on Sunday Mornings. Please let us know if you would like us to continue or not...

Requests for Prayers

During corona lockdown we have asked you to present your prayer intentions through FaceBook. Until the present social distancing practices are changed, can we ask you, please, to continue to make your requests this way? Please remember, too, that we ask for them to be renewed each week, to avoid peoples' names being left on the list when no longer needed. Requests through the parish house front door are still accepted!!!

Corona Thoughts (continued from overleaf)

current fresh awakening of the reality of racism and the need for change that is both structural and personal will pass, as those that have come before have passed. It is time for justice. It is still, for me, found in the person of **Jesus of Nazareth.**"

Terry

LOTTERY WIN

We are happy to announce that there was a lottery win on the 14th June. The winning number was **1 3 4 9 10 12** and the prize received £250. Congratulations to the winner. We apologise for the slip-up which led to the absence of an earlier announcement. The possible prize this week now stands at: £ 350. Good Luck!!!!



Many thanks to the **Volunteer - Stewards** who are ensuring our safety in church. They help us write our names and telephone numbers in the attendance register. They enable us to keep a safe distance from each other. They guide us up to receive Holy Communion. They keep watch at the doors. They clean up when we are gone. God bless them all...

And they're all women, no men 😞

Let us pray for

Thomas Fletcher,

lately of 18 Chung Hok House, Pine Mews, who died on the 23rd July 2020 aged 93 years.

He was a well-known and loved member of this parish community for many years. His funeral will take place in this church on

Friday 7th August at 1.30pm. Due to Corona Virus numbers for those who can attend are limited.

Our sympathy goes to his Family. **May he rest in peace.**

Anthony Walker Foundation

Set up after the racist murder of Anthony Walker in 2005 the Foundation's mission is to promote equality and diversity through education, sport and arts. No one should suffer through prejudice and discrimination. We exist to make our communities safer and inclusive by education and support

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Love is...

dancing
in the rain



Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: John BIRKENHEAD, Michael BRATIN, Kenneth BROPHY, Vera CARTLEDGE, William FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Angela KING, Molly McEVROY, Elizabeth MIDSATER, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Edna RENSHAW, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, Madeleine SPINT, John SWINERTON

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Gerard McCAFFERTY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Carole and Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, The WILLIAMS Family.

And for those who have died: Tommy FLETCHER, Anthony MORGAN (died 27 July 2020) Michael BRUDER, Des DEVINE, Norah MARTIN