



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

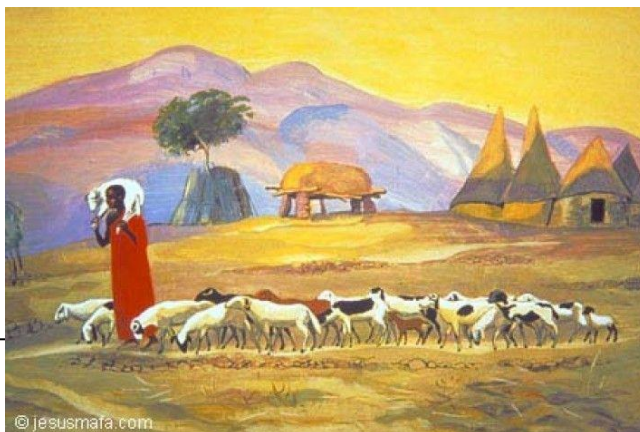
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### Mass Times

Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30



### Mass Intentions

Sun 26: Parishioners  
 Mon 27 : May McCarthy RIP  
 Tues 28: Lygia Warren RIP  
 Wed 29: Joseph Tucker RIP  
 Thu 30: Paula Stephens RIP  
 Fri 01: Parishioners  
 Sat 02: Peter Savel RIP

### Homily Notes

I was sent a picture recently.

It was of a sheepdog sitting in front of a television screen watching a flock of sheep. The caption read: “Wilson is working from home.”

In today’s gospel we have different images. There is first the **shepherd**. Jesus presents himself as the shepherd who knows his sheep, who calls each of them by name, and they follow him because they know his voice. Then there is the **gate**. Jesus says to us today “I am the gate...Anyone who enters through me will be safe: that person will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.” So we are to go through Jesus, or to go through the door with Jesus. We go in with all anxiety. Jesus promises us relief and rest. Jesus is the door or the gateway to the Father, the Loving and Merciful Father who has all things in his hands. Jesus also said that this gate is narrow. Jesus himself went through the narrow gate of death on the Cross and then was raised to life again. This is what we celebrate at Easter, the Risen Lord, full of life. To have this life ourselves we have to be ready to follow Jesus.

One further image. Jesus is like a **magnet**. He said: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself.” When we are drawn to Jesus, and when we stay with Jesus, we can start attracting others to Jesus. On this Good shepherd Sunday which is also known as Vocations Sunday, we pray in particular for those who feel attracted by Jesus to put themselves at the service of others.

Jesus has said: “I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me ...will go freely in and out.” We go in to find nourishment, strength from Jesus himself; we go out to serve others as Jesus did, to help them to have life and to have it to the full. May our prayer this Sunday strengthen us and help us to serve others generously.

*Michael*

### Corona Thoughts

‘Since the UK-wide COVID-19 lockdown began on 23 March 2020, there has been a 49% increase in calls and online requests for help relating to domestic abuse.

The guidance you can find in this (website) includes information about how parishes can raise awareness of the issue, including a list of helplines and information about how to safely get help. It also contains a step-by-step starter guide for how parishes can support their local domestic abuse services.

Bishop John Sherrington, who chairs the Domestic Abuse Group, said:

“Every person has a right to live their life free from violence, abuse, intimidation and fear. Catholic parishes can play an important role in fighting the scourge of domestic abuse, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic where we are seeing some shocking statistics from leading domestic abuse organisations. My thanks go to those organisations and individuals already working so hard to ensure that people suffering domestic abuse can live safe lives.

“Every local situation will differ and so our new guidance is designed to be used as an introduction to start a local project. I hope that Catholics and parishes will be inspired to take this up in their local area.

“Violence of this kind should never be tolerated or justified. It is an offence against the dignity of the human person.”

*These words are quoted from a letter we have received from Alex Griffiths, the archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer. Parliament has been discussing this problem this week. For more information you can go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/domestic-abuse/>.*

Let’s take this seriously. Abuse is more of a destroyer of lives than Covid 19.

*Terry*

## Parish Notice Board

**Lottery Results**  
**02 06 08 11 12 13**  
**Drawn 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Don't Forget**  
**6.30pm, every evening**  
**Parish Evening Prayer**  
at home

Wherever you are, take time to pray with all other parish members.

Let our prayer be united to help us stay faithful to the Lord and to each other during this difficult time.

*Leaflets available at the Parish House and on Facebook*

### **Madelene McCann**

It is 13 years on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May that Madelene McCann was abducted.

Let us keep her and her family in our prayers.

*From Mary Thompson*

*Frs. Michael, Charles, Ferdinand and Terry thank each and everyone of you who have sent good wishes, have called to inquire after our wellbeing and who have sent gifts of varying kinds to encourage us in this lock-down.*

*May God bless you all and keep you and your families safe. You are all in our daily prayer. We are most grateful.*

*"We'll meet again, someday".*

### **NEW PARISH WEB SITE:**

Thanks to Helen Jones, without whom this was nigh-impossible.

<http://www.stvincentsparish.org.uk>

Take a look!!!

*You are welcome to join us for Sunday's Mass  
live-streamed on Facebook  
At 9am on Sunday*

### **Today is Vocations Sunday**

*Let us pray for vocations:*

Loving Father, you call us by name.

As we journey through life

help us to be confident in our own unique identity

and to find opportunities

to develop our own gifts and passions.

We pray that the Holy Spirit

will pour on us wisdom and guidance

to help us realise and follow

our dreams,

discerning your plan for our lives.

Bless your Church

by raising up dedicated and generous people

from our families and friends

who will serve as Priests, Deacons,

Sisters and Brothers.

May we support one another in response to God's call.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

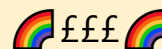


### **Parish Finances**

Like every other parish we are losing income from the weekly collection during this time of lock-down and empty churches. If your finances allow, you could think of putting aside the monies you would normally have given until the time when we are able to come together again. If you would like to put money directly into the parish account and you bank online, you can set up a payment to: St Vincent de Paul, Liverpool, sort code 40-29-12 and account number 71544519.

If you prefer to set up a standing order to make a monthly contribution to the parish, please contact us <mailto:stvincent@reaolp.co.uk> and we will send you a form to facilitate the setting up. Thank you.

*Fr. Ferdinand*



### **Prayer Intentions**

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Baby HARVEY, Diane HEATHCOTE (ill in hospital), Kathy HALLIGAN, Molly McEVOY, John & Kathleen McGOVERN (both in hospital), Pauline McGurty (originally from Kent Gdns, suffering from Corona Virus) May MURRAY, Pat O'DONOVAN, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

**Also for the intentions of:** Vera DEV, Lilly FLANNERY, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelene McCANN and Family, Margret McCready, The MIDGHALL Family, The MIDTSAETER Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Shirley & Phil SCOTT & family, WILLIAMS Family, Pray for those who are suffering with this disease across the world, ALL NHS staff and ALL key workers.

**And for those who have died:** Frances HIGHAM, May McCARTHY née Rodriguez (to be buried on Monday), Lygia WARREN