



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A

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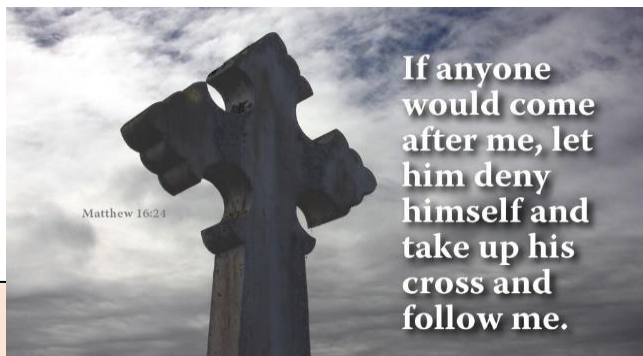
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## Mass Times

Sunday streamed	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday vigil	18.00



If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

## Mass Intentions

Sat 29: Joseph & Shelly Glanville  
 Sun 30: Parishioners  
 Mon 31: Sacred Heart Sisters  
 Tues 01: Sacred Heart Sisters  
 Wed 02: James Gibbons  
 Thu 03: NO MASS  
 Fri 04: NO MASS  
 Sat 05: Barbara HYLAND & Sid Bowles

## Homily Notes

In the Gospel this week, like last week, Peter plays an important role. But there is a contrast. Last week Peter was a hero, named the Rock on which the Church is to be built. This week he is called Satan, the tempter. How come this sudden change?

For the first time, Jesus tells the disciples that he is going to suffer and be put to death, but that he will be raised up to life. Peter tells Jesus that this should not happen. He means well, but his words must have been a temptation for Jesus who surely did not really want to suffer. Yet Jesus accepts to suffer and to die on the Cross to save us from sin and to reconcile us with the Father. This is perhaps why he is so severe with Peter. Peter can't have been listening properly. He heard what Jesus said about suffering grievously and death but missed the part about being raised to life.

Are we not often like Peter? We jump to conclusions without really listening. We condemn people before hearing their side of the story. A politician has said recently that the most important thing for his party to do is to listen to people. We too are invited to listen to others, but also to God, to listen to Jesus, the Son of God.

Jesus tells us today that anyone who wants to save his or her life will lose it, but anyone who loses his or her life for my sake will find it. If we think only about ourselves, if we are self-centred, then we shall be lost. Listening, paying attention to others, means emptying ourselves; it is a way of losing our lives. It is a way of being like Jesus who has given his life for all of us.

Can we do this? Assuredly not on our own. But we are not on our own. Jesus gives us his Body as the source of our strength to do good. We receive Jesus in our hearts. Let us welcome him, listen to him carefully, and follow him faithfully.

Michael

## Season of Creation 2020

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. In the following days we will speak more about this. Let us begin this month with a prayer:

### Creator of Life,

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life. The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And through-out time the Earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.

In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to be renewed.

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Parish Notice Board

### Please Note

There will be NO  
Morning Mass on  
Thursday and Friday  
this week  
Thank you.

**Lottery Results**  
The winning numbers are:  
**01 03 04 08 13 14**

**Offerings for 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
2020**

Envelopes £41.00  
Plate £136.06

💰 Thank you 💰

### Finance Committee Meeting on 20-08-20.

The first meeting held since Lockdown. This is an abridged report of the discussions held.

Fortunately, parishioners have managed to support the Church both financially and spiritually during the Covid lockdown period. For this we are thankful. This has also meant the lottery continued to be drawn each week and there were a couple of winning tickets in the period.

The Guild Room has been renovated and the problem with the plaster is resolved. Only a touch of paint and hanging curtains needs to be done, so hopefully the room will soon be fully functioning. The money from the weekly lottery contributed to the restoration of the room.

Future works that will also require funding are:

- Replacing the heating system
- Glass panels in the porch woodwork
- Transforming the confessionals to make them fit for purpose for kitchen facilities and changing room for the Altar Servers.
- Finding a suitable area to facilitate a prayer station and a meeting place within the church.

*Marian Bird*, secretary

### Pastoral Associate Update:

As we enjoy the final bank holiday of the year perhaps, we also have an opportunity to reflect on the months we have spent in this peculiar time of lock down. Some of us may have spent more time in our gardens or taken time to enjoy the outdoors, reconnecting with the natural world around us. **Tuesday 1 September is the Day of Special Prayer for Creation**, and now more than ever, it is a chance for each of us to reevaluate our individual relationship with our environment locally and globally. It is many people doing small things that will make a big change. A selection of Creation Time resources are on the website including a copy of Pope Francis' encyclical: *Laudato Si*. "The earth is our environment to protect and the garden to tend to" Pope Francis.

God Bless,

*Helen Jones*

### St. Vincent de Paul Primary School News



This week Primary Schools are re-opening after the holidays.

Because of Covid, schools are making great efforts to welcome pupils in a safe environment. Let us pray this week in a special way for all teachers and staff, parents and pupils of St Vincent's Catholic Primary School: may the good Lord bless all the work that is being done to welcome our children, and bless the children with joy and zeal to learn and grow.

May St Vincent care for them and keep them all safe.

Dear God,

Bless our school.

Bless our teachers.

Bless our pupils.

Bless our families.

Please help us to be kind and help us  
to always try our best.

Let us remember, as many hands make  
a house,

So many hearts make a school.

Amen

### Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** John BIRKENHEAD, Tony EDWARDS, William FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Lisa HEALEY, Angela KING, Molly McEVOY, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Edna RENSCHAW, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Matthew SCOTLAND, Kelly SHEPHERD,

**Also for the intentions of:** Lilly FLANNERY, Joan HART, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Teresa NALL, Edna RENSCHAW, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, The SCOTT Family, The TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT, Joan WALSH, The WILLIAMS Family

**And for those who have died:** Francis McPARTLAND, Tony O'HARA, Billy SUTHERLAND, Syl De ASHA (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday RIP)