



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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

### Homily Notes

The challenge of our Christian faith is to love; to love one another as the Father loves us. And we all know that love is not static but is a continual evolution, a continual motion of opening ourselves up to the other person and to the Other who is God. St. Catherine of Sienna says: *A soul cannot live without loving. It must have something to love, for it was created to love.*

To look upon faith only as a comfort and as a security in time of need – and nothing more – is to become stagnant and to hold on to faith as an unmovable rock, an anchor that will hold us in the one, secure position where we feel at our most comfortable.

The people closest to Jesus, in Nazareth, knew him as the child of Joseph and Mary. News had reached them about his teaching and miraculous works in the villages of the region. Here was a man, they thought, who would bring fame and maybe wealth to Nazareth; he would put their hometown on the map at last. They knew his family well and their minds were already made up on what they expected of him.

They certainly did not expect the challenge he would hurl at them to change their ways, to repent and let go of their false hopes and unachievable dreams. His message shook the ground beneath their feet. He must be thrown out and his challenge be silenced.

This message of conversion, this call to repentance and renewal is still the same message that the same Jesus addresses to us today, whether we are inside the synagogue or out of it, whether we are regular church goers or observers from a distance. “*Duc in Altum*”; “Cast out into the deep”, as Jesus told the fishing apostles after a night of no catch. Do not stay on the shore side, where you feel safe and sound, but cast over the other side, where the water is deeper.” *Terry*

### Mass Intentions

- Sat 29: Birch Family
- Sun 30: Desmond Devine  
Maxwell Hughes RIP
- Mon 3: Parishioners
- Tue 01/02: Maurice Cavanagh
- Wed 02: Sr. Mary Jo (50<sup>th</sup> anniv’y)
- Thu 03: Carmel Talent RIP
- Fri 04: Cecilia Flatley
- Sat 05: Patsy Crane
- Sun 06: Tommy Baxter

### Thoughts of Peace

What on earth is in the minds of our political leaders, at this moment of heightened tension on the border of Ukraine with Russia? Why all this noise? Is it just political posturing?

Friday is the **International Day of**

**Human Fraternity.** We are invited to pray for better understanding between all peoples, whatever their religion, their philosophy or their politics. It comes on the anniversary of the meeting of Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, at Abu Dhabi, February 4, 2019. At that meeting, Pope Francis recalls: “*we resolutely [declared] that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood. These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of the power of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women... God, the Almighty, has no need to be defended by anyone and does not want his name to be used to terrorize people*”.

As yet another West African country, Burkina Faso, flounders under the pain of religion-influenced inter-communal strife and terrorist-induced collapse of normality, we in Europe are faced with the prospect of war on our borders too. The final paragraph of the communiqué from Pope Francis and Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb reads: “*In the name of God and of everything stated thus far, [we] declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard*”.

Let us pray that our politicians heed their counsel.

*Terry*

# Parish Notice Board

## NEW COVID GUIDELINES

*These guidelines have been given by the Archdiocese, to be reviewed again before Holy Week:*

- Face Coverings are highly recommended for all.
- Hands to be sanitised on entry
- Sign of peace can be restored
- Good ventilation
- No need for social distancing, though a space can be offered to those who need it.
- This advice can be found at: [www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/)

The funeral of  
**CATHERINE ANN BOWLES**,  
of Rosslyn St., L17,  
who died on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022,  
aged 80 years,  
will take place in this church on  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**at 11.30am**

We extend our sympathy to all  
her family.  
**May she rest in peace.**

## Seen on a Road-Side Bill-Board

**“If all the UK washes  
colder we can save as  
much CO2 as taking  
every car out of  
Liverpool”**

**Wash at 30°**

Thanks to Barbara and Moira

## Lottery Results 22/01/21

**03 05 07 08 09 10**

**Jackpot £350.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Friday 11.00 – 13.00  
Sacrament of Reconciliation available**

Feast of **THE PRESENTATION**  
of Our Lord  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Mass at 9.00am

**First Friday of the Month**  
4<sup>th</sup> February: **World Fraternity Day**  
Mass at 9.30am  
*Every year on February 4th, the  
International Day of Human Fraternity  
seeks to promote cultural and religious  
tolerance. The day also focuses on  
interfaith harmony, dialogue, and mutual  
respect.*

## Could you be a deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

**Tuesday 22 February 2022**

7.30-9pm (refreshments from 7pm)

**St Gregory's Parish House**

Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening,

please email [diaconate@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

## Collection for PAX CHRISTI

£57.00 was raised by last week's Retiring Collection. Many thanks for your participation.

At this time of heightening tension in Ukraine, Pax Christi's work for peace is greatly appreciated.

## MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

6pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb  
in Guild Room

## Preparation Course for Infant Baptism

Fr. Ferdinand intends to start a new course to prepare infant baptisms. If you intend to request baptism for your infant in the coming months, please inform him on:

0151 709 8589

## LGBTQ+ Catholics

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 20th February 2022 beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at:

St Richard's  
Mayfield Street  
Atherton  
M46 0AQ

*If you are attending please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes.*

Fr Maloney  
0151 287 8787

[frsmaloney@aol.com](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.com)

## LITTLE CHURCH

Will begin Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10am Mass and every Sunday morning.

## Offerings on 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Envelopes £37.00

Plate £109.00

**Thank you**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Frank BENJAMIN, Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Raymond JOYCE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Cathy MURRAY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, David THOMAS, Camila WILD

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

**And for those who have died:** Catherine BOWLES, Lee GLANVILLE, Mary HAINS, 17/1/22) Fionnt'An McGARVEY