



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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4th Sunday Year B

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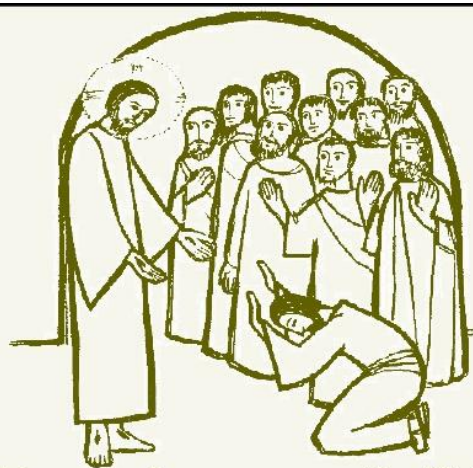
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Mass Times

Sunday (streamed)	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday	09.00

Mass Intentions

- Sun 31: William & Marion Reid
- Mon 01: Sick of the parish
- Tue 02: Tessie Flannigin
- Wed 03: Patricia Crane
- Thu 04: Special Intention
- Fri 05: Sarah Paul
- Sat 06: Bobby Almond
- Sun 07: Parishioners



“I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

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Homily Notes

Jesus gained some authority through his education. He knew the Bible, probably by heart, certainly in great depth. It is clear that Jesus knew God through his familiarity with the Word of God in the Bible; not just reading it but studying it and meditating it.

The other source of Jesus’ authority is his great love for his Father, God. It is clear in the gospels that Jesus loved God, delighted in God, dwelt in God’s love, sought out God’s presence at night in prayer, in the silence of the desert and at the lake shore. Because Jesus sought out God, God revealed his love for his unique Son ever more deeply.

And this love will prevail over all pain and loss and trauma, over all evil things of this life. This love will prevail over our grief at the deaths of 100 000 of our loved ones during this pandemic. God’s love will prevail for those who have fallen into suffocating poverty in these last months. God’s love will prevail for the thousands of people who are fleeing Hong Kong to come to this country where they hope to find welcome in our churches. God’s love will prevail, for the victims of ethnic cleansing and cruel slaughter, it will prevail for the Rohingya people and for the Uyghurs, for the Congolese and the Libyans and the Yemenis, deeply wounded by the horrors of war. And it will prevail the more we, the disciples of Christ Jesus, allow it to burn in our hearts and shine in our lives.

The more we trust in the authority of Christ, the more we will open our hearts to his love which is the source of all his authority. The more we open our hearts to his love the sooner his Kingdom will reign in our world. Amen.

Terry

The Word of God

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of prayer. The Catechism encourages the prayerful reading of Scripture, so that a dialogue can take

place between God and ourselves (cf. No. 2653). Since the Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the sacred texts also dwells in the hearts of every believer, we are enabled, through our frequent and prayerful encounter with the revealed word, to enter more deeply into relationship with the Triune God. As a living word, the Scriptures speak to us in the here and now of our lives, illuminating new situations, offering fresh insights and often challenging our habitual way of thinking about and seeing the world. The interplay of prayer and the reading of Scripture is seen especially in the practice of *lectio divina*. This consists of slowly reading a biblical passage, then spending a period of time meditating on the text in openness to the Holy Spirit, letting God speak to us through a particular word, phrase or image. The fruit of this prayerful dialogue is contemplation, as we silently rest under the Father’s loving gaze. The Scriptures thus become an inexhaustible source of peace, wisdom and strength as we grow in faith and give it concrete expression in charity and service of others.”

These words are a summary of Pope Francis’s teaching on the Word of God this past Wednesday at his weekly audience. Those of you who receive the newsletter digitally will receive the whole text. The Pope reminds us of the importance of the Word of God.

It prompts us to remind everyone that every Wednesday evening at 7pm, the Bible-Reading Group still meets on zoom, in the hope that we will soon be able to gather again physically around the Word of God. This is not an exclusive group; it is open to everyone.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers for
24th January are:
01 02 06 07 08 14
Prize Money: £1 100

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00
Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available during this time
and 17h00 - 17h30
on Saturday
(in St. Joseph's Chapel).

Fr. Charles

In the Society of Missionaries of Africa, a missionary who is working elsewhere than his own province of origin, has the right to go home every 2 or 3 years to visit his family. Fr. Charles will leave this weekend for Kenya, where the Covid pandemic is less intense than here, and will return in the middle of April. Bon Voyage Charles and safe return. Greetings to your Family in Kenya.

Faith 4 Change

is partnering with Linda McCartney's Food to create a new food growing garden for young people at St Michael in the City, Upper Pitt Street. For more information contact rachel@faiths4change.org.uk
07715 087655

Many Thanks to Deacon **Louis Johnson** for his visit last week and his interesting and encouraging homily 😊

Mass during the week

*Please note the times of Mass in the church on weekdays. We are not celebrating Sunday Mass in the hope of playing our part in the prevention of the spread of the virus. However, during the week, there are only a few people who come and it is much easier to keep our distance and avoid passing on an infection. **Sunday Morning Mass will still be streamed at 10am on Facebook.***

Justice and Peace at SVP

We all know the famous dictum of Dom Helder Camera, the Brazilian archbishop of Rio de Janeiro: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist". A Christian is called to ask that question and to work for the alleviation of our neighbours' suffering. We only need to read the 25th chapter of the Gospel of St. Mathew to know this.

St James writes in his letter, chapter 2, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds?"

If we want people to know God's love for them, we begin by loving them and alleviating their sufferings.

Watch this space.

Terry



Set Free Summit

The "Set Free Summit" is an online course for Young Adults (18-30) on relationships and human sexuality, inspired by St Pope John Paul II's teaching. It is organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stoneyhurst.

Six, exciting speakers from around the globe will lead each session, with discussion and Q&As, beginning on Sunday 7th February at 4pm.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/set-free/>

Offerings on 24th January

Envelopes £43.00

Plate £38.69

Many Thanks to YOU ALL

Pastoral Associate Update:

During these days of uncertainty, the new shoots of life emerging from the ground do bring hope, expectation and joy. Lent is around the corner and we are planning to gather pictures of positivity during our Lenten journey and post these on Facebook and websites. We are also planning on four short YouTube compilations for Holy Week – similar to our Advent Service but split over Holy Week. *Do get in touch if you wish to contribute in some way.* We will be asking for readers, short reflections, artwork, songs – all ages!

The Liverpool South J&P groups are facilitating a Zoom meeting for **St Josephine Bakhita Day (9/2)** which *St Vincent's put on the map three years ago.* 😊 Last year we had representatives from the Salvation Army and the Medaille Trust at St Vincent's, this year **Sr Imelda Poole IBVM**, working in Albania, will share her insights on Zoom as well as **Julia Bayton** from Refugee Women Connect in Toxteth: **on our doorstep.** An opportunity to learn more and see what we can do in large and small ways to support those who are victims and to help combat this heinous crime.

From Facebook "Behind every strong person there is God" God bless, keep safe! Helen

Helen

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Ryan EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Joan HART, Darren KELLY, Maureen MAGUIRE, Tracey M^cCLEAN, Molly M^eEVOY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Patricia M^cInerney, May MURRAY, Maria OSBALDESTON, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Cathy SILKER, Cathy THOMAS

Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, DEARING Family, Mary DODSON, Anne DUNNE, Lilly FLANNERY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Ann NEEDHAM, Ian PARLE, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Johnny CHANTRE (cremation on Tuesday 2nd February)