



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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31st 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

Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree. He stopped and spoke to him with words that melted his heart. They melted away all his greed and his pride. They melted away all his resistance to God's love, and the incredible thing happened. Jesus says, "Zacchaeus, I want to come to your house and eat with you tonight". No condemnation. No admonition. No conditions... No 'If you change', or 'if you convert'. Just a straightforward, "I want to come to your house, now, just as you are. Only get down from that tree and stop making a further fool of yourself". Jesus knew the power of love. He knew too that this man wanted to find peace in his life; wanted to be on good terms with God, with his conscience and with his people. Jesus knew that Zacchaeus was ripe for a change in his life, and he gave him the means to achieve it.

We know that Zacchaeus responded in the most generous and radical way and his life changed. Zacchaeus touched the child within himself, as he had not done for many years. He found his self-respect and new *joie de vivre* – a new, intense joy in being the friend of God that would also allow himself to be the friend of all his neighbours. His conversion was profound, it was radical, it was complete.

This is what Jesus does for each of us. There is no prejudice in Jesus. He does not look at us and say "I can see the bad in you. I know what you have done, in the past, and your mistakes, and I will expose them to all..." That's not the way of Jesus. He only sees the good within us. He sees the love that is seeking to reach out to others, despite our fears and our doubts, despite the mistakes we have made, the wounds we have suffered or have even imposed on others. He sees our desire for peace within. He sees our loneliness and our pain. And he calls us down from our precarious position and says, "I want to dwell in you tonight". *Terry*



Mass Intentions

Sat 29: Edward Carr
 Sun 30: Mary Gunning
 Mon 31: Cecilia Flately
 Tue 01: Holy Souls
 Wed 02: Keith Rice
 Thur 03: Edith Keef
 Fri 04: Susan Morsellino
 Sat 05: Sr. Jovita
 Sun 06: O'Leary/Krabil/ Lin family

Ramblings

We lost a good and faithful member of our parish community this week. Mary Thompson died peacefully, surrounded by her

devoted family and friends on Friday evening. Everyone loved Mary because she loved them. She had no children of her own, but everyone was her child. She was always there to help and to care for others. Now, she will be with God and will pray for us all.

We will need her prayers in the months and years to come. On the reverse of this page, 3 notices seem to sum up the urgency of our needs. One is under the title of "Warm and Cosy" and informs us of the move by many parishes to open their centres and halls to people who are under pressure from the economic crisis; who can't afford to eat and heat together. Some 40 centres across the archdiocese will be open to receive them with warmth and with lunch – as we do every Tuesday morning from 10am to noon.

The second notice concerns the You Tube film, "The letter – a message for our Earth". This film is a "must see" for us all, especially if we are guided by our faith. The letter is "*Laudato Si*", the letter of Pope Francis, written 7 years ago. The film is about why we should heed the cry of Pope Francis and begin a real conversion in our lives and in our relationship with Planet Earth. It brings us face to face with the reality of Climate Change and the impact it is having on real peoples' lives. If you can't access You Tube, please go and watch it with the members of St. Anne's parish, Edge Hill.

The 3rd notice I see as important is that of the TAIZE PRAYER. For me, it reminds us of the importance of prayer. Prayer is the means of staying in touch with Christ. When we are at one with Christ, we do as Mary Thompson; we see the suffering of others and we are led to do what we can in love for them. The love of Christ reaches out to them, through our prayer which leads us to action. Taizé prayer, with fellow Christians from other churches and with people of other faiths, as with all forms of prayer, will stimulate our faith and give us hope to know that we can heal the planet if we just work together. *Terry*

Solemnity of All Saints

Tuesday 1st November is a **Holy Day.**

Mass will be at the usual time of 7.30am

First Friday of the Month

Friday 4th November, Mass will be at 9.30am to accommodate the School children.

ALL SOULS

Wednesday 2nd November
Mass at usual Wednesday time: 9am.

We will remember all those who have died this past year at our Masses on the 12th and 13th November
Remember to place your prayer requests for the **PIOUS LIST** in the basket at the **FOOT OF THE ALTAR**

WARM AND COSY

During the winter months, parish centres across the archdiocese will be open to all as 'warm and cosy' hubs. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits with access to TV and wifi and friendly company in a safe and warm space.

The centres will be open from 1.00 pm-3.30 pm but opening days will vary, please see the link for more details and information on other places in the archdiocese offering similar support:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2561>

OFFERINGS 23 October

Envelopes: £ 21.50
Plate: £ 187.55

Thank you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 11.00am to Noon

Tuesday Conversations



Happy were the participants of last Tuesday's meeting with Imam Ibrahim Sayed of the Liverpool Region Mosques network, our guest speaker. We all enjoyed a most interesting conversation which gave us a lot to reflect on.

Thank you, Ibrahim for sharing your faith and friendship.

Terry

Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths.

It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

All are welcome to participate in this on Sunday 6th November at 6pm in the church.

The Letter - A Message for Our Earth:

Cinema style screening. 16th November, 2pm

CAFOD and Fr Peter Morgan invite you to St Anne's in Edge Hill for a showing of this film. The film will be shown during COP27 which takes place in Egypt.

Register <https://theletterliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk/> The Archdiocesan Pastoral

Development team will be hosting follow up online conversations.

More information to follow.

Lottery Results

02 05 07 08 11 12

NO WINNER

Christmas Cards, and other new cards, are now available at the back of the church, at a good price. Don't miss out!!



In thanksgiving, we celebrate and congratulate **SARAH BENJAMIN** who celebrated her **100th Birthday** last Tuesday.

Refreshments will be served after Mass on Saturday evening.

MISSIO

Last week, Fr. Ferdinand reflected on

World Mission Sunday.

Today, by contributing to the **Second Collection**, you can participate in the mission of the Church.

Thank you.

The Marian Movement for Priests (MMP) will use the Guild Room for a monthly meeting (Cenacle), every last Monday of the month, at 6pm. This will begin this Monday 31st October.

St. Vincent's is happy to welcome them in our parish.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, John BRAGGER, Christopher BROWNE, Lesley CARRYTHERS, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Kai, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Margaret MUCHMORE, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD, Jane MANN.

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy Banks, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Sarah Jane, Frances KERWIN, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO. Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON, A Family trying to conceive.

And for those who have died: Mary Thompson, Mary Hughes, Agnes KENNY (Nee Galvin)