



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Pentecost

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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 31:	Eileen Halligan
Mon 01 :	Adelaide Stamper RIP
Tues 02:	Parishioners
Wed 03:	Parishioners
Thu 04:	Parishioners
Fri 05:	Parishioners
Sat 06:	Parishioners

Homily Notes

Pentecost 2020

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to Mary and the Apostles as they are gathered in prayer. The Apostles go out and start preaching and the Church is born. So on Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples as they were in lockdown, he greeted them saying “Peace be with you”. They were full of joy, but Jesus said again: “Peace be with you”. Why the repetition? It is not enough for the disciples to be full of joy. They have to share this joy with others. They are not to stay locked up; they are to go out and spread the Good News of forgiveness, of reconciliation.

This is still our mission today. We are conscious of sin in our world: rifts in our families, injustice and inequality in society, violence and counter-violence. This sin separates us from God and from one another. To bring reconciliation we are to be like God who does not hold people’s faults against them. We cannot play the ‘blame game’. We have to allow people to make a new start. We have to trust them. Without forgiveness and trust there can be no true reconciliation and peace. It is difficult to forgive and to trust; this is why we all need the Holy Spirit to come and help us.

On this Day of Pentecost let us ask, through the intercession of Mary, that the Holy Spirit may come again to each one of us, so that we can truly bring peace, joy and happiness to the world around us.

Michael

Corona Thoughts

The Church faces two tasks, to

help those suffering in the present crisis and to look to a different future

“SOUTH AFRICA, even after 26 years of independence, still remains one of the most unequal societies in the world. The immediate need to respond to the health crisis cannot obscure the urgent need to create a more just and equitable society once the pandemic passes. The Church must be involved in both struggles”, writes Bishop Kevin Dowling, bishop of Rustenburg in South Africa, in the Tablet on 9th May 2020.

“I hope that as time goes on, we can start to discern what the experience of this pandemic calls for from the Church in terms of its vision, mission and ministry. We are living a primarily sacramental model. The closing of churches and the suspension of public Masses is challenging us to become a different kind of Church. **We cannot go back to what was normal in the past.** We must be a Church which is much more inclusive of the destitute and of those who are suffering in so many ways: the victims of violence against women and children, all those who are stigmatised or suffer discrimination.”

“This requires addressing honestly the systemic issues in the political fabric of the nation” (...) “But it also requires of us as Church to reflect on and discern what the signs of the times call us to be and do, what model of Church we need to create and develop. I hope and pray that this crisis will bring out the treasures of who we are called to be as disciples of Jesus, and to be the field hospital that Pope Francis dreams of. **This means building on what we have achieved in the past – but then, to be creative in imagining something new for the future.**”

Wise and Spirit-inspired words from a bishop in South Africa. Are they not also intrinsically relevant to us here in Liverpool today? As we walk through our Synod process and as we look forward to the opening of our places of worship, what inspiration can we gain from these words of Bishop Dowling?

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Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
03 05 09 10 11 12
Drawn 24th May 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

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 4th June at 6pm by ZOOM. Information will follow shortly.



Good News!!!

BABY HARVEY'S FAMILY, would like to thank everyone for your prayers. He is now out of hospital and recovering at home.

Prayer is a powerful thing!!!

Corona Thoughts

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Is the condition of our society very different to that of South Africa? How can we adapt Bishop Dowling's thoughts to our situation?

The Corona Crisis has exposed gaping flaws in our society: the vulnerability of the NHS, the neglect of our care homes for the elderly and vulnerable, the exploitation of the carers in these homes, the priority of the economy over people over the past years, the injustices of our employment laws, the gap between the rich and the poor...

Terry

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

Pastoral Associate Update: Our Zoom "Stations of the Resurrection" on Ascension Thursday was a virtual collaboration of about 40 parishioners from St Wilfrid's and we had almost 50 from the parish and pastoral area praying them. It was a learning curve for all of us and a wonderful way to come together as one Catholic community in this virtual sacred space. I was also mighty relieved it ran so smoothly! An online version will be made available in due course.

We especially pray with children and families at this time who should have been receiving their first sacraments in these weeks. However, the conversations don't stop because our churches are physically shut – parents, as the first and best teachers, continue sharing their faith.

To support and encourage our families, the Liverpool "God Who Speaks" website www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk can help with many simple activities and ideas that all ages can join in with to create those conversations, as we journey in faith together.

The Virtual Rosary created with the help of the St Wilfrid's Legion of Mary has received over 143 views (by Wednesday), so do take a look and pray along with parishioners and the sisters at Carmel. A friend commented that at her school, a sister had said that praying the Rosary was like sitting down next to Mary and looking at her photo album.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church this Pentecost, we can reflect on what Church is for us today. A Pope Francis quote inviting us to pray: "Come Holy Spirit, free us from being closed in on ourselves and instil in us the joy of proclaiming the Gospel!" Stay safe and keep well, God Bless, Helen

To all at St Vincent's. Despite restrictions -Dad had a beautiful send off from all his neighbours applauding him -to the lovely graveside service from Fr. Silviu from Mt Carmel. Mum came out of hospital this week, thankfully covid free – **THE POWER OF PRAYER.** Thank you for all that St Vincent's are doing at these difficult times - we hope you don't mind a picture to lift anyone's spirits of our mum leaving hospital after 6 weeks.

- **Thank you so much, from the McGovern Family.**



Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Michael BRATIN, Les BURNS, Angela EVERETT, Kathy HALLIGAN, Lindsay MAHER, Molly McEVOY, Kathleen McGOVERN, Maria MURPHY, May MURRAY, Pat O'DONAVAN, Joe PERRY, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, May THOMAS

Also for the intentions of: Cathy ADAMS, Anne BAXTER, BRATIN Family, Lilly FLANNERY, Pat GLANVILLE, Beverley HARPER, Madelene McCANN and Family, Margaret McCREADY, The McGOVERN Family, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Maria MURPHY, Dave NEEDHAM, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, THE TARPEY Family, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, Pauline WALSH, WALKER 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: Arthur MOSS (died 28 May), Kitty FLEMING, Eileen FOSTER, May McCARTHY, John McGOVERN, Bishop Vin MALONE, Nancy Anne QUINN, Marie SIMPSON, Adelaide STAMPER