



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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1st Sunday of Advent
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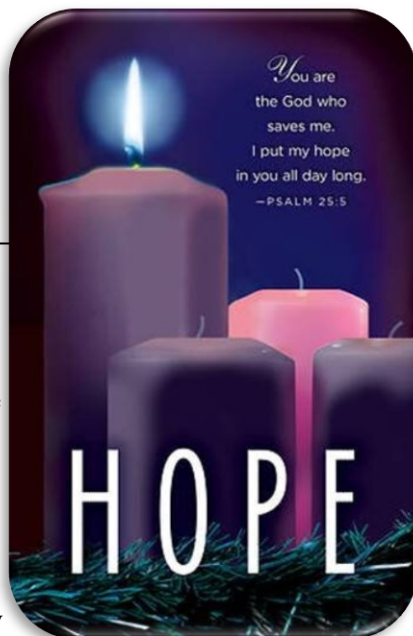
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Mass Intentions

Sat 2: Shelly & Sheila Glanville
Sun 3: Robbie & Agnes O’Gorman
Mon 4: Parishioners
Tues 5:
Wed 6: Sr. Ellen Burke
Thur 7:
Fri 8:
Sat 9: Martina Stewart
Sun10: Baxter Family.

Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00



Homily Notes

St Paul writes to the people of the Church of Corinth that “he never stops thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. Through these gifts, he wrote, God will keep you steady and without blame until the last day”. Are these graces any different to the ones each of us received at our baptism or at our confirmation? No, they are the same. They are the gifts of the Spirit; wisdom, courage, teaching, witnessing, prophecy and staying steady in the faith, he tells us in today’s text. St Paul could be writing to us, here at SVP. These and other gifts are given to us, according to our needs, through the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. That means that we are all gifted, like those first disciples of the church of Corinth.

At the beginning of Advent, we can ask ourselves what we do with these gifts; are they still young and green, like the fir tree we put up for Christmas, cared for and well used? Or are they like the decomposing leaves that have fallen from the trees, rotting in the hidden places of the hedgerows and the road gutters? If they are still green, we can thank God for his grace that allows us to keep them that way. If they are turning into mulch, we can still have confidence in God because mulch is a compost that brings new life and our mushy graces can still turn into bright new, green sprouts, and our faith will be renewed at Christmas. The trees of our faith may produce yet more fruit. Jesus came for those whose leaves have turned orange and dark brown or have already fallen and are turning to mulch, to give us new life and new hope.

Terry

Sunday Thoughts

Walk the streets today and your cheeks freeze. Imagine what it is like to be homeless, to sleep on a cement floor, to be curled up in a shop doorway.

I am sharing this letter I received from a friend this week. It tells us of the ghastly situation in our city whose services are overwhelmed by the homeless, many of whom are refugees and asylum seekers who are sent to us by an inept and heartless government.

The government is frightened of voters who, themselves, are fearful of strangers who only seek peace and security.

My friend listens to his heart and pleads that we at least tell the government what we think of its policies and attitudes – if it cares. Not all of us will agree on the solution, I know. But we cannot allow the situation to deteriorate any further. He writes:

I have been shocked at the recent rapid rise in the number of people sleeping in tents or in doorways in central Liverpool and in other towns and cities in the last few months. I guess that many of you have observed the same thing. Part of the reason for this is that many of these people are asylum seekers with newly granted refugee status.

You are probably aware that the government has pledged to process all asylum applications made before 28th June 2022 by the end of this year. The government however, made no plans to deal with an increased demand for housing that this fast tracking would create. Moreover, it also reduced the period in which people have to leave their asylum support accommodation once granted refugee status from 28 days leaving people with as little as seven days to move out.

Both, statutory and non-statutory homelessness services have experienced an unprecedented demand for assistance. Some services have become completely overwhelmed and have had to close their services for new clients as the demand on them has become unsustainable. The British Red Cross expects that 50,000 refugees in the UK could be made homeless by the end of the year.

I am writing to ask: if you would also send a personal letter in your own name to the appropriate MPs including your own MP. Feel free to adopt the text of this letter if that is a help.

Already we do what we can on Tuesday to alleviate peoples’ pain. What else can we do as a Parish Family? Terry

Parish Notice Board

Mass Schedule of Christmas 2023

December

Saturday 23rd 6 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent Vigil

Sunday 24th 10 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass

8 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday 25th 10 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday 26th 9 a.m.

Mass of St. Stephen. martvr

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December

Eucharist at 09h00

Marie Curie Lights to Remember - Sunday 10 December

All are welcome to attend Marie Curie's Lights to Remember Service at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 10 December at 5pm - 6pm, with refreshments and mince pies served afterwards.

The event is for people who have been affected by terminal illness or bereavement, and an opportunity to come together in our local community, joined by Marie Curie staff and inspirational supporters. All are warmly invited.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

Wednesday 27th December

Register from 10am onwards with Family and friends at the Mystery, Wavertree Athletics Centre, Liverpool L15 4LE

Lottery Results – 26 November

01 02 03 10 11 13

Jackpot £750.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

ADVENT RETREAT

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Sunday 10th December 2pm – 4pm.

This will take place in the church, hopefully heated, and consist of a talk by one of the priests, time for silent prayer, discussion.

All parishioners are invited to use this time to look forward spiritually to Christmas.

Everyone engaged in ministry in the parish is especially invited, for you are the leaders who help us all live our baptismal vocation.

Jesus said to them, 'Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.'



The WWDN Choir is returning this year to give us a *Concert of Christmas songs and carols.*

They were great last year; they'll be great again this year.

Concert begins at 7pm, doors open 6pm. Entrance is free. Mulled Wine Date: Tuesday 12th December

OFFERINGS 26 November

Envelopes: £ 25.00

Plate: £349.08

Animate Youth Service £168.04

Who could argue with that!

Many thanks to you all.

Church Heating

The broken pump has been repaired – we have not yet received the bill – and the heating is on. We hope that it will raise the temperature a few degrees!!

Our intention is to run the heating from Saturday morning to Sunday evening. We will also run it for funerals and other events.

You might stay warm by wrapping up and sitting together!



**Parish Council Meeting
Monday 4th December
6.30pm in Parish Office.**

CONGRATULATIONS to
Frank Shovlin Jr

who was confirmed on Wednesday evening at the Cathedral.

We pray for him as he continues to grow in God's love.

We really do need **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**, who can help in the distribution of the Holy Communion in church and also take communion to the sick. Please do consider if this ministry might be for you.

Christmas Raffle.

Tickets are on sale. The proceeds go to fund the *Tuesday Café* welcome to our visitors. This cost the parish close on £1,000 this year. *Thank you.*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please, don't forget the traditional Christmas Flowers Contributions.

Thank you.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Stefan ASHTON, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Eileen DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Bobby ENWRIGHT, baby Phoebe FENNELL, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Elizabeth MORRIS, Peter O'BRIEN, Ava RUDZINSKI, Martina STEWARD, SWEENEY, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON,

Those who have died recently: Vincent J McHale, Paul NICHOLSON, Marie WOOSEY

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