



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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3rd March 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent B

Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07.30
Tuesday	07.30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.30
Saturday (vigil)	18.00



Mass Intentions

Sat 02: Vera Cartledge
 Sun 03: Baxter Family
 Mon 04: Mulvey Family
 Tues 05: Jim M^cPartland
 Wed 06: Frank Benjamin
 Thu 07: William Flatley (100)
 Fri 08: John Lndon RIP
 Sat 09: Val Warren RIP
 Sun 10: Lorna Hopkins

A Time for Cleansing and New Life

The cleansing of the Temple is found in all four gospels which proves its importance. It is proposed for our consideration during Lent which is a time of spiritual cleansing; we are invited to turn away from sin and turn more whole-heartedly towards God. People were surprised at what Jesus did. They were used to seeing animals and the money changers in the Temple. "What is this man trying to do?" they might say. "It has always been like this." Similarly, each one of us might say: "I have always behaved in this way. Why should I change?" Yet just because things have always been done in a particular way, this does not make that way right. Lent is a time for us to examine our consciences, to reflect on our habits, and see if they are to be changed. Let us ask the Lord to give us wisdom and understanding to realize what needs to be corrected, and the strength and courage to undertake this correction.

Secondly, the Resurrection. When Jesus is asked for a sign to justify his action he replies: "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." By "this sanctuary" he meant his own body; he was referring to his passion, death and Resurrection. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter when we will celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. What does Resurrection mean? We know that Resurrection is victory over death, New Life. But we don't really know what this New Life is. Yet we are called to go forward towards the feast of Easter with confidence in the Lord and with the strength that is given to us through the Eucharist.

Michael

Lenten Fast

Excuse me please if I say that I

was disappointed with the results of Family Fast Day and the low contribution to CAFOD last week; just £48.00. Disappointed that is, until I realized that I had gone through the day without fasting and have yet to throw my meagre penny into the collection! Mea Culpa.

This reflection on my own experience set me to thinking about fasting and alms-giving; two very important aspects of Lent. Our brothers and sisters of Islam will surely have a more productive fast. To start with, they take fasting seriously: from sunrise to sunset, nothing passes their lips, not even water. And they are expected to contribute in alms what they saved by their fast, sharing it with the poor. It's the same principle as CAFOD's family fast day.

Round about the year 450 Pope Leo the great said this about fasting: "Enter upon the celebration of the solemn fast, not with barren abstinence from food ... *but in bountiful benevolence.* ... Let works of piety, therefore, be our delight, and let us be filled with those kinds of food which feed us for eternity. Let us rejoice in the replenishment of the poor, whom our bounty has satisfied. Let us delight in the clothing of those whose nakedness we have covered with needful raiment. Let our humaneness be felt by the sick in their illnesses, by the weakly in their infirmities, by the exiles in their hardships, by the orphans in their destitution and by solitary widows in their sadness: in the helping of whom there is no one that cannot carry out some amount of benevolence. For no one's income is small, whose heart is big. ..." (from Sermon 40)

When I lived in the 5th economically poorest country in the world, Burkina Faso, I was constantly dumfounded that many Catholics would fast from morning until evening every Wednesday and Friday. These are the same people who only eat one meal a day at the best of times. Their choice to fast, they would tell me, was a way of overcoming their cravings not only for food but for other satisfactions that they considered evil or bad for them. This allowed them freedom to turn towards God, trusting in God's bounty and in his protective care for them.

In this super-rich world of ours, I ask myself for what do I crave? Does what I crave for lead me to God or rather to building up my ego that would only turn me away from God and his love? Terry

Parish Notice Board

FAMILY OF PARISHES

St. Vincent de Paul

- Wednesday: Bible Study, (Bible-based prayer) **6.30pm** in church.

- Friday: Stations of the Cross and prayer for peace **6pm – 7pm**

- SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK
3pm Sunday 10th march

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Stations of the Cross Thursday 7pm.

St. Patrick's

St. Anne's

- Tuesday: Alpha Course **6pm**, in parish rooms.

- Wednesday: Stations of the Cross in church, 7pm (No 10am Mass)

- Justice & Peace group meeting at 2.30pm, Wednesday 6 March

CAFOD Family Fast Day 23rd February.

Envelopes are still available at the back of church for your contributions to Family Fast Day.

What does a Synodal church look like?

A zoom conversation led by Gerry Proctor on how Fr Kevin Kelly, a leading Moral Theologian always combined theology and ethics with an open pastoral heart. Thursday 7th March, 7:00-8:00p.m. If you would like to attend, email merseyprophets@gmail.com for the zoom link.

OFFERINGS 25th February

Envelopes £20
Plate £171.13
CAFOD £48.00

Lottery Results – 25th February

03 06 10 12 13 14
Jackpot £650.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

SACRAMENT for THE SICK will be celebrated at 3pm on **Sunday 10th March** for all those advanced in years or who are waiting lists or just feel unwell, anxious or depressed. *Healthy neighbours could inform those who would benefit from this sacrament and help them get to church to participate.*

SACREMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Easter is the opportune time to celebrate our reconciliation with God and with each other. At this tense time of international violence and national stress, it is the moment to repent and return to God. We will celebrate the Sacrament prior to Mass on **Saturday 23rd March at 5.30pm.**

Liverpool Friends of Palestine have a march every Sunday and we wondered whether you would like to join us. We meet at the Catholic Cathedral at 2 pm and march to Victoria Monument where we have speeches.

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Stations of the Cross

For the remaining Fridays of Lent, we will extend the meditation of the Stations with a **Prayer for Peace** at the altar of St. Joseph.

We are grateful to the Young Vinnies for making the **Peace Chapel** a place where people can take a moment to pray for peace.

Friday 8th March Mass will be at 9.30am to accommodate the SVP Primary School children.

The funeral of **David COLE**, of 41 St. James Str., L1, who died on 12th February 2024, aged 89 years, will take place in this church on Thursday 7th March at 2pm. Cremation at Springwood at 3.30pm. We extend our sympathy to all his family.
May he rest in peace.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL
Training Meeting at 3pm 'till 5.30pm in guild Room

Archdiocese of Liverpool Environment Conference
This partnership event between Justice and Peace Commission and Liverpool Archdiocese will bring together parishioners and a space to reflect on climate issues and how our Catholic faith calls us to action.
Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass at St

Pope Francis' intention of prayer for March
Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Carole & Tony GALVIN, Kathleen CUMMINS, Eileen DOLAN, Maria Louisa DRAGO, Joe EDIE, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Jane MANN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^eVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Philip WONG.
Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Carol GALVIN, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Frances KERWIN, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sreya Rose, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE

Those who have died recently: David COLE, John Michael LUNDON,

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