



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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27th Sunday Year A

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Mass Times

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| Sunday streamed | 09.00 |
| Monday | 07:30 |
| Tuesday | 07:30 |
| Wednesday | 09.00 |
| Thursday | 07:30 |
| Friday | 09.00 |
| Saturday vigil | 18.00 |

*'I tell you, then,
that the kingdom
of God will be
taken from you
and given to a
people who will
produce its fruit.'*

Homily Notes

The stone rejected by

the builders has become the keystone.

The readings of this Sunday speak about a vineyard and its owner. What is striking is the care the owner is giving to the vineyard. Yet when harvest time comes, the grapes are sour. And the owner wonders: what more could I have done? Jesus is telling this story of the vineyard to the religious leaders of his days. In Jesus' story the vineyard is leased to tenants. The owner entrusts the vineyard into the hands of others. This time, the owner's disappointment is even worse: the tenants do not produce any fruit and they act with extreme violence against the landowner's servants and his own son. The leaders understand that Jesus is speaking about them. God had entrusted his people into their hands. Yet they failed to bear fruit. The leaders had rejected and killed God's servants, the prophets and now they are even planning to kill the son Jesus. What is Jesus telling us today? God continues to care for us. We are his vineyard. We can ask ourselves, what are the fruits God is expecting from us, from our parish community and from us as individuals? In this time of a renewed partial lockdown, what else can we do to support our neighbours and relatives? Jesus is speaking about the tenants' violence. Jesus offers us an alternative: He speaks about respect and love for each other, recognising in every person a brother and a sister, a child of God. Jesus was rejected, but he has become the keystone of a new world. In these days of worry, let us put our trust in Him, Jesus is the keystone. And let us be witnesses and builders of a new world, with Jesus as our foundation stone.

Ferdinand

Mass Intentions

- Sat 03: Martin Crane
- Sun 04: Agnes O'Gorman & Kathleen Brown
- Mon 05: Rafaf
- Tues 06: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Wed 07: Lesley Burns
- Thu 08: Sacred Heart Sisters
- Fri 09: McEvoy & Barton Family
- Sat 10: Fr. Michael Hughes
- Sun 11: 1st Holy Communion

Missionary Month October

I have to say that these past few months I have found myself at a bit of a crossroads in life. I have just finished one major task which has taken much of my energy and time over the past six years. Someone else has now taken on that task for our Society of Missionaries of Africa.

With that mission over, I suddenly find that I have more time for myself and others. But Covid 19 has got in the way and made it difficult to explore what I can now do and how I can best be a Missionary of the Good News here in Liverpool. So, I am more than happy to take a month off, find a quiet place of solitude and peace, to rest and to reflect with God on where I go from here, now that I have turned 70 and now that I have retired from "my day job".

I share this with you because many of us go through this moment in our lives when what seemed important and what employed all our time is taken away from us and we are left wondering "Who am I, now"? It is then that we realise that we are not the job we were doing, but we are someone much deeper and much more important than the work we did... Each of us is a child of God, a loving and loved person, belonging to our family and social group, belonging to God.

It is this belonging to God which is what makes us who we are. We belong to God through our belonging to those we love and who love us. It is this belonging which gives us an identity and a value. The isolation, imposed on us by our desire to keep off the Covid 19 virus, interferes with this belonging and shakes us to our roots. How can we be our true selves when we are isolated and prevented from being with the people who help us to be who we are? I understand better now how painful and damaging isolation can be to a prisoner who is shut away, all alone, as a punishment.

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Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
The winning numbers for
27th September are:
02, 03, 04, 09, 11, 12

Missionary Month

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This month of October is the month of the Mission in the Church. With so many of us cut off from those we love, or cut off from the lives and work that seemed to give us our identity up until recently, I wonder if it would not be opportune to ask ourselves the question: "Who am I really? What is it that makes me who I am?" Then, if you realise that you are a beloved child of God and that God's love, experienced by your love for others and others' love for you, is what makes you tick, makes you who you are, you can ask yourself another question. This could be: "How can I help others know that they are also children of God? How can I help them know that they are much more than the material things to which they give so much importance? How can I reach out to the other so that they too can experience God's love, which makes them fully human?"

Stay Safe

Terry

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday, October 11th, eighteen children will make their First Holy Communion in our church. To accommodate them all, there will be two Masses that day, at 10 am and 12 noon.

We congratulate the children, their families, and their teachers on this important day, when the children will receive for the first time the body of Jesus and we say thanks to God for feeding us in the Eucharist.

In order not to exceed the safe capacity of the church, in these two Masses we will not be able to welcome other parishioners besides the children, a small number of their relatives, some teachers, and the stewards.

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This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the corona virus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and the most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal.

Please pray for all those affected and donate online through the CAFOD website at cafod.org.uk/give, or by using one of the envelopes. You can also easily give via text: Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.*

The envelopes are available this week and will be collected next weekend.

Please give generously.

Offerings for 27th Sept 2020

Envelopes £49.00

Plate £101.81

🙏 Many thanks to you all 🙏

Pastoral Associate Update

This Sunday always has a special place in my heart as my confirmation name (many years ago) was that of St Francis of Assisi and it's his feast day. As an adolescent I was most struck by his rejection of his wealth and privilege which first connected me with the concept of Catholic Social Thought. Today we also celebrate the Pope's Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti", which reflects on our common belonging and responsibility very apt for our circumstances today. The FCJs in Wavertree are Zoom-hosting a group reading of the encyclical Fridays from 9 October – details on their Facebook page @FCJCentreStHughs along with a host of other activities.

Do check all the parish newsletters online for various Zoom events. A reminder of the **J&P Zoom meeting** – (our speaker, Christine Allen is hitting the airwaves this weekend on Radio 4 and BBC Radio Merseyside) – register asap to join on Saturday 10 October. "It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching" St Francis of Assisi. Keep safe,

God Bless,

Helen

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Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joan BAXTER, Maureen COOK, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Joyce HIGGINS, Eileen KEEF, Sheila KEELEY, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Danny POWER, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Kelly SHEPHERD

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverly HARPER, Teddy Harrison, Joan HART, Charlotte KELLY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, MIDGHALL Family, Prudence MULENGA, Joey PERRY, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, Terri VALIANT Joan WALSH

And for those who have died: Peter MORAN, Marie Marcella NORRIS