



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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## 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

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. “You don’t light a lamp”, he says, “to hide it. You light it so that you can see and be seen. To be a Christian means being seen and sharing the light of the Kingdom of God for all to see”.

*Pope Francis reminds us that* “Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging.” If they are such a club, they are like salt that has become tasteless. It is good only to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. No, says Pope Francis. “Parishes should be close-knit communities, without bureaucracy, people-centered —a place where the gift of the sacraments can be found. They have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded. “

We should put a sign on the door of the church, he says, “Free admission.” All are welcome, no conditions....

This means that we are all encouraged to let go of our prejudices and fixed opinions. We cannot judge or decide about another person by external signs, like the colour of their skin, or their size and shape, or the style of their clothes. In God’s eyes these things do not matter at all. What matters is what is in the heart, what is inside a person. It is that which we must seek and get to know. To get to know a person means accepting them as they are and doing our best to understand them and love them as they are. This takes time. We cannot rely on our first impressions, as we may be looking through lenses that are clouded and tainted by our own fears and prejudices.

On this Racial Justice Sunday, let us ask the Lord to lift the great plank in our eye, that of our prejudices and preconceived ideas, so that we may welcome everyone into our parish community and into our own hearts, with a balanced attitude and with great charity. Terry

## Mass Intentions

- Sat 04: Patsy Crane
- Sun 05: Karl Jennings
- Mon 06: Bobby Almond
- Tue 07: Foodbank Volunteers
- Wed 08: Maria Osbaldeston
- Thur 09: Ellen Packwood
- Fri 10: Pauline O’Connor  
& Leslie Carruthers
- Sat 11: Walsh Family
- Sun 12: Ollie Coopersmith

## Homily of Pope Francis in the R.D. Congo 2.2.23

Brothers, Sisters, when guilt and sadness overwhelm us, when things do not go well, we know where to look: to the wounds of Jesus, who is ever ready to forgive us with his infinite, wounded love. He knows your wounds; he knows the wounds of your country, your people, your land! They are wounds that ache, continually infected by hatred and violence, while the medicine of justice and the balm of hope never seem to arrive.

*Christ wants to anoint us with his forgiveness, to give us peace and the courage to forgive others in turn, the courage to grant others a great amnesty of the heart. What great good it does us to cleanse our hearts of anger and remorse, of every trace of resentment and hostility!*

The Risen Jesus does not speak just to one of his disciples; he appears to them as a group. Upon this, the first Christian community, he bestows his peace. There is no Christianity without community, just as there is no peace without fraternity.

Brothers and sisters, we are called to be missionaries of peace, and this will bring us peace. *It is a decision we have to make.*

We need to find room in our hearts for everyone; to believe that ethnic, regional, social, religious and cultural differences are secondary and not obstacles; that others are our brothers and sisters, members of the same human community; and that the peace brought into the world by Jesus is meant for everyone.

We need to believe that we Christians are called to cooperate with everyone, to break the cycle of violence, to dismantle the machinations of hatred.

Yes, Christians, sent by Christ, are called by definition to be *a conscience of peace in our world*. Not merely critical consciences, but primarily witnesses of love. Not concerned with their own rights, but with those of the Gospel, which are fraternity, love and forgiveness. Not concerned with their own affairs, but missionaries of the “mad love” of God for each human being.

## Parish Notice Board

### Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February

Refreshments  
will be served after Mass.  
All are welcome.

*Why not stay a while and get  
to know your co-disciples?*



### Did you know?

- That the **Parish Lottery** helped finance the reparation of the Guild Room with £17,000?
- That the **Parish Lottery** can contribute to the new Kitchen in the church with £20,000?

Would you like to join the **Parish Lottery**? As little as £1 per week will buy you two tickets, (you can have more than two ☺) giving you two chances to win the jackpot and you would be helping to support your parish raise the necessary funds for a much-needed kitchen.

If you want more details, then see **Angela Everett** after Mass.

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who are already members for your support.*

### Gas Expenditure at SVP for the month of December 2022

Church : £2,266

Presbytery: £1,823

**SHELL's Profits £32,200,000,000**

### OFFERINGS 29<sup>th</sup> January

Envelopes: £ 22.00

Plate: £ 193.87

Candles £342.70

*Many thanks*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm

### Prayer for Racial Justice

*God of our past, present and future,  
you created each one of us in your  
image and likeness, help us to  
recognise you in each person.*

*As we pray for an end to suffering  
caused by racism, lead us this day to  
walk with one another,*

*pray with one another and work  
together, so that we create a future  
based on justice and healing,*

*where all can fulfil the hope you have  
for all peoples.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

### Young Workers and Students

Every Friday at 6pm, a group of young  
workers and students meet in the Guild  
Room for Gospel Sharing (Lectio Divina)  
and Friendship.

The meeting lasts between one and two  
hours.

For more information contact **Silvesta**, of  
this parish, on 07534 245789

### The Funeral

of Tommy Chandler

will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
at 11am

### Lottery Results – 29<sup>th</sup> January

**01 02 09 10 13 14**

**Jackpot £750**

### Calling all WYA catechists

You are invited to an evening at  
St Michael's and Sacred Heart  
Presbytery, Horne Street, L6 5EH

**6.30pm Monday 6 February**

*This is an opportunity to get to  
know each other, share problems,  
ideas and good practice.*

For more information call  
Ann on 07771 883328.

### NEEDED

### PARISH CATECHISTS

To help prepare children and  
adults for the Sacraments of  
Baptism, First Holy Communion,  
Marriage.

This is a practical way to improve  
your own knowledge of your faith  
and help others do the same.

Only involves a few hours each  
month.

*If you are interested, please  
inform Fr. Ferdinand, parish  
priest.*

### ATTENTION Year 8 Students

This is your time for the  
**Sacrament of Confirmation.**

If you are ready to begin your  
preparation, please register at

[Liverpool Called](#)

Registration open  
from 16<sup>th</sup> January  
to 17<sup>th</sup> March.



### Little Church

is available at the 10am  
Eucharist on Sunday

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Kai, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Philip RUSHBROOK, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON, a Family seeking unity.

**And for those who have died:** Kitty BAXTER, Tommy CHANDLER,