



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

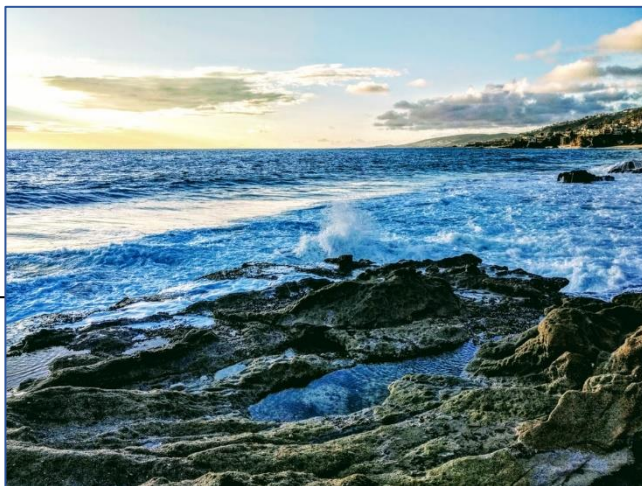
5th December 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

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



Homily Notes

Today's readings breath a spirit of hope. We need hope in this time of short days and long nights.

The first words of today's Gospel are: "the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ". What is this Good News? Jesus is Good News. His message is Good News. In the midst of so much bad news, Mark (the author of today's Gospel) brings us Good News, that God will never abandon us, but comes close to us in Jesus his Son. Also in the world around us, though we are still in the midst of the pandemic and the days are dark, there are flickers of hope. The news about the different vaccines is surely a message of hope, which puts before us the prospect of a life of greater normality.

The main character in today's Gospel is John the Baptist. He was a prophet, preparing the people for the coming of Jesus: He called the people to "prepare a way for the Lord".

What does that mean for me/ us?

In these weeks before Christmas we all run the risk of being overly concerned with the material preparation for Christmas: the sending of Christmas cards, buying of presents, and thinking about the ingredients for Christmas lunch.

All this is important. But when John is calling us to *prepare a way for the Lord* he is thinking about something more. Maybe, we need some time every day to sit down, switch off our phones and other distractions, and reflect in silence: what is the change of heart God is calling me to? How can I prepare a way for the Lord?

Ferdinand

Mass Intentions

Sat 05: Shelly & Sheila Glanville
Sun 06: Parishioners
Mon 07: Parishioners
Tue 08: Holy Souls
Wed 09: Leigh Robinson RIP
Thu 10: John Bloor RIP
Fri 11: Thomas & Christine Alan RIP
Sat 12: Healy Family
Sun 13: Sarah Benjamin

Covid Thoughts

Ponder - Advent

Last Wednesday I went for a walk with a friend along the beach at

Formby. Arriving on the sands, we turned north. The sun was behind, breaking through the dark and rain-filled clouds. When it was bright enough, it cast our shadows before us, two metres long. Shadows of the winter noon.

The wind was cold, filled with humidity that could turn any moment to rain. Tired by the bracing wind and the loose foothold on the sodden sand – it was high tide – we turned round after an hour's effort. Now the sun was before us. I hardly needed to raise my eyes to be unsighted by it and I was startled by the brightness of the translucent, brilliantly white clouds, through which it shone outlining all in its winter gold. Beyond the glowing, woolly clouds, occasional patches of a pale blue sky could be glimpsed.

To our right now, my attention was caught by the powerful, noisy waves thumping onto the sandy shore. They churned up the grey bottom so that the sea seemed as full of darkness and thick with sand. Yet, on the crest of each wave, the golden reflection of the sun sparkled and twinkled like fairy lights, giving off an exciting luminous display of Christmas glory.

We stopped, astounded by the electric beauty of sun playing on the edges of darkness, and pondered. How glorious is the presence of God in creation! Even in the depths of winter, God's living presence makes itself visible to our gloomy eye.

In that moment of wonder, I understood God's loving presence in nature. It was a promise of the Father's constant care for us and for creation. This is why God's Son came to live among us!

Advent is the time to take such moments to ponder and wonder. If there is one good thing that the covid pandemic has given us, it is the space and time to ponder. And Advent is the season for pondering.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers for
29th November are:
01 03 04 11 12 13

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
All are Welcome.

Offerings for 29th November 2020

Envelopes £31.00
Plate £47.00
Gift from Catenians £500

We welcome into Communion
with Christ by the water of
BAPTISM
DAVID BIRCH
son of Chanel Clark
and David Birch.
His baptism will take place
here at
2pm, Sunday 6th December

**ADVENT IN THE LIGHT OF
FRATELLI TUTTI**
A SERIES OF Reflections as part of “Prepare
the Future” given by Cardinal **Michael
Fitzgerald M Afr.**
Monday in Advent
Prayer beginning at 7pm

7 December
PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD

14 December
BEARING WITNESS
21 December
GET ON WITH IT LASS
Zoom Registration: jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk
You Tube: LiverpoolJ&P FB: [jpliverpooljp](https://www.facebook.com/jpliverpooljp)



CHRISTMAS FLOWER APPEAL

*Please place your donation in an
envelope with your name and
intention included. Mass for your
intention will be celebrated on
2nd January 2021. 😊 Many thanks.*

Christmas Church Celebrations 2020

The celebration of
Christmas Vigil at 7 pm,
Christmas Day at 10 am.
Because of the restrictions
and the capacity of the
church, we will have to
implement a **ticketing
system**, by which people will
have access to the
celebrations.

The funeral of
Terry Toohey,
Beloved husband of Theresa
Toohey,
lately of Pitt Street,
who died on the
28th November 2020, will
take place in this church on
Wednesday 9th December at
10.45 am, with Corona
Virus restrictions.
Our sympathy goes to
Theresa and their Family.
May he rest in peace.

⚡Frustrating ⚡ as it is, we need to be
wary of gathering at the back of the church
due to the possibility of passing on the
Corona Virus. So, this year it is prudent **not
to leave Christmas Cards** on the shelves at
the church entrance. It would be prudent to
find **alternative methods** of sharing your
Christmas Wishes, especially with those who
are house-bound or in a care home.

Don't Forget
ADVENT SERVICE ON YOU TUBE
Prepared by all the parishes of the
Pastoral Area.
Sunday 20th December 4pm

Pastoral Associate Update:
On this second Sunday of Advent,
(Bible Sunday) we reflect on the power
of the Word in the scriptures and
realised in the person of Jesus. I
wonder what words are indicative of
Advent for you? I am always drawn to
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.
These “O Antiphons” which have been
sung since the eighth century, are so
evocative of the season. I will be
putting images of the O Antiphons
online,
(www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)
and invite you to consider down-
loading them and displaying one each
day from 17th until 23rd December at
your windows. You can colour them
yourselves, perhaps using the piece of
scripture as a meditation or ask some-
one to colour them with you or use the
pre-coloured ones. It may be a beauti-
ful way of expressing our Christian
identity in these times. I'll also share
on Facebook from 17th – 23rd. I hope
you will participate as this is also going
to be offered across the archdiocese
and it is a way of marking our homes
as sacred spaces as well as being a light
for communities both locally and
further afield. “One kind word can
warm three winter months” (Japanese
proverb).

God Bless,
Helen
PS Don't forget – Synod proposals
need to be in with the Members by 7th
Dec!
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Sheila ABBOT, Catherine BOWLES, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Molly M^cEVROY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Tracey M^cCLEAN, May MURRAY, Danny POWER, Kelly SHEPHERD.

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Joan BAXTER, Lilly FLANNERY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine McCANN & Family, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Prudence MULENGA, Ann NEEDHAM, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Elizabeth, Teresa SWIFT, Terri VALIANT, (Happy Birthday) WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Sheila ABBOT, Margaret CAVE, Terry TOOHEY; Maureen EDWARDS (anniversary) Nicolas GALVIN (anniversary) Lygia WARREN (birthday anniversary)