



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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5th Sunday Year

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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

Go Fish



Homily Notes

Ordinary Time may not seem inviting. “Who wants to be ordinary?” Yet during the lockdown, we were dreaming getting back to what was ordinary for us. Being ordinary does not mean doing nothing. Rather it means living out our faith. St Paul reminds us of our faith in Jesus Christ, who has died for us, but is Risen from the dead so that we might be born again to new life.

Jesus preaches to the multitude from Simon’s boat. After preaching, Simon catches an abundance of fish. Simon says: “Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man!” A normal reaction when faced with the wondrous generosity of the Lord. Seeing the glory of God, the prophet Isaiah declares: “I am a man of unclean lips.” Yet he accepts to be the Lord’s messenger. St Paul confesses that, as he persecuted Christians, he hardly deserves the name of apostle, but he adds: “by God’s grace that is what I am.”

Did Simon really want Jesus to leave? He and Andrew, and James and John, leave everything to follow Jesus. They are encouraged by Jesus who says “Do not be afraid”.

At every Mass we start by confessing our sins. Before communion we say: “Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof.” Jesus says: “Do not be afraid. As God is generous, be generous to your neighbours, with your goods, with your time and compassion. I shall be with you.”

We share in Jesus’ mission of spreading the Kingdom of God, as part of this parish, as part of this diocese called to become the Church the Lord wants it to be, as members of the Catholic Church led by Pope Francis who invites us to walk together to discover what God wants of us.

Let us continue to walk together, relying not on our own strength, but on the graces the Generous Lord gives to each one of us. He is leading us, let us follow him with courage, trust and joy. Amen.

Michael

Mass Intentions

Sat 05:	Patsy Crane
Sun 06:	Tommy Baxter
Mon 07:	Parishioners
Tue 08:	Cecilia Flatley
Wed 09:	Maria Osbaldeston
Thu 10:	Catherine Bowles
Fri 11:	Sr Mary Jo
Sat 12:	Kit & George Everett
Sun 13:	Kenny Kelbrick

Anointing of the sick:

Sacrament of Healing or Extreme Unction?

Traditionally, this sacrament has been the least attractive of all the sacraments. It was called 'Extreme Unction' - the last anointing- because it was associated almost exclusively with death. Calling for a priest to perform the last rites was often a sign that there was no chance of recovery. People postponed receiving the sacrament until the very last moment when further medical help was of no avail.

With the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council, this sacrament has undergone a dramatic change of emphasis, and has returned to its original meaning: no longer is it to be called Extreme Unction but the 'Anointing of the Sick'. The emphasis is on healing, strengthening, and comforting the person. The Sacrament is intended in the first place for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, those suffering from serious mental stress, those preparing for major surgery and also for those who are dying. Ideally, the anointing should be a community celebration, drawing the sick person out of a sense of isolation, and underlining that the sick person continues to be part of the community.

No longer must we be afraid of this sacrament for it stands for the healing power of Jesus reaching out compassionately to all those who are weighed down by sickness and the challenges of old age.

On Sunday the 13th, at 3 pm, we will have a common celebration of prayer and anointing of the sick in this church.

We invite those who wish to be anointed (the sick and the elderly), their carers and family members and other members of the Parish Community. *Ferdinand*

Parish Notice Board

Sacrament of the Sick

Following the Celebration of **Our Lady of Lourdes** on Friday 11th

February, there will be an opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick**.

This will be in church on **Sunday 13th February at 3pm.**

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is offered to all those who are unwell or who feel the weight of old age.

If you are in need of transport to attend this sacrament, please inform Fr. Ferdinand or a member of the Parish Council.

Could you be a deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you feel a calling to a deeper service of the Church Community, please consider attending the following meeting:

Tuesday 22 February 2022
7.30-9pm (refreshments from 7pm)
St Gregory's Parish House
Weldbank Lane, Chorley
PR7 3NW

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Lottery Results 29/01/21

01 05 06 08 12 13

Jackpot £400

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
Sacrament of Reconciliation available**



We all know St. Josephine Bakhita now. Her feast day is Tuesday 8th February.

Do we know, however, that she is the patron saint of all women, children and men who are still taken into captivity today and forced to work in slave-like conditions, against their will?

“In October 2019 the nation was shocked when 39 people were found dead in the back of a trailer in West Thurrock. The truth is that people are being trafficked into our country every day – seduced by criminal gangs who ruthlessly exploit their dreams and bind them over to slave labour. We can all play our part in fighting this menace. It is all around us: in car washes, nail bars, restaurants, brothels, cannabis farms, and people’s homes. (...) We should all be vigilant, report any suspicion we may have; and we can always wash our own cars.” ... “Modern slavery is an abhorrent crime, often hitting the most vulnerable in our society; immigrants, women, children, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and mental health issues, those struggling the most to get a job.”

Jackie Doyle-Price, MP for Thurrock

**Anti-slavery vigil at St. Anne's Parish,
Overbury Street
This Tuesday at 7pm**

LITTLE CHURCH

Will begin next Sunday 13th February at 10am Mass and every Sunday morning.

Grow Well Together

*(The Garden at St. Michael's,
Upper Pitt Street)*

They offer a new free **Nature4Health** course starting on 22nd February. Anyone at or connected with St. Vincent's is invited.

There are no special requirements, it's open to anyone 18+ who has an interest in nature and gardening.

It consists of twelve gentle weekly sessions in and around the garden to help people feel good, connect and grow well.

Sessions run on Tuesdays from 22nd February 1-3pm. We'll be offering indoor activities if the weather is wet.

To know more, see the poster on the notice board or visit Kath Pace, Growing Support & Communication Worker | Faiths4Change, at St. Michael's



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*Happy
NEW
YEAR
To
Our
Chinese
Friends*

Offerings on 29th January

Envelopes £102.00

Plate £203.00

Thank you

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, , Betty CARDEN, Vera CARTLEDGE, Lloyd CHUNG, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Raymond JOYCE, Mary MELODY, Cathy MURRAY, Jean PERRY, John PHILLIPS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Jean TAYLOR, David THOMAS, Camila WILD
Also, for the intentions of: Anne & Joan BAXTER, Denise BELL, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M'CANN & Family, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON

And for those who have died: Frank BENJAMIN, Catherine BOWLES, Lee GLANVILLE, Mary HAINS, Fionnt'An McGARVEY, Caroline SLOCOMBE