



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

You will show me the path of life,
the fulness of joy in your presence,

Oh Lord.

Psalm 16:11

Mass Intentions

Sat 04: Special Intention
 Sun 05: Cecilia Flatley
 Mon 06: Parishioners
 Tues 07: Katherine Coopersmith
 Wed 08: Special Occasion
 Thur 09: Varese V Samuel
 Fri 10: Jean Ennis RIP
 Sat 11: Healy Family
 Sun 12: Lesley Carruthers,
 Pauline O'Connor, David
 Tague RIP

Homily Notes

The route to true Leadership

The three readings converge on the theme of leaders and leadership.

The prophecy of Malachi comes in a context in which Haggai and Zacharia had given good leadership after the exile. The Temple had been built and the community flourished. But this period was followed by a phase in which the thirst for God diminished and community life had deteriorated in general. The prophet Malachi awakened the people to their true calling by pointing out what was going wrong. He had a message for the spiritual leaders (priests), who had lost their vigour and favour and were failing to bring people to God through worship and sound teaching. The people were both estranged from God and from one another (Mal.1:14-2:2.8-10)

In the Gospel reading (Mt 23:1-12), the pharisees and the scribes, though zealous, had failed to provide good faith leadership. They had distorted the law and turned it into a burden, they dressed in a manner meant to win admiration, and they loved titles which gave rise to a hierarchical structure. This love for honour and titles created obstacles to people's experience of brotherhood and sisterhood in the family of God.

In the second reading St Paul comes across as a leader who is devoted, enthusiastic, hardworking, full of love for his people, and always ready to share the word of God. He gives a sound teaching that is based on his personal relationship with Christ and not on human wisdom (1 Thes 2:7-9.13). Paul is presented here as an example of a good leader.

The words of Malachi, the admonition of Jesus, and the example of Paul are meant to awaken us to our true calling, and to remind us that the route to true leadership is through the service of God in all things. As we search for our true selves in God, and for the true leadership; ours can be the psalm 16:11: "You show me the path of life"....

Fr Charles

The Church of the Future: Extracts from the Homily of Pope Francis at the closing Mass of the first session of the Synod on 29.10. 2023.

It is important to look at the "principle and foundation" from which everything begins ever anew: by loving. Loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbour as ourselves. Not our strategies, our human calculations, the ways of the world, but love of God and neighbour: that is the heart of everything.

To love is to adore. Adoration is the first response we can offer to God's gratuitous and astonishing love. The amazement of adoration, the wonder of worship, is something essential in the life of the Church, especially in our own day in which we have abandoned the practice of adoration.

We are always at risk of thinking that we can "control God", that we can confine his love to our own agenda. Instead, the way he acts is always unpredictable, it transcends our thinking, and God's way of acting consequently demands amazement and adoration. Amazement is very important!

To love is to serve... We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, *that* is the great and perennial reform.

This, brothers and sisters, is the Church we are called to "dream": a Church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters. A Church that never demands an attestation of "good behaviour," but welcomes, serves, loves and forgives. A Church with open doors that is a *haven of mercy*.

Brothers and sisters, the General Assembly of the Synod has now concluded. In this "conversation of the Spirit," we have experienced the loving presence of the Lord and discovered the beauty of fraternity... The Lord will guide us and help us to be a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring to everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel.

Fr. Charles

Parish Notice Board

Wednesday 8 November 6.30 pm
Instead of the **Gospel Sharing** this week there will be a talk by Cardinal Michael on *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Vatican II
All are welcome.

Joint Meeting of the Parish Council and the Financial Council at 6.30pm Tuesday 7th November

Preparation for Infant Baptism
The last obligatory preparation meetings for baptism of an infant in 2023 are programmed for :
Saturday 4th November 10.00-11.00
And Sat 11th November 10.00-11.00
For more information, contact Angela on 07710 394635

From My Life to Yours,
a free exhibition about Servant of God, Fr Luigi Giussani, founder of the **Communion and Liberation Movement**, will take place in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Gibberd Room.
Saturday, 18 November 10am-7pm
Sunday 19 November 10am-5pm.
All visitors are welcome. Coffee and tea will be served. For more information please contact clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com or visit www.clonline.org

Lottery Results – 29th October
04 05 06 09 11 12

Sacrament of Reconciliation *by appointment*

Update from the Deanery Synodal Council

The Deanery Synodal Council have been meeting now for over 18 months and we are now reaching a stage of forging the concept of ‘Family of Parishes’ and the last two meetings of the full Deanery Synodal Council, comprising clergy and laity, have been to consolidate this. The proposal we are working with for Liverpool Central Deanery is Liverpool North, Liverpool South and Liverpool Central which includes the Metropolitan Cathedral. The work is ongoing, but we have a basic plan which we hope to present to the Archdiocesan Synodal Council, (ASC).

The ASC will take place on Saturday 25th November. Eight representatives (one priest and seven parishioners) will represent each Deanery in the Archdiocese. The task of the ASC is to monitor the progress of the Pastoral Plan issued after our Archdiocesan Synod and to reflect on the next step for implementing the plan for our parishes.

Fr. Richard (Dean)

OFFERINGS 29 October

Envelopes: £ 20.00

Plate: £262.80

Many thanks to you all

The funeral of **Marie Therese Reilly** of 18 Southgate Drive, L8, who died on 20th October 2023, aged 92 years, will take place in this church on **Friday 10th November** 13.15hrs
We extend our sympathy to her daughter Debbie and all her family.
May she rest in peace.

Bach Cantata

Barbara Ruzsics *Soprano*
David Lee *Tenor*
Connor Cobb *Bass*
Richard Lea *Organ*
Joe Watson *Conductor*
Liverpool Mozart Orchestra
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir
Sunday 19 November 2023, 15.00
Admission free, retiring collection
www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

Liverpool Lourdes Youth

Are you in year 10 or above? Would you like to learn more about yourself and meet new people? Why not experience the Lourdes pilgrimage? Have a look at the experience of those who have been on the Lourdes pilgrimages;

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JYDXa2Z9VZeFM48ONU8saO64bVOcWtzt/view?usp=drive_link

To sign up:

liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Stefan ASHTON, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, baby Phoebe FENNELL, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Elizabeth MORRIS, Peter O'BRIEN, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON, Sr Mary WINTERS, fsp.

Those who have died recently: Baby Aurora CUNNINGHAM, Baby Leonardo Cuccato GARCIA, Marie Therese REILLY, Nancy DOYLE, Irene GREEN, Paul NICHOLSON

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