



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 18.00
Friday	09.00
Saturday	18.00

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Easter Time 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

God is Love

## Mass Intentions

Sat 04: John London  
Sun 05: Sarah Benjamin  
Mon 06: Parishioners  
Tue 07: Frank & Collette Shovlin  
Wed 08: Maurice Cavanagh  
Thu 09: Henning Olsen  
Fri 10: Frank silker  
Sat 11: Augustine Sisters. ASMJ  
Sun 12: Lorna Hopkins

## Homily Notes

It is said that the disciples of Saint John, the Evangelist, had a motto; "We believe in love."

This could easily be an empty slogan, except that John stated clearly:

*"This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us, when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins."*

The deep truth about God is not that he loves us or that he is a lovable being, but rather that, in himself, *he is love*. By his nature God gives and shares of his inner self. It also means that whoever receives the gift of God's love must mirror God's own sharing of self. God's love was such as to impel him to give his only Son so that we might have life through him.

*Faith in God's love for us frees us from all kinds of inner pressures, and yet at the same time brings us closer to and more completely loving of our God.*

"There are three things that last," St Paul tells us, "faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13). For coming into the presence of God, faith will give way to vision, hope to attainment, but love will continue to be alive and well for all eternity.

<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/05-may-2024-6th-sunday-of-easter-b/>

## Sunday Thoughts

We forget, at our peril, that Jesus was the long-awaited and longed-for Messiah of Judaism, bringing to completion the promises made to Abraham by Yahwe. The disciples of Jesus and the first generation of Christians were mostly Jews, steeped in the Jewish religion. They did not think of themselves as anything else. They thought of Jesus as a Jewish prophet who wanted to reform his religion. They did not think that Jesus' message was meant for the non-circumcised too.

This is why it was so difficult for them to accept the first converts of non-Jews to the new faith. They weren't seen as converts to Christianity (the idea was not yet formulated) but to Jesus, the Messiah of Judaism, the Son of God who came to lead Jews into a new way.

It was a struggle for the Jewish section of the early Church to accept that you could be a Christian without being a Jew. This is the story of our first reading today. It is clear that the Holy Spirit was guiding the first disciples, through the gentile Cornelious, to a new understanding of who can be a disciple of Jesus. It is not only the Jews, but anyone from anywhere who is touched by the Holy Spirit and who believes. The Holy Spirit leads who she wants to Jesus.

It is still a challenge for the disciples of Jesus today to open our community to all those the Holy Spirit brings to our doors. We can get comfortable and complaisant in our practices and our opinions. We are happy to think of ourselves as the chosen ones and then we neglect the breadth of God's love and desire that all people should turn to him and be saved. We can read again and again that Jesus actually went out of his way to welcome lepers, prostitutes, tax-collectors, and we still find it hard to believe that to God they are not 'undesirables'. God has no favourites, but it is much more comfortable for us to stay snugly wrapped up in our own neat cocoons.

Who else is waiting for us to clean our lenses of the smears of prejudice and fear so as to be seen as God sees them, his children, waiting to be loved and accepted as God made them; as God made us too?

Terry

With thanks to Dom Henry Wandsbrough OSB

## Parish Notice Board

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for NUGENT

As we missed the opportunity to contribute to the charitable works of Nugent earlier in the year, we propose a second collection next week, **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May**, for their needs.

The origins of Nugent Care date back to Victorian Liverpool and the pioneering work of Fr James Nugent (1822-1905) in relation to child welfare, relief from poverty and social reform. Through his ministry, Fr Nugent witnessed first-hand the suffering caused by poverty and appalling conditions and took action to remedy the situation.

By the time of his death, Fr Nugent had given homes and valuable skills to thousands of children and laid the foundations for the work currently undertaken by Nugent Care.

Allied to the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Nugent Care has provided care and support for those in need for over one hundred and forty years. While their values have remained constant, their services have adapted to meet the changing needs of today's society.

Today, NUGENT is a registered charity, caring for, educating, and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults through their school, care homes, and community and social work services. *Please give generously what you can to enable NUGENT to continue their work on behalf of the Catholic Church in Liverpool.*

### Peace Vigils

When the Parish Council decided to propose the continuation of the Prayer Vigils for Peace, we were responding to the suggestion of our partners in the Family of Churches: St. Anne's, St. Patrick's & Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

By "prayer vigil", we mean that those who are able and desire to take part will gather in church and spend some time to pray for peace. The prayer will be similar to benediction.

Each church will take responsibility for hosting the vigil, in rotation, once a month, so that the vigil is held weekly, though not necessarily on the same day of the week. The day and time is fixed according to the possibility of the parish.

Jesus says, "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." Again, "Whatever you ask for in my name, I will do..."

The crowds of people gather, heroically it has to be said, every Sunday afternoon to walk the streets of town calling for peace in Palestine. We Christians can also gather, faithfully, to crowd heaven with our prayer. Our faith can move mountains. But we need to be steadfast in prayer and united for it to truly show the Father that we need what we request and mean what we ask. Terry

### Pope's prayer intention for May

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass will be at **07h30** and **18h00**  
This is a holy day, an important day in the life of the Lord.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into the community THOMAS HARRY BIRCH, who will be baptised on Sunday at 14h00.

*Congratulations to his parents, Erin and Thomas. May they and his godparents be an example to him of a true and living discipleship of Jesus Christ.*

### Little Church

It's a few months now that we have not had "Little Church" during the Sunday Mass. A number of people have asked me when it will start again, as they would find it easier to cope with their children at Mass.

The Sisters of Seel Street used to help but now find themselves too occupied on Sunday. So, we need volunteers to take the children upstairs to the Guild Room during Mass and help them, at their level, get to know their "friend", Jesus. Volunteers are welcome.

Terry

### OFFERINGS 28<sup>th</sup> April

Envelopes £25.00  
Plate £217.18  
Many thanks

### Lottery Results – 28th April

**01 03 04 07 10 11**  
**Jackpot £150.00**

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Joe EDIE, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EOVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Carol GALVIN, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Charlotte KELLY, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sreya Rose, Ronnie SALTERS, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS,

**Those who have died recently:**

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