



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year A

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## Mass Times

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



## Mass Intentions

Sat 05: Barbara Hyland & Sid Bowles  
 Sun 06: Parishioners  
 Mon 07: Special Intention  
 Tues 08: Sacred Heart Sisters  
 Wed 09: Kevin Hawkins  
 Thu 10: Sacred Heart Sisters  
 Fri 11: Patrick Gibbons  
 Sat 12: Robbie O’Gorman  
 Sun 13: Paul & Pat O’Donovan 40yrs

## Homily Notes

Family life, or life in the Church, is not always smooth and easy. There are bound to be disagreements and moments when we get on each other's nerves.

Today's Gospel is from chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, where Matthew has put together some pieces of practical advice from Jesus, on how to live together as a community of believers. Today Jesus is telling us: *If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with him or her alone, between your two selves.*

A wise novice master would prepare the novices for their life as religious, telling them: *When there is an issue, speak about it.* When there is an issue in your future communities or parishes, do not let it linger on and get worse but speak about it!

I think this is somehow what Jesus is telling us in today's Gospel: *If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with him or her alone, between your two selves.*

Often when people have hurt us or have gone astray, there is a tendency to write them off, to shame them or to gossip about them. And we wait for them to take the first step to return. In today's Gospel Jesus is asking us to take the first step in restoring relationships.

Taking the first step: this is what God did in Jesus. Saint Paul writes: *God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not holding anyone's faults against them, but entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

God always takes the first step and is now asking us to take steps of restoring relationships with our brothers and sisters and with the whole of creation. Thus, we are contributing building stones for God's reign of unity and love!

*Ferdinand*

## Season of Creation

*Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our*

*common home. Here is a prayer from the Pope's letter on the environment called "Laudato Si", which we might say after Communion or at any time this month:*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

○ God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

# Parish Notice Board

## Lottery Results

The winning numbers for  
30<sup>th</sup> August are:

**01 04 07 10 12 13**

Congratulations to the



of £150

## Sisters of Charity, Seel Street

This weekend is the Feast of St. Theresa of Kolkata, the Foundress of the Sisters of Charity in Seel Street, who, for more than 40 years, have been doing sterling work for the good of the poor in our city. We wish them a very blessed and happy feast day.

## Offerings for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Envelopes £51.00

Plate £104.50

Candles 59.20

Flowers £53.00

Holy Souls £13.00

💰 Many thanks to you all 💰

Today, you will receive an invitation to join the **PARISH LOTTERY**. If you are already subscribed to the lottery, please pass on this invitation to a friend or neighbour. Many thanks.  
*Ferdinand.*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

## HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Michael O'Neil will be giving his Annual Talk and Tour of the SVP church and organ from 16h00 – 17h00. All are welcome

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/church-of-st-vincent-de-paul-liverpool>

## Pastoral Associate Update

As the vibrancy of summer begins to fade, the rhythm of the seasonal change makes itself known: my morning alarm is now honking geese as they pass my window and gather for migration on the marsh - this Creation Time Season seems very real

(<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>).

Our environmental interconnectedness, especially during COVID has highlighted our interdependencies and watching those geese flying in formation together, I was struck with gratitude for the support we have been able to give one another during these months, however modest. Have a great week ahead especially to our youngsters and school staff as they settle into their first full week of studies.

God Bless, *Helen*

## Pope Francis shared these thoughts on Solidarity at his General Audience of 2 September 2020

Pope Francis admitted that the word “solidarity” may seem a little worn and poorly understood. Solidarity is more than “a few sporadic acts of generosity.” Rather, he said, solidarity involves creating a mindset which thinks “in terms of community and the priority of life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few.” More than that, said the Pope, solidarity “is a matter of justice.” A healthy and fruitful interdependence “needs strong roots in the humanity and nature created by God; it needs respect for faces and for the land.”



“Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?”

“The company.” said Tiny Dragon.

jamesnorbury.com

Helen Jones shares this cartoon by James Norbury with us.

## Prayer List : A Gentle Reminder

It is a Good and Generous thing to pray for the sick and those who ask for our prayers. It is even better when the whole community shares that prayer. To avoid the list getting too long to be read out in the Eucharist, and to avoid names remaining on the list when the person's circumstances have changed, we only publish those intentions that have been received during the week, even if this means that one needs to renew the intentions weekly. You can request, in writing, that an intention be repeated weekly until further notice but, then, you need to remember to inform us when that time arrives. Our Facebook Admin, Fran Williams, is still happy to receive requests through Messenger but needs to have these in by Thursday evening each week in time to collate for the newsletter to be printed. We thank her for this generous service to the community.

Thank you, *The Editor.*

## Prayer Intentions

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, John BIRKENHEAD, Tony EDWARDS, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Lisa HEALEY, Stella HUGHES, Molly McEVOY, Nay MURRAY, Theresa NALL, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Edna RENSCHAW, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, Matthew SCOTLAND, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, Terri VALIANT

**Also for the intentions of:** Anna, Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Teresa NALL, Marie NORRIS, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, The SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, Joan WALSH, The WILLIAMS Family

**And for those who have died:** Henry ANDERSON, Francis McPARTLAND, Tony MOGAN,