



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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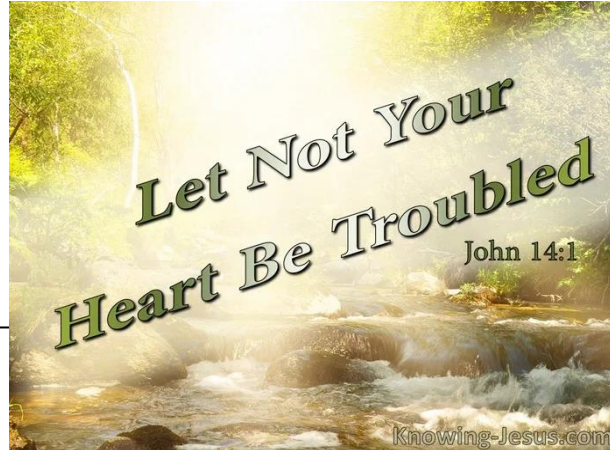
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## Mass Intentions

Sat 06: Vera Cartledge  
Sun 07: Kathy Doyal  
Mon 08: Parishioners  
Tue 09: Private Intention  
Wed 10: Mary Melody  
Thu 11: Cathy Murray  
Fri 12: Mary Tuite  
Sat 13: Vera Cartledge  
Sun 14: Wally Booth

## 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



## Homily Notes

In our Christian community, that is the church, there are two types of service needed; one is one of maintenance or, internal service and the other is mission or external service.

The first is for the good of the members of the community, caring for their needs and ensuring their wellbeing. It might include the service of prayer and liturgy, an essential part of Christian life. It would also include the physical needs of the members, as we saw in the care for the widows in the Acts of the Apostles. It might also include maintenance of buildings and structures that belong to the community for the good of all. It would certainly include teaching, ensuring that new members knew the teachings of the faith, what we would call today catechesis and preparation of the sacraments.

The second service, the mission, is that of going out and spreading the knowledge of the faith to others – to follow Christ's instruction that the Good News be taken to all corners of the earth. This too is essential for the healthy life of the community of disciples. This would mean in today's parlance, Justice and Peace work of the community, the engagement for the good of the local community and of the environment, it would mean caring for the poor and the excluded in society as a whole, not just the members of the Christian community: the work of CAFOD, for instance, of the SVP, or Aid to the Church in Need...

There is no shortage of places where we can engage our talents and interests for the good of the Christian Community and for the coming of the Kingdom.

What is clearly necessary is the need for us all to feel included in one way or the other in the daily life of the community. This is done through our prayer and devotions in support of the community and through giving time and support to the various needs of the church. In this way, we will be a light to the world around us shining in hope and joy for all to see.

Terry

## Holy Communion

When Jesus celebrated the Passover with the apostles and his friends, he shared the blessed bread and wine and said, "This is my Body. This is my blood". He told them to do the same in memory of Him.

When we celebrate the Eucharist (Holy Mass) we are doing it in memory of his Last Supper, his death on the Cross and his resurrection.

Christian teaching, from the beginning of the Church, has always taught that this bread and wine are, in reality, the body and blood of Jesus. Despite some Christians having developed other interpretations, we Catholics still hold tight to this belief.

The Eucharist is a meeting with Christ, alive and present in his assembled community, in the Word that we share and in Bread and Wine we take to eat and drink. All three aspects of the Eucharist deserve equal attention and appreciation. One does not surpass the other in importance and all are essential elements of the Eucharist.

For hundreds of years, the practice was to receive Communion with both elements; the bread and the wine. With the proliferation of numbers, it became difficult to give the wine as well as the bread and it became acceptable to receive full Communion by partaking of the bread alone. It was after the Second Vatican Council that the practice of receiving the wine too was reintroduced, out of a desire to follow more closely the actions and the words of Jesus at the Last Supper.

So, it's good and encouraging that from next Sunday we will be able to receive both the bread and the wine again at Communion. Understandably, some will hesitate, fearful of passing on or receiving a virus or other infection by drinking out of the same cup as another. Medical opinion is, apparently, that the risk is very low and that the renewed practice is safe. There is no pressure, however, for people to receive the chalice. The teaching of the Church is clear; the totality of Communion with Jesus is individually in both the bread and the wine. (Doctrine of Concomitance)

*So, feel free to take the chalice as well as the bread offered by the minister, or to reverently walk past the chalice to return to your seat for thanksgiving.*

## Parish Notice Board

After Saturday and Sunday Mass next weekend, you are invited to stay, take some refreshment and get to know our fellow parishioners. This helps us to create a community spirit.

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Help the priest give communion at Mass,
- Visit the sick and homebound with Communion,
- We only have 3 and need 4 or 5 more.
- Please consider volunteering.

**SVP Justice & Peace Group Meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**  
**New Members Welcome**

### Congratulations to King Charles

We pray for King Charles and his Queen Consort as they begin this new period of history for our Country. May God bless them with good health and wisdom.



(Image: Unsplash)

### OFFERINGS 30<sup>th</sup> April

Envelopes: £ 30.00  
Plate: £ 240.70  
Candles £ 166.33

*Many thanks to you all*

### NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

#### Eurovision 2023 OPEN CHURCH DAY

Churches Together in Merseyside are arranging some ecumenical events to help welcome visitors to Liverpool during the Eurovision Song Contest.

*Our church will be open to welcome visitors on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am until 2pm. Volunteers are needed to be present in the church during that time and to welcome all who come.*

*Please see Fr. Ferdinand if you can help.*

Other Events include:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 9am daily**, meet at the Pier Head, Liverpool, L3 1BY (by the Beatles Statue) for prayer walking the city.

**10am-6pm daily**, various events at [Strawberry Field](#), 16 Beaconsfield Road, Woolton, Liverpool, L25 6EJ.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 11am**

**Peace Vigil at [Liverpool Cathedral](#)**, St James' Mount, Liverpool, L1 7AZ

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon**

**Peace Vigil at [Strawberry Field](#)**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm**

**Eurovision 2023 – Imagine Peace. United in Worship at [Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral](#)**, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ. with contributions from the Salvation Army Brass Band, New Song Wirral Band, and the Joint Choir of Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. **This event will be live-streamed.**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon**

**Peace Vigil at [Liverpool Parish Church](#)** of Our Lady & St Nicholas, Old Churchyard, Chapel Street, Liverpool L2 8TZ.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 11am**

**Peace Vigil at [Liverpool Cathedral](#)**, St James' Mount, Liverpool L1 7AZ

**Feast of Martyrs of Algeria (including 4 Missionaries of Africa)**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Bank Holiday  
Mass at 09am**

### Life of Faith Seminar

Join us on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30pm, in the Guild Room, for a third seminar.

#### Introduction to the Old Testament

*Christian formation nurtures conversion that is directed, not only toward service of the faith community, but also to society at large. Jesus called his disciples to go out to the whole world to spread the Good News of salvation. Christians do this when they use their gifts and talents in the service of others.*

### NEWLY ARRIVED? WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

Welcome to St Vinnies. If you wish to be involved, there are many "ministries" open to you in our Community:

*Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Music and Choir, Offertory Collection, Servers, Preparation and Projection of the slides at Mass Little Church, refreshments, Preparation of the Sacraments, Welcome at the door, Tuesday Morning Café Volunteers Youth Group (Young Vincentians) J&P, IC, Group, Inter-Religious Dialogue.*

**For more information see a priest**

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Sarah MORGAN, Dominic POTIER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madelaine M'CANN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Ronnie & Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Pauline WALSH, Cath WILSON.

**And for those who have died:** Mary MELODY