

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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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 08: Rose Healy & Nancy Farrell
 Sun 09: Parishioners
 Mon 10: Sr. M. Murta MC
 Tues 11: Sr. M. Phillipa MC
 Wed 12: Anne-Marie Keatley
 Thu 13: Sr. M. Adela MC
 Fri 14: Winnie Christopherson
 Sat 15: Desmond Devine

Homily Notes

In today's Gospel we hear how the disciples were battling with a heavy sea caused by a storm, during the night. This for sure was very frightening.

That night, Jesus was not with the disciples. He had sent them ahead of him. Jesus remained behind to have some silent time to pray.

But in the middle of the night, Jesus went towards them walking on the water. The disciples had difficulty in recognizing him; they thought it was a ghost. But Jesus reassured them: Courage, it is I, do not be afraid.

We all know storms in our lives: when we feel tossed by the waves of life, when our plans or projects fail, when we lose our job or become redundant.

Sometimes the storms can be outside, sometimes inside us: when there is fear or sorrow or loneliness.

Just as Jesus came to the disciples to save them in the middle of the night, so Jesus is coming to us as well, to calm the storms around us and in us, to save us and to bring us peace.

But do we recognise Jesus when he comes? We are often like the disciples finding it difficult to recognize him. God often comes to us in unexpected ways. God is a God of surprises.

Jesus comes to us through his Word, through his Body and Blood. But also through the beauty of creation, through neighbours who love and care for each other, and in so many other ways!

Let us open our eyes, our ears and hearts in order to recognise him, who says: Courage, it is I, do not be afraid!

Ferdinand

Corona Thoughts

It's not been a good week, has it? The weather began in an autumnal manner then changed to hot and sultry: another indication of the effects of Global Warming on the climate. Princes Park and Granby were put under new restrictions due to the increase in infections by the Big C Virus. There was the huge explosion in Beirut, bringing death to hundreds, injury to thousands and destruction to peoples' lives. The 75th Anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima and another on Nagasaki a few days later reminded us again, if we needed reminding, of the awful futility, of the immorality and uselessness of war. News stories abound of the mistreatment and the prejudice which are the cause of broken lives, pushing people to violent gang membership, drug abuse, and further loss of self-esteem. Our black compatriots warn us of the dangers of ignoring such prejudice, like the prophet crying in the wilderness.

So much of this bad news come from the selfishness and greed of humanity. Our refusal to take note and to act on the destructive influence of our lives on the very planet on which we live and on which we depend leads us deeper and deeper into the morass. People go out to "enjoy themselves", meet their friends, have a good time. Their good time ends up in an increase in cross-infection; more lives destroyed. People who thought they could make a quick buck on the transportation and sale of 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate 6 years ago see their greed transformed into the abyss of Beirut. We continue to store vast quantities of atomic weapons, budget billions of pounds to renew nuclear submarines, as though we are unaware of the immorality of such weapons and the self-destructive nature of their existence.

When, O when, will we learn? When, O when, will we heed the words of the prophet: "Change your ways. Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight" (Mt. 3:3) *Terry*

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers are:
01 05 07 08 10 14

Offerings for 2nd August 2020

Envelopes £50.00
Plate £148.00
SVP £20

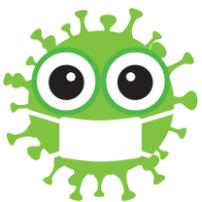
Mass Streaming

In its meeting on Thursday, the **Parish Council** noted the replies to last week's question as to whether to continue the Streaming of Sunday Morning Mass. The 16 respondents all encouraged us to continue. So, the Sunday Morning 9am Mass will continue to be broadcast on Facebook during the month of August and an evaluation will be made at the end of the month. Many thanks to those who replied to the inquiry.

Good Neighbourliness

Many parishioners still prefer to stay at home on Sunday to avoid the risk of infection from the virus. If you know of any of them who would like to read the **newsletter**, please, take a copy to them.

"love your neighbour, as yourself".



We are all aware that the number of infections has increased in the Princes Park

Ward. So, let us pray for the victims and be vigilant in protecting ourselves and our neighbour by wearing a mask and cleansing our hands.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



Do you remember this picture of **Patrick Hutchinson** rescuing an angry white man in a BLM demo in London? A true story illustrating the **"Good Samaritan"** parable. Well, he's now written a book, which might well be worth reading. It's title is: "Everyone against Racism: a letter to my Children". In this poignant letter to his children, Patrick writes from the heart and shares the realities of life as a black man in Britain today, his own experiences with discrimination and the advice he wants to give the next generation to help break down barriers and unite everyone against racism. *Terry*

August 6th
(The Feast of the
TRANSFIGURATION
of Our Lord)

was the
75th Anniversary of the dropping of the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima,
which killed or injured
135,000 of its citizens.

One of the survivors was the Jesuit priest, **Fr. Pedro Arrupe**, who later went on to be the Superior General of his congregation.

Stationed as novice master on the outskirts of the city in 1945, this is his testimony of the moment the bomb dropped:

"I was in my room with another priest at 8.15 am, when suddenly we saw a blinding light, like a magnesium glow. As soon as I opened the door that overlooked the city, we heard an incredible explosion similar to hurricane winds. At the same time, doors, windows and walls crashed down in pieces on us. We went up a hill to get a better view. From there we could see a city in ruins. We kept trying to find some way to enter the city, but it was impossible. We then did the only thing that could be done in the presence of such a mass murder: we fell on our knees and prayed for guidance, because we were deprived of all human help."

On Thursday Pope Francis said: "The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possession of nuclear weapons is immoral". For peace to flourish, therefore, "all people need to lay down the weapons of war, and especially the most powerful and destructive weapon: nuclear arms that can cripple and destroy whole cities, whole countries."

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, William FLATLEY, Joan FORD, Ronnie & Joan HART, Angela KING, Molly McEVOY, Elizabeth MIDSATER, May MURRAY, Marie NORRIS, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER,

Also for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Gerard McCAFFERTY, Madeleine McCANN & Family, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole and Billy RUDKIN, The SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, The people of Lebanon

And for those who have died: Tommy FLETCHER, Anthony MORGAN (died 27 July 2020) Michael BRUDER, Des DEVINE, Norah MARTIN