



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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5th Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times

Sunday	09.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	07.30
Thursday	07:30
Friday	07.30
Saturday	07.30

Mass Intentions

Sun 10:	Parishioners
Mon 11:	Pat O'Donovan
Tues 12:	Lygia L Warren RIP
Wed 13:	Parishioners
Thu 14:	Parishioners
Fri 15:	Parishioners
Sat 16:	Parishioners

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

John 14:1

Homily Notes

Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me.

Jesus spoke these words during his last supper with his disciples, the evening before his death. In the Gospel of John, during this Supper, Jesus gives a farewell speech and speaks openly about his death.

So we can imagine how the disciples feel at that moment: they are troubled because without Jesus their whole future is falling to pieces. Jesus tries to reassure them: *Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me.*

These days of the Corona virus, we too feel at times like the disciples: worried and troubled about our health, about our children and the elderly, our jobs and our finances.

While Jesus is saying farewell, he also makes his disciples a promise: *I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too.* Jesus is speaking about Easter, his resurrection. He says: *On that day, you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.*

The disciples do not need to be troubled that Jesus is leaving them, because he will return to live among them and in their hearts. The people of the Old Testament worshipped God in the Temple. Now, as believers in Jesus, we have become Temples, God dwells in our hearts.

Though we may be worried these days about the future, Jesus reassures us: *Trust in God still, and trust in me.* Jesus encourages us to trust in God who lives among us and in us, to trust in God who will give us the strength to face the future and overcome all that is evil.

Ferdinand

Corona Thoughts

Over the past week, as the number of deaths in hospitals has decreased, thank God, the number of deaths in our nursing and care homes has been dramatically increasing. Media headlines have been warning us of worse to come.

Covid 19 has exposed a moral and pernicious problem in our society:

our attitude to the elderly and infirm; add to them the prisoners locked up in prison and the refugees hiding in curtained rooms and uninhabitable flats. In our eyes, in the Government's eyes too, top priority was given to hospitals and to primary care in the NHS. We failed to hear the cries of the Nursing Homes whose staff were without PPE. The prisoners locked up in their cells and the refugees hidden behind closed curtains did not even have a voice.

As we begin to see the light at the end of this tunnel, we cannot allow ourselves to go on ignoring this attitude. For far too long we have accepted that those who need care at the end of their lives are not our problem. We have accepted that prisoners locked away do not have the same rights as we. We turn our backs on the refugees and the poorest among us, convinced that their own choices brought their plight upon themselves.

In an article in the Tablet this week Shelagh Fogarty quotes the journalist Ian Burrell: "There was nothing inevitable about so many deaths in care homes. It is down to incompetence and a shamefully slow response. But it is also down to structural flaws in the way our society treats older and disabled people." Honour the old. Save the young.

What are we going to do about it?

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
08 09 10 12 13 14
Drawn 2nd May 2020

Don't Forget
6.30pm, every evening
Parish Evening Prayer
at home

Wherever you are, take time to pray with all other parish members.

Let our prayer be united to help us stay faithful to the Lord and to each other during this difficult time.

Leaflets available at the Parish House and on Facebook

First Holy Communion.

Today, twenty two children would have made their First Holy Communion in St Vincent's, were we not in lock down because of the Corona-virus. This is really disappointing, but we do not give up hope; as soon as possible after the re-opening of the church, we will celebrate with great joy their First Holy Communion!

Let us remember them in a special way in our prayer today, with their parents and teachers.

Why are the annoying servants staying in my home all day now?



You are welcome to join us for Sunday's Mass live-streamed on Facebook At 9am on Sunday

Pastoral Associate Update:

It is our faith and hope in these days of resurrection that sustain us as "The Easter People".

The media company for the Catholic Pic are looking for any recordings of you/your household reading favourite poems or prayers (maybe that you have composed) or singing hymns/songs or sharing drawings to upload on their Social Media to encourage us all. If you would like to contribute do get in touch h.jones@rcaol.org.uk .

A reminder too, that Foodbanks are being used more than ever and need your support: Micah Foodbank at www.micahliverpool.com or Liverpool South southliverpool.foodbank.org.uk under Give Help/Donate Food.

Thank you to Jo Wallace from St Wilfrid's, Garston for providing some sing along hymns on our website: I will add more each week: do have sing! "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato (no less!)

Keep well, stay safe, God Bless,
Helen

Parish Finances

Like every other parish we are losing income from the weekly collection during this time of lock-down and empty churches. If your finances allow, you could think of putting aside the gift you would normally have given until the time when we are able to come together again. If you would like to put money directly into the parish account and you bank online, you can set up a payment to: St Vincent de Paul, Liverpool, sort code 40-29-12 and account number 71544519.

If you prefer to set up a standing order to make a monthly contribution to the parish, please contact us mailto:stvincent@reaolp.co.uk and we will send you a form to facilitate the setting up. Thank you.

NEW PARISH WEB SITE:

Thanks to Helen Jones, without whom this was nigh-impossible.
<http://www.stvincentsparish.org.uk> Take a look!!!

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Joe KENNEDY, Molly McEVOY, John & Kathleen McGOVERN (both in hospital), May MURRAY, Pat O'DONOVAN, Joe PERRY, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER

Also for the intentions of: Baby Kirwin, Anne BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Lilly FLANNERY, Patricia GLANVILLE, Joan HART, Paul HART, Beverley HARPER, Theresa HASTIE, Madelene McCANN and Family, Lindsay MAHER, The MIDGHALL Family, Henry MIDTSAETER, Joey MORGAN, SALCEDO Family, Shirley & Phil SCOTT & family, Marie SCOWAN, Terry VALIANT, Teresa SWIFT, David Thomas, Pauline WALSH, WILLIAMS Family, Pray for those who are suffering with this disease across the world, ALL NHS staff and ALL key workers.

And for those who have died: Patricia GALLAGHER, Frances HIGHAM, May McCARTHY née Rodriguez, Lygia WARREN, Patty GAVIN née Edwards (anniversary) Margaret TYRELL (anniversary)