

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

7th February 2021

5th Sunday Year B

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Mass Times

Sunday (streamed)	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday	09.00

Mass Intentions

- Sun 07: Parishioners
- Mon 08: Sr. Dorothea
- Tue 09: Special Intentions
- Wed 10: Dominic Reid
- Thu 11: Sick Parishioners
- Fri 12: Danny Power
- Sat 13: Fr. Francis Allison
- Sun 14: Eileen Lally



Homily Notes

Today's Gospel describes a typical day in the life of Jesus. Let us zoom in the house of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever. And when they tell Jesus about her, he went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. Jesus healed her by touching her, without a single word. And the cure was complete and instantaneous.

The healing resembles a resurrection, a raising up. Simon's mother-in-law was lying down in bed, with high fever, but Jesus raises her up to health, to action, to life. Jesus wishes to raise us up as well: from anxiety and worry to trust and hope, from bitterness and holding grudges to forgiveness, joy and gratitude.

The healing of Simon's mother-in-law is also like a raising up to freedom. From being enslaved to being free. Many people are struggling with addiction, to narcotics, to the internet, to gambling, in many different ways.

If we allow Jesus to come near to us, and take us by the hand, over time he will raise us up to be free, and he will help us to raise up others!

Besides addiction, there is another kind of slavery which is called: human trafficking, a modern-day slavery.

Slavery is not something of the past; there are now more people trafficked and held in slavery than ever before in history.

Modern slavery is one of the greatest evils in the world, and it is happening here in the UK. It targets the most vulnerable in society and seeks to use them as commodities from which to make profit. Modern slavery takes many forms: forced labour, forced criminality, sexual exploitation, child slavery, domestic servitude.

Jesus raised up Simon's mother-in-law from bondage to freedom. We pray to the Lord for all victims of modern slavery and also for ourselves that we may be instruments of freedom!

Ferdinand

Covid Thoughts

In our mail this week, we have received many appeals, each one a deserving cause. We heard from The Right to Life, asking us to petition our MP concerning the **Genocide Determination Bill**, currently in discussion in parliament. They remind us that thousands of women are being forced to undergo abortions in China in an attempt to wipe out the Uighur People. We received another appeal close to our heart. It comes from that excellent charity, **Mary's Meals**, asking for help to bring food to the children of Tigray. We have 3 communities of Missionaries of Africa there and we are acutely aware of their suffering and that of the population due to the government of Ethiopia's violent invasion of the province of Tigray. Then there is the **CAFOD Lenten Campaign** for this year – another excellent and needy charity, mentioned overleaf. Add to that, the homeless on our streets, the people who come to the door... Where do you begin?

Despite the urgency of these worthy appeals, however, we have chosen to bring to your attention the problem of slavery here in Britain, feeding the profits made by those who engage in human trafficking. In the past, some entrepreneurs made huge profits from the practice of slavery and its traffic between Africa and the West Indies/Southern USA, enabling them to build up their wealth here in Liverpool and across the rest of England. Equally today, poor people are enslaved in other countries and brought here where they are forced into the sex and drugs trades and into clandestine labour, and the profit of their suffering is in the bank accounts of modern entrepreneurs and crooks. We too profit from it: our cheap car washes, our cheap clothes and cheap food, our cheap nail bars, etc... The time is opportune to become more aware of this modern evil and to do what we can to end the suffering of all these victims.

Terry

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results

The winning numbers for
31st January are:
01 03 07 10 11 12

Thursday 11th February

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Day of Prayer for the Sick

Mass will be in the church at 9am (not 07h30)
and streamed to those at home.

Offerings on 31st January

Envelopes £41.00

Plate £101.35

Many Thanks to YOU ALL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 11.00 – 13.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

is available during this time
and 17h00 - 17h30
on Saturday

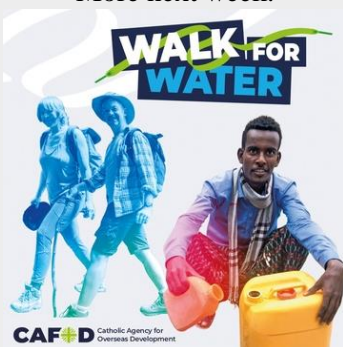
CAFOD

Given all the restrictions on our gatherings and activities due to the Corona Pandemic, Cafod asks us to consider signing up to sponsor people to walk 10 000 steps each day of Lent, as a lenten effort.

Think about it!!!

Tell your children and grandchildren.

More next week.



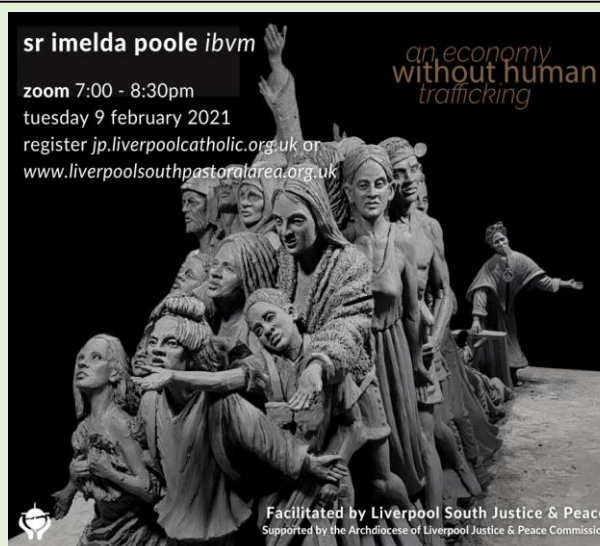
sr imelda poole *ibvm*

zoom 7:00 - 8:30pm

tuesday 9 february 2021

register jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk



ST VINCENT DE PAUL JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP
LIVERPOOL SOUTH PASTORAL AREA J & P GROUP

invite you to join in our ZOOM EVENT to learn
about and pray for victims of Trafficking and
slavery in Great Britain.

Tuesday 9th February 7pm.

Sr Imelda Poole talks live from Albania

on Human Trafficking joined by **Julia Bayton**
Refugee Women Connect, Toxteth .

Register at

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

*Anyone wishing to join others in the parish to
take forward our engagement in J&PIC, please
contact Fr Terry on 07591 106021*

Pastoral Associate Update:

Our rescue cat, Klaus, is finally venturing outside to sun himself on the patio: Spring must be on its way! Maybe you are able to venture out and perhaps even consider walking 10,000 steps a day for water (sign up for **CAFOD's Lenten appeal**).

I do hope you will take advantage of Zoom if you can and join us on Tuesday evening for Sr Imelda's talk on the **Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita** – patron of the victims of human trafficking. In this time of pandemic much of the trafficking may be invisible. These victims are our brothers and sisters on the margins and our increased awareness can help end their ordeal and restore their dignity.

St Wilfrid's will be facilitating **Stations of the Cross** during Lent – all are invited and if you'd like to read a station (we have a few weeks' worth!) do get in touch.

A **Zoom drop in** is on Wed 17 Feb for anyone wishing to become more familiar with Zoom either as a participant or a "host". You can try out buttons or features from 2:30 – 3pm.

Echoes of God is proving very popular – do join any week.

St Josephine Bakhita: "The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate!" God bless, keep safe!

Helen

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Nice idea: Last Sunday, Pope Francis established "**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**". "Their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and guards the roots of peoples," he said. It will take place annually on the 4th Sunday of July, close to the Feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne. Thanks to Fr. Peter Morgan for bringing this good news to our attention.

Scripture-Echoes of God Mondays 7 – 8pm Wk 4 – Wisdom. Join any time: register for Zoom link www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Kenny ALLCOCK Snr, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Judy BLOWER, Catherine BOWLES, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Ryan EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^cEVROY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, Patricia M^cInerney, May MURRAY, Maria OSBALDESTON, Sarah PAUL, Ava RUDZINSKI, Kelly SHEPHERD, Cathy SILKER, Cathy THOMAS, Teresa TOOHEY

Also, for the intentions of: Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, Anne DUNNE, Lilly FLANNERY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, MIDGHALL Family, Joey MORGAN, Carole & Billy RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT, WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Tracey M^cCLEAN