

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07.30
Tuesday	07.30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00
Saturday	18.00

7th July 2024
14th Sunday year B

*My grace is
enough for you,
for power is
made perfect in
weakness*

Mass Intentions

Sat 06: Maria Osbaldeston
Sun 07: Joan Wilcock
Mon 08: Thanksgiving
Tues 09: Oakley & Needham Families*
Wed 10: Stephen Wakefield*
Thu 11: Parishioners
Fri 12: Thanksgiving
Sat 13: Martina Stewart
Sun 14: Doreen Reid

Homily Notes

The relatives and friends of Jesus acknowledged and even reclaimed his renowned wisdom and miracles. But when Jesus claimed to speak to them in God's name, when he called on them to change their ways, even they became angry and wanted to throw him out of the village.

Now, we claim to know this same Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit who inspires our faith, who encourages us to pray, to read the Scripture, to engage in activities that help others and bring relief to others when they are in need. This engagement in faith in turn increases our hope in a better world as promised by Jesus when he proclaimed his Kingdom.

And yet, despite this faith which we proclaim every time we meet here on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, we still hesitate. We still look over our shoulder when someone asks us if we are Catholic. We still think twice before we talk to another about Jesus. We still say we don't have time when appeals are made for volunteers to serve in the community, to clean the church, or serve at Mass, or We still say we cannot speak when asked to be a Eucharistic minister or Reader or help prepare people for the sacraments.

Talking of his weakness and his temptations to abandon his faith, St Paul wrote, *"I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong."*

When we put all our hope in the Risen Jesus, we are strong and inspired and full of Gospel Joy. Nothing can defeat us.

Terry

Sunday Thoughts

On Wednesday 3rd July, Fr. Moses, Moira Potier, Terry Philips and Sr Eleanor from St Anne's parish and I, joined 70 or more people from all over the archdiocese and beyond, at the

Second Catholic Social Action Network gathering. We

have not yet received the promised report and copies of the talks given by the "experts". However, I would like to share from memory some impressions of the experience, so important in the life of the Church in Liverpool.

"Networking" is probably the main aim of the day. We met at St Margaret Clitheroe Centre, but many of the participants had no adherence to the church, even if we all work together. The conference brought together a large number of charities and organisations interested in the areas of the Crisis in Housing, Human Trafficking, Care for Creation, and the Welcome of Asylum Seekers and Refugees. Opportunities were plentiful to meet others involved in the same area of interests, whether it be at the tables in the conference room, in the 4 workshops or at lunch.

The morning began with 3 well-presented interventions, from people with experience and expertise. We learnt of the terrible crime of trafficking and slavery which continues to this day, where people are abused, exploited, enslaved, and even die in captivity. How can we forget the 23 Chinese Cockle Pickers, forced to pick cockles at night, who lost their lives in the rapid tide surge of Morecambe Bay, 20 years ago? It is only 4 years ago that 39 Vietnamese children and adults suffocated in the back of a lorry on their way to a life of slavery somewhere in this country.

We were challenged, as a Church Community, to take stock of and to open the doors of locked up churches, presbyteries, school buildings and other places which could be converted into less-expensive housing for refugees and other homeless people. The conversion done in St Bernard's church was held up as an example of good practice.

These are my outstanding memories of an excellent day, where our faith was again challenged by those victims of modern society whose sufferings pour shame on us who live in the 6th richest country of the world.

Terry

Parish Notice Board



Friday Evening Mass 6pm



This Mass is celebrated with the Lectio Divina Group which meets every Friday in Church. All are welcome.

CLEANERS NEEDED

Many long-serving and dedicated members of the church cleaners group have had to retire in the last few weeks. We wish them well and we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the services rendered and for their own health. We now need to renew the group and ensure the cleaning of the church. Participation in the group would mean one or two hours every other week or every week, according to your spare time. Men can also join! Please see **Betty Calvey**.

"LAST OF THE FUNERAL WINE"

 My Dad, when he retired, joined the group of "older" men who served at funerals. He and his pals prepared the altar and served the Mass or funeral service. They added "panache" to the service which gave comfort to the mourners. Sometimes, occasionally, they even accompanied the priest to the cemetery. 

 Why don't we have such a group here at SVP?  TPM

OFFERINGS 30th June

Envelopes: £26.00

Plate : £219.03

Candles: £355.84

The Chinese Cockling Tragedy In Morecambe Bay

Poem by George Bernard Hough

Young people from China came to our shore,
their loved ones at home exceedingly poor.

They came to provide a better life for parent, child, husband, wife.

Gangs could see the profits to make
If Morecambe's cockles they were to take.

Harvest the crop every day,
using these people for trifling pay.

There now will always be a tie with families who still ask, why?
and Morecambe's bay of sheer delight,
though not so on that fateful night!

Whilst looking 'cross our peaceful shore

we shan't forget those Chinese poor,
forever in our minds they'll stay
a reminder of this deadly bay.

Please read the poem at:

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/the-chinese-cockling-tragedy-in-morecambe-bay/>

LIVERPOOL GUITAR SOCIETY

Summer Concert,

here in SVP.

These musicians have been practising in the church for many months now.

Their concert will begin at 1.30pm, on Saturday 3rd August.

All are welcome

Lottery Results – 30th June

03 04 05 10 11 14

Jackpot £900

A 2nd Collection will be taken up this weekend for **Peter's Pence**.

Usually, this collection is taken on the last Sunday of June.

Peter's Pence is a sign of solidarity with the Pope, supporting his charitable works right across the world and the closeness of the church with the poor and suffering across the world.

Exploring Faith

The next meeting of those who wish to explore further their faith is on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm, after the Gospel Sharing, in the church.

Remembering Srebrenica

North West Merseyside

Srebrenica Memorial Service
At St. Nicholas Parish Church,
Old Churchyard, Liverpool L2 8TZ,
2pm Sunday 7th July

Join Remembering Srebrenica North West for a Srebrenica commemoration at Liverpool Parish Church including speeches from survivors and poetry readings from young people.

Let us not forget

CAFOD public speaking training
Saturday 13 July, 11am & Tuesday 16 July, 7pm

CAFOD is running an hour's training on Zoom for people who would like to build their confidence in public speaking in church – whether on behalf of CAFOD, or another parish or charity cause. Registration link here:

https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Paul BIRCH, Maria Luisa DRAGO, Joe EDIE, Teresa HASTIE, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Mora GOLDMAN, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M^cEVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Martina STEWARD, Abbie SWALE, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Liam WOODS.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Charlotte KELLY, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skylar REID, Maureen RICE, Ronnie SALTERS, Julie SHIELDS Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS

Those who have died recently: Billy CARTLEDGE, Joan WILCOCK.

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