

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

12th July 2020

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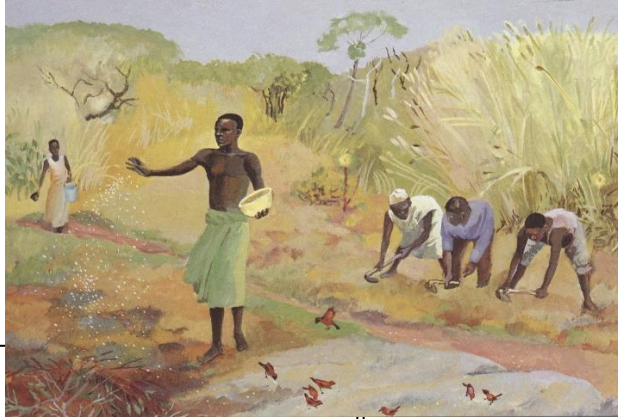
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Mass Times

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 11: Barney Halligan RIP
- Sun 12: Parishioners
- Mon 13: Sr. M Josephina MC
- Tues 14: Sr. M. Francesca MC
- Wed 15: Sr. Marie Chantal MC
- Thu 16: M. Gertrude MC
- Fri 17: Mary Talbot MC
- Sat 18: Des Devine RIP

Homily Notes

Whereas, we always think that you must have Mass to sustain your spiritual or faith life, most Catholics, indeed most Christians, manage to live without a regular celebration of Mass and still stay faithful to Christ and to the Church, sustained by the Word of God.

We often think that the Mass is the most important sustenance of our Christian Life, but the Church teaches that the Word of God is of equal importance. Every Eucharist begins with a reading of the Word of God. It is an essential part of the Eucharist. The Word of God can be read, meditated and prayed at home and in any situation. The Eucharist cannot.

The Word of God is something living, and which gives life. Way back in the time of the prophets, Isaiah likens the word of God to the rain or the snow which comes down from Heaven, giving life and sustenance to all things.

Jesus also speaks of himself as the Word of God. He is the word of God who offers himself to everyone. But it is up to us all how we receive this Word of Life. Does it just fall upon a heart of stone which lets it dry up like the seed on the rocks? Do we hear it and then let the worries and the attractions and the distractions of this world wrap their tentacles around it and strangle it, so that it dies and withers and disappears? Or do we allow the Word of God to take root in our hearts as we nourish it with our prayer, care for it with the love and concern we show to the people and nature around us? The fertiliser which encourages the growth of the Word within us is our *lectio divina* of God's Word in the Bible and the love we share with our neighbour and the natural world in which we live. The more we love, the more the Word will produce in our lives; thirty, sixty and one hundred-fold.

Terry

Corona Thoughts

During the pandemic, the Gospel

Sharing Group has been meeting by Zoom regularly every Wednesday evening at 7pm. This has been a learning process for them. This week one of them shared some thoughts and has allowed me to share them with you here. Anyone can join this group and can deepen their familiarity with the Word of God and learn from it. You are all welcome. She writes:

"I have really appreciated our gathering, and was heartened by a similar response from others. It is the first time in nearly 50 years that I have felt so stimulated and affected by Gospel sharing and reflection.

So, stimulated by our meeting last evening I found our copy of the Jerome Biblical Commentary and discovered that the method of sowing in Galilee was as described in the parable. Seeds were strewn over all the fallow ground, including the rocky limestone outcrops and the 'paths', which were actually trespassers' foot-worn paths across the land, and that sowing was done before ploughing - so that the seeds would have been churned up with the weeds, thistles etc and everything else. So quite an act of trust that something would emerge from all that chaos ! I was left with the thought that, what was later revealed as the 'good soil', where the yield would be, would have been hard to predict from the initial sowing, except perhaps over the rocks. I like that image very much, we can't know what is 'good soil' with our rather limited judgmental eyes, although we can't resist being arbiters - God knows there will be good soil and good yield, but not in any obviously predictable way - it relies on His generosity and abundance and offer to all - He doesn't seem to count the cost of 'wasted' seed in any obvious way. Similarly, as was said last night - we have to sow the seeds of God's love widely and almost indiscriminately, in the sure hope that in His good time and according to His plan there will be a rich harvest. Here ends my sermon !!!!"

Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
02 04 05 11 13 14
Drawn 5th July 2020

PARISH EVENING PRAYER

The Government is loosening the ties of lock-down and life enters a new normal. This leads us to ask the question: do people want to continue with Parish Evening Prayer? **Please let us know if you wish to continue receiving the weekly Page for Prayer.** If we receive at least 10 requests, we will continue publishing it.

If not, we encourage you to look at the app **UNIVERSALIS** which you can easily download onto your smartphone at a one-off cost of £9.00 and use daily off-line. It is a great way to read and follow the Church in prayer. We use it in the Parish House.

Monthly Financial Report

Thank you!

In June, we received the following for the running of the parish:

Envelopes: £242. 00

Offerings and Gifts: £943.40

Candles: £55.75

Restauration Fund: £18.

SVP Society: £25.

And besides that, we received at our door for the 'running of our house' many kg of food and bottles of wine! **Thank you** for your great your care and generosity!

Fr. Ferdinand will be absent to spend some "Down Time" with his family. He will be away from Tuesday 14th to Friday 31st July. We wish him a happy and peaceful holiday.

Hope



During the Pandemic Lockdown, the Synod Team has not been on holiday!!! Indeed, they have continued to work by Zoom. Skype and other social media. The Archbishop has only this week made another video address which you can see on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CebSQXifzM&feature=youtu.be>

In his message, he invites us to continue to share our thoughts and observations on the life of the Church. The Synod Office will continue to accept all proposals until the **1st September**. You can do this on the Synod Web site.

Sunday 18th October will be a special day when a revised journey will be outlined. This will introduce a new period of reflection with a series of local gatherings.

From the 7th to the 14th December we will share the responses of these gatherings.

Finally, the new date set for the Synod weekend is the 18,19 and 20 June 2021.

The full timetable can be found at: <https://synod2020.co.uk/news/post?id=54>
We'll keep you in touch...

Please read carefully and reflectively. There is an awful situation in our prisons, as we can read in this letter from PACT, the national Catholic prison charity.

'Prisons are in lockdown. This means that every prisoner is spending a minimum of 23 hours a day locked in their cell. Prison Visits Halls are closed and all prison visits have been cancelled and we don't know when they will start again – so the men and women currently serving prison sentences in England and Wales are both in lockdown and in isolation, with many struggling to even make contact with their families and friends. We are doing our best to support people in prison, as well as their families and loved ones on the outside, to stay positive, stay hopeful and stay connected.

But we won't lie to you: it's tough, very tough.

PACT are working hard to continue to support worried families, people in prison and people leaving prison who now face a very uncertain future....

Please take time to remember us in your prayers'.

REMEMBER IN CHURCH. ♦ to wear a mask ♦ to keep your distance
♦ to follow the stewards' requests ♦ that you can give your offering by STO or leave it on the plate at the entrance to church ♦ that Communion will be given on the hand at the end of Mass and that you may then simply leave without returning to your place ♦ the stewards will clean up after us.

♦ ABOVE ALL TO KEEP SMILING BEHIND THE MASK 😊

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: John BIRKENHEAD, Kenneth BROPHY, Les BURNS, Vera CARTLEDGE, Joan FORD, Norah MARTIM, Molly McEVOY, May MURRAY, Joe & Jean PERRY, Dominic REID, Edna RENSHAW, Kelly SHEPHERD, Peter SPENCER, Madeleine SPINT.

Also for the intentions of: Baby KERWIN, Williams FLATLEY, The GARTLAND Family, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Lindsay MAHER, The McCANN Family, May McCARTHY, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Elizabeth MIDSATER, Prudence MULENGA, Carole and Billy RUDKIN, The RYAN Family, SCOTT Family, Daniel and Elsie SMITH, Teresa SWIFT, The TARPEY Family, Terri VALIANT, The WILLIAMS Family

And for those who have died: Des Devine (grew up in Prince Alberts Gdns, died 8th April)