

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

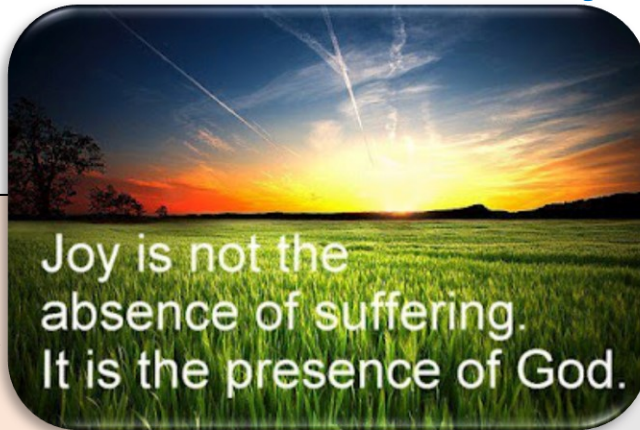
Newsletter

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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

12th May 2024
Easter Time 7th Sunday



Homily Notes

In today's Gospel we are presented with the prayer of Jesus for the disciple at the last supper (Jn 17:11-19).

We can highlight the following as key instructions for our Christian living in the world today.

Be united: Echoing the prayer of Christ for unity, in the Eucharist we say: *graciously grant her (Church) peace and unity in accordance with your Will.* This unity is emphasized also in the second reading that calls us to abide in God through loving one another. Through unity, we can experience values of bonding, networking, and bridging as spiritual resources we need in tackling some challenges we face in the world.

Be joyful: As we celebrate the seventh and the last week of the Easter season, this is an important reminder that joy is vital in our life of faith. For the celebration of Easter awakens us to the utter aliveness of God and God's power over the forces of death. As Easter people, we are meant to be joyful witnesses to encounters with the risen Christ. Like Mary Magdala, we could also say; *I have seen the Lord.* These are encounters that fill us with joy even amid suffering.

Be consecrated in truth: Jesus was sent to the world as a witness to the truth of God's ways. Those who belief in Jesus and are consecrated in truth make a choice against ways of the world which promote violence and death. The community of believers continue to discover the truth with the aid of the spirit whose role is to lead to the truth - *when the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth* (Jn 16:13) and *will show the world how wrong it was* (Jn 16:8). On the Feast of Pentecost next week, we shall celebrate the work of the spirit within and among us.

Fr. Charles

Mass Intentions

Sat 11: Augustine Sisters. ASMJ
Sun 12: Lorna Hopkins
Mon 13: Parishioners
Tues 14: No Intention
Wed 15: Alice Silker
Thu 16: No Intention
Fri 17: Frances Kerwin
Sat 18: Val Warren
Sun 19: Maureen Maguire

World Communications Day

The theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Francis, is 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.'

In his remarks about the use of the means of communications, the Pope writes:

"Effective Christian witness is not about bombarding people with religious messages, but about our willingness to be available to others 'by patiently and respectfully engaging their questions and their doubts as they advance in their search for the truth and the meaning of human existence' (Benedict XVI, Message for the 47th World Communications Day, 2013).

We need but recall the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. We have to be able to dialogue with the men and women of today, to understand their expectations, doubts and hopes, and to bring them the Gospel, Jesus Christ himself, God incarnate, who died and rose to free us from sin and death. We are challenged to be people of depth, attentive to what is happening around us and spiritually alert. To dialogue means to believe that the 'other' has something worthwhile to say, and to entertain his or her point of view and perspective. Engaging in dialogue does not mean renouncing our own ideas and traditions, but the claim that they alone are valid or absolute.

Prayer

*O God,
whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through
word and image. Make them seekers after truth and
advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.*

Independent Catholic News

Parish Notice Board

2nd Collection for NUGENT

As we missed the opportunity to contribute to the charitable works of the archdiocese's own charity, Nugent, earlier in the year, we propose a second collection at both Masses this weekend. Please give generously what you can to enable NUGENT to continue their work on behalf of the Catholic Church in Liverpool.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR CAFOD

The Catholic Association for Overseas Development is seeking a parishioner who will volunteer to coordinate the charity's activities in the parish and ensure their communications with the parish people pass well.

If you can help, please contact one of the priests or the local CAFOD coordinator, Collette, at 07779 804242.

FOOD BANK

Many thanks to the good people of the Parish of Sts Paul and Timothy, West Derby. Every month Catherine and Michael load up their car with the food gifts and clothes collected at the parish church and deliver them to our door. Literally a car load. Many thanks to them all for their support. This is Faith in Action!

OFFERINGS 5th May

Envelopes £22.00
Plate £199.12
Many thanks

Missionaries of Charity MAY PROCESSION LIVERPOOL ONE

This year's Annual May Procession will take place on

Saturday 25th May at 2pm

Start: St. Peter's Square
(behind Sisters' House).

Finish: The Shrine.

Special Invitation

*extended to anyone making their
1st Holy Communion this year.*

For more information, please contact

Jim Ross on 07766 706766

Due to the celebrations of the 1st Holy Communion, the programme for the

Bring and Share Lunch
is postponed.

It will now take place on

Corpus Christi, Sunday 2nd June.

This is the feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, a fitting celebration at which to share food with the community and celebrate the gastronomic delights of our diverse heritages.

FACILITATION TRAINING

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they are for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas to support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you are interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.narsons@rcaol.org.uk

Lottery Results – 5th May

02 04 05 11 13 14
Jackpot £250

First Holy Communion

This year, 16 children, mostly from SVP Primary School, will make their First Holy Communion.

Experience shows it is better to split them into 2 smaller groups. So, the children and their families will be welcomed at Sunday Mass on the feast of Pentecost and the feast of the Holy Trinity, the **19th and 26th May.**

We welcome the children and their families and hope that this day will be a happy one, in which they will experience the Love God has for them, through Holy Communion and the welcome we give them.

Little Church

It's a few months now that we have missed "Little Church" during the Sunday Mass. People have asked when it will start again, as they would be encouraged to come to Mass if the children are looked after. It would be a missionary activity to care for the children if that allows parents to participate in the community's life of prayer. Volunteers are needed to take the children upstairs to the Guild Room during Mass and help them, at their level, get to know their "friend", Jesus.

St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, Whiston are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found at

<https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/>. Visits to the academy are welcomed. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th May at noon.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Abbie SWALE, Alice SILKER, Joe EDIE, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK.

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

Those who have died recently: Philomena M^cManus

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