



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

14th July 2024
15th Sunday year B



Mass Intentions

Sat 13: Martina Stewart
Sun 14: Doreen Reid
Mon 15: Thanksgiving
Tue 16: Parishioners SJV
Wed 17: Joan Wilcock*
Thu 18: Thanksgiving
Fri 19: Parishioners SVP
Sat 20: Shaun Lacey*
Sun 21: Lily Gill*

Homily Notes

Mission Vs Comfort!

Dear friends, awareness of our comfort zones, which hinder us from going where the Lord sends us, helps us to reawaken our zeal for the mission. We tend to find security in what we already know; our food, bags, clothes, money, language, compatriots, climate, etc. The Lord reminds the disciples the essentials for discipleship: sandals, a staff and one tunic. They are to depend on the hospitality and generosity of one another (two by two).

In a period of more than 10 years of my missionary formation, I have been to 19 countries; where I never expected to go. I believe that it was the Lord sending me so that I can understand his school of discipleship. Imagine if I had to carry my Ugandan food, language, clothes, climate; would I manage a missionary life? Accepting the call of Jesus Christ does not make conditions easy but rather teaches us to break self-centeredness to the newness of Life, to rely on the divine providence rather than on our own created world.

Jesus Christ summons and sends us to a big vocation: *I have walked 25,000 miles as a penniless pilgrim. I own only what I wear and what I carry in my small pockets. I belong to no organization. I have said that I will walk until given shelter and fast until given food, remaining a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace. And I can truthfully tell you that without ever asking for anything, I have been supplied with everything needed for my journey, which shows you how good people really are* (Mildred Lisette Norman, *Pilgrim of Peace*, 1908-1981).

Lord Jesus, help us to discern what is necessary in our different missions. *Fr. Moses*

Sunday Thoughts

It feels like we are on the brink of something new! Not only has the English football team reached the final in the European Championship,

but we have a new government, after 14 tumultuous years of government by one party. Admittedly, the last government had to see its way through the crisis of Brexit and all its foreseeable unfortunate consequences; the climate crisis which can no longer be denied and which also has growing, catastrophic consequences for many, especially the poorest of the world; the crisis of war, whether it be closer to home in Ukraine and Palestine or further afield in Afghanistan, or in many countries in Africa; and COVID.

What results from their dealing, or not, with these crises, is that the poorer members of British society, have become poorer and there is a small, but important, number of people who have enriched themselves, either through making profits from the government's handling of the crises or through taxation policies from which the poor suffered the most.

This week's **Tablet** editorial is worth a read (available with our digital newsletter) for its suggestion that the problem of the last government was that it was made up from the rich elite who all went to private, privileged schools. They were protected in childhood from the consequences of poverty and deprivation. As a result, they governed principally to keep their wealth and privilege. Can we hope that this new government, 92% of whose members received a state-funded education in comprehensive, that is nonselective, secondary schools, will be closer to the people and more understanding of their plight?

The editorial goes on to say, "Immanuel Kant's expression, "Out of the crooked timber of humanity, no straight thing was ever made," is one version of the doctrine of original sin. Governments elected with the highest principles are eaten away from the inside by the flawed human nature of their leadership" As Christians, we are well aware of the effects of original sin, even in the best-intentioned people within our own community. We need to pray without ceasing for this new government, that they do not let power corrupt their good intentions and that they remain faithful to the majority of people in this country. They need policies which will lift them out of their poverty and give them hope for the future.

TPM

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 thanks to the 4 people who volunteered this week to clean the church. This gives us a group of 4 or 5. Another 2 people would mean that they could share the work between them on a 2-weekly basis. "Cleanliness is next to godliness". Please see **Betty Calvey** or **Pat Glanville**.

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

OFFERINGS 7th July

Envelopes: £22.00

Plate: £199.01

Peter Pence £164.63

That is a generous sum for us to send to Rome for Peter's Pence. It is a sign of our attachment to the Universal Church.

Thank you, all, for your charity.

STELLA MARIS LIVERPOOL

Seafarers Life on Board Ships

The life of seafarers can be far from idyllic, with many international seafarers regularly completing long term voyages which leave them isolated from friends, family and loved ones for up to nine months at a time. For others it is a career of choice which enables them to provide a better life for their families at home and is worth the sacrifice of time away from them.

Unsurprisingly, **communication** back home can be problematic for many seafarers owing to varying degrees of access to Wi-Fi on ships or in port. Many seafarers choose to only sail on those ships which provide access to Wi-Fi on board. However, extended periods away from home can put a strain on relationships with loved ones as well as on mental health. This has been particularly so during the pandemic.

The Mission provides training courses in long-distance communication with loved ones through its "WeCare" social communications course.

Life on board ship is tough and often dangerous for seafarers who very often have to endure extreme weather conditions, particularly during the cold winter months. Living conditions have improved over the years, but still cabins are functional rather than spacious and vary in quality and comfort. Seafarers face long working hours, long contracts and whilst they are entitled to their own nationality food, sometimes this is not catered for.

<https://stellamaris.org.uk/>

Lottery Results – 7th July

03 05 08 10 11 12

Jackpot £600

A 2nd Collection will be taken up next weekend for **SEA SUNDAY**

This is an opportunity for us to remember and pray for all the brave men and women who work at sea to make sure we have all that we need. Join us to celebrate Sea Sunday and raise funds which help to provide essential support and services for seafarers who often work in dangerous and lonely conditions.

Exploring Faith

The group will take a break for the summer! Next meeting: Wednesday 28th August at 7pm

Terry will be absent for the next 2 weeks, on holiday in East Lothian. Frs. Charles and Moses, will be at your disposition, aided by Nicolas!!

Shrine Friends
Whatever you facing, you are not alone.



Drop-in sessions for anyone who wants a chat and a cuppa. All are welcome, regardless of religious belief.

When? – Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 2.15pm to 4.15pm.

Where? - The Shrine, 4 Dawson Street, L1 1LE

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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, Skylia REID, Maureen RICE, Ronnie SALTERS, Julie SHIELDS Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS

Those who have died recently: Joseph Rogers

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