



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	NO MASS
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	NO MASS
Saturday	18.00

Mass Intentions

Sat 15: Joan and Pat Hart
 Sun 16: Joan Wilcock RIP
 Mon 17: Parishioners
 Tues 18: Denis & Wendy Rose
 Wed 19:
 Thu 20:
 Fri 21:
 Sat 22: Frank Hastie
 Sun 23: Martin Crane

16th June 2024
11th Sunday Year B



Homily Notes

The stories of the cedar and the mustard tree being places for the birds of the air to rest and inhabit, have a purpose for both the prophet Ezekiel and Jesus. It's not so much the tree that is important, rather, it is the birds. Jesus says the birds of the air shall find their rest in their branches... All birds of the air are welcome. Ezekiel, imagines the restored Kingdom of Israel as the promised land with the people living in peace and equal justice but we, enlightened by the Easter events, see in it the herald of the True Kingdom of God initiated by Jesus. He says: "Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind." Every kind of bird is welcome in God's Kingdom.

We are the birds.

Everyone is welcome in the Kingdom of God. We sometimes think of the Kingdom and mistake it for Heaven. Sometimes too we mistake it for the church. The Kingdom is wherever people are doing their best to live in peace and harmony, to love one another and to love God's creation of which we are part. It is where people appreciate each other and respect each other, whether or not we are of the same religion, the same social background, the same society, the same sexual orientation, or the same race. Everyone has a place in the Kingdom. What makes it the Kingdom of God is love, for God is love and the source of all love in creation.

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Sunday Thoughts

To mark Refugee Week, that runs from 17 to 23 June, Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead bishop for Migrants and Refugees for the Bishops' Conference, offers a reflection on three themes - his recent visit to the Bibby Stockholm barge, the impact of the Rwanda Bill, and societal attitudes towards refugees and migrants.

In late April, Bishop McAleenan visited the Bibby Stockholm, a large floating barge moored off Portland Harbour that accommodates asylum seekers - many who have fled torture and persecution.

The visit offered a chance to meet with residents, reflect on their plight and consider the pastoral care we could offer. At the time of the visit, the barge housed over 300 asylum seekers, but numbers do fluctuate.

"The most memorable part of the visit was undoubtedly meeting the residents and hearing their stories," said Bishop McAleenan. "I was deeply moved by their resilience, the commonality of their aspirations and their willingness to share their experiences, which are, sadly, often traumatic. Despite the hardships they had endured, their desire to find a home here and belong to a society to which they can contribute to, is a testament to our shared humanity."

"Indeed, I heard many positive stories from the local community - many going out of their way to provide support and a welcome for the residents. It was edifying to see Staff on the vessel genuinely engaging with residents, providing advice and helpful information to assist them to integrate more effectively."

Bishop McAleenan also reflected: "In the last few years, we have witnessed the wonderful work of Catholic communities across England and Wales, who have welcomed migrants from Ukraine, Hong Kong and elsewhere with acts of solidarity and practical help."

Bishop McAleenan's visit coincided with the recent passing of the Rwanda Bill. He remarked on the distressing impact the legislation was having on Bibby Stockholm residents:

"The result of the passing of the bill was certainly felt onboard. A number of residents had received letters from the Home Office mentioning the possibility of deportation to Rwanda. It is an unjustifiable policy and has created an unnecessary sense of fear and anxiety."

"The UK Government has a responsibility to ensure that we have an immigration system that upholds the dignity of human life. The Rwanda scheme does not do that."

Bishop McAleenan concluded his reflection: "During Refugee Week, I invite everyone to join in prayer and reflect on our understanding and belief that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Let us remember that we all seek the same fundamental needs - safety, acceptance, and a place to call home."

(Resumé of an article in Independent Catholic News June 12. 2024) TPM

Parish Notice Board

Unfortunately, this week there will be **NO MASS on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**, as the community of missionaries will be attending a meeting.

WHERE CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY?

Maybe you are asking yourself this question, thinking it is difficult if you are only in the parish for a few months or a year or so.

We need **Eucharistic ministers** both for Mass and to visit the sick at home; **cleaners**, **altar servers**, **helpers** at the **Tuesday Morning Café**, **singers and musicians**, **child minders** at Sunday Mass, people to **maintain the property**, **welcomers**, **refreshment servers**, **offertory collectors/counters**... And more!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK CONFERENCE:

Archdiocese of Liverpool, 10-3:30, 4th July 2024, Liverpool.

This partnership event between Housing Justice, Together Liverpool and the Archdiocese of Liverpool will bring together parishioners in a space to reflect on social action – through the lens of housing, homelessness and land.

Book here.

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/1yerqfks>

OFFERINGS 9th June
Envelopes : 30.00
Plate : 152.71

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Joan and Pat HART who celebrated 60 years of marriage on the 13th June.

We wish you many years more, in good health or bad, for richer or poorer... Blessings

"I was sick and you cared for me..."

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals (The Royal, Broadgreen, and Aintree) is looking for new volunteers to join the team. Volunteers often enjoy visiting patients and their families on the wards. These visits can include praying with patients and bringing them Holy Communion, or simply having a chat. It is possible to volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Fr Peter by email peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk or by

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT WEEK OF PRAYER

Many thanks to the anonymous donor of £900 for the parish. May your generosity be rewarded.

Lottery Results – 9th June
01 02 03 09 11 13
Jackpot £800

BAPTISM

We welcome into the community through the sacrament of BAPTISM, Baby AURORA, daughter of Chloe Walsh. She will be baptised Sunday 16th, at 11.15am, after morning Mass. *"You are my beloved child, in you I am well pleased."*

Adult Baptism

Two young adults have joined the community and desire to prepare for baptism. They are participating in the Gospel Sharing group on Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm, and will now begin a series of meetings to learn more about our faith in Jesus. It has still to be decided how long this may continue and when they might be baptised. Isn't it wonderful that the Lord is bringing new disciples into our church? If anyone else is interested in studying their faith, preparing for baptism, please contact one of the priests. *Let us keep these catechumens in our prayer.*

🌟 Tombola at Corpus Christi 🌟

😊 *Well done and thanks to the organisers and participants of the Tombola at the Bring and Share Lunch. The grand sum of £144.00 was given to 🍷 the parish funds.*

😊 *Thanks to all those who contributed 🍷 food and drinks.*

🇬🇧 *Many are saying it was a very pleasant and successful morning ✨ and should be repeated more often!*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Paul BIRCH, Joe EDIE, Teresa HASTIE, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly M'EOVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Alice SILKER, 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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