



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

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3rd Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

Homily Notes

Today's gospel gives us the account of an appearance of the Risen Jesus. The disciples are frightened when Jesus

comes suddenly in their midst. They think he is a ghost. After reassuring them that he has risen from the dead and is well and alive, Jesus says to them: "Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled." He then opens their minds to understand the Scriptures.

In our profession of faith we say about Jesus: "For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures." This underlines the importance of the Scriptures. We can ask ourselves: What place do the Scriptures have in our lives?

We can perhaps learn from our Muslim brothers and sisters. In many Muslim families the Qur'an is, as it were, enthroned and given a place of honour in the living-room. I wonder whether in our homes the Bible is given a prominent place.

But of course the Bible is not just to be looked at and admired; it is also to be read. Again we can learn from Muslims. During Ramadan many Muslims make a point of reading the Qur'an. Why do we not try to read a little bit of Scripture each day?

Jesus has promised to be with us always, and one of the ways in which he is present to us is through the Scriptures. He tells us to be his witnesses. If we nourish ourselves through the Scriptures we will be able to do this. Let us ask Jesus to teach us and to strengthen our faith in him. Let us ask him to give us courage to be his witnesses, wherever we are, and at all times. *Michael*



Mass Intentions

- Sun 18: Syd Bowles
- Mon 19: Parishioners
- Tue 20: Kenny Alcock RIP
- Wed 21: Maria Osbaldeston RIP
- Thu 22: Paul Lisberel
- Fri 23: Owen McEvoy
May Rodriguez
- Sat 24: Rose Healy
- Sun 25: Irene Wilcock

From Archbishop Malcolm

Archbishop Malcolm recently wrote to his priests concerning a statement (dubium) issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). It was a private letter but he has since asked that it be published for all to read. We are happy to share it with you here.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The recent response by the CDF to a dubium on the blessing of same-sex unions has caused some hurt amongst the faithful of the archdiocese and beyond. I have received correspondence myself on the issue, with one father writing in a letter that his son, who is gay, "is suffering because he has read about the recent pronouncement." I am sure that the sentiment of this parent will echo the sentiments of many parents, and I have no doubt that this suffering is felt acutely. I also know that some of you will have heard similar sentiments from people you minister to and, perhaps, you have felt it yourselves. It is important therefore that we reach out to all our LGBT+ brothers and sisters, to show them that they have a place at the heart of our Church, and our archdiocese. As Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, has been reported as saying recently, the latest pronouncement should give us greater impetus to another conversation about inclusion. Indeed, our Synod is, in one sense, just this: staying faithful to Tradition, but being open, through our learning, reflection, prayer and discernment, to the new insights which the Holy Spirit offers to us about the depths and breadth of God's creation. We are a stronger and more powerful witness to Christ because of the presence of our LGBT+ brothers and sisters, indeed, because of the inclusion of all the people of God. Far from denying their experience, and the reality of their lives, we should learn from them and hear God speaking through that reality. We would be poorer without them. It is my hope and prayer that we will find new ways of expressing this inclusivity, understanding the language we use, and employing the talents of everyone, to witness more profoundly in our lives as priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful, a fundamental Gospel teaching: that God's love has no limits. *Malcolm*

Parish Notice Board

😊 MASS SERVERS 😊

🙏 PRAISE THE LORD 🙏

We are happy to welcome back our Mass Servers next Sunday and hope they remember their moves!!!

They increase the beauty and order of our liturgies.

New servers are welcome.

The funeral of
JOHN CUMMINS,
late of O'Reilly Court,
who died on 31st March 2021,
aged 79 years,
will take place in this church
on **Wednesday 21st April**,
at **1.00pm**,

We extend our sympathy to
his wife and family.
May he rest in peace.

NEW READERS REQUIRED

Due to the retirement of some readers at Mass, there is a need for new volunteers. If you wish to take part in this ministry, please contact Angela Everett on 07710 394635.

Develop "a sweet and living love for sacred scripture which is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy" Vatican 2, Constitution on the Liturgy #24

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 11.00 – 13.00
Sacrament of Reconciliation available**

Ramadan

As you may well know, from last Tuesday, 13 April, until the middle of May, Muslims are observing Ramadan. This is a special month for them, marked by fasting during the hours of daylight. It is also a time of more intense prayer. During Ramadan many Muslims make a point of reading their Holy Book, the Qur'an. The Qur'an is in fact divided into thirty sections, one for each day of the month, so by reading a section each day during Ramadan they will have read the whole Qur'an.

Isn't there something we can learn from them? *Michael*

Meeting of Financial Council
Tuesday 20th at 4pm
In the church

Pastoral Associate Update:

With recharged batteries, having had a meaningful Holy Week and a joyful Easter, we journey together in sunshine towards Pentecost.

Jo Wallace, the Pastoral Associate in Upholland and I are finalising a follow up to the well-received **Echoes of God** and will be looking at Isaiah 43 and its Echoes in the New Testament. We're using clips from the crowd-funded *The Chosen* (available for free on YouTube) to help us go deeper into our relationship with Christ which, we hope, will

provoke discussion and sharing. You can sign up for the Zoom link through our website or at

www.TheGodWhoSpeaks2020.org.uk and we will be starting **Monday 26th April at 7pm** on Zoom until the hopeful Covid roadmap date of 21 June.

Watch out for the Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) for our Pastoral Area. If you want to get involved do contact me. The popular **fcJ reading group** is looking at Laudato Si each Friday from 4pm – it's a worldwide welcoming group and all are welcome: email them for the Zoom link:

fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com "Each day in itself brings with it an eternity" Paulo Coelho

👤 LET'S END HATE CRIME



Lottery Results

For Draw on 11TH April

02 03 04 08 09 13

No Winner!!

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the **"Priests' Training Fund"**

Please come equipped. 😊 😎

Offerings on 10th April

Envelopes £90.00

Plate £130.74

Month of March bank receipts £415

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Floyd ALCOCK, Tommy & Kitty BAXTER, Catherine BOWLES, Dawn BRANAGAN, Doreen BUTLER, Josie CALVEY, Vera CARTLEDGE, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, Tony EDWARDS, Jean ENNIS, Joan FORD, Darren KELLY, Karl KIRWIN, Molly M^cEVOY, Kathleen M^cGOVERN, May MURRAY, Teresa NALL, Sarah PAUL, Mary RICE, Mike RICHARDS, Ava RUDZINSKI, Elizabeth STRABRAWA

Also, for the intentions of: Joe ANDERSON, Anne & Joan BAXTER, Jimmy FLATLEY, Germaine, Beverly HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Madeleine M^cCANN & Family, Anthony SILKER, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Terri VALIANT

And for those who have died: HRH Prince Philip, Thomas BUTLER, John CUMMINS, Joyce DUNNE, May RODRIGUEZ (anniversary) Lygia WARREN (1st anniversary) Ann Owens (3yr anniversary) Jimmy McDONOUGH (6yr anniversary)