

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat 18: Val Warren RIP Sun 19: Maureen Maguire sick Mon 20: David Lindsay sick

Tues 21: Parishioners Wed 22: Kevin Higgins

Thu 23: Denis & Wendy Rose RIP Fri 24: Jo Wallace & Family Sat 25: Betty Calvey sick Sun 26: First Holy Communion

### Sunday Thoughts

If the children who will receive their first Holy Communion this Sunday and next Sunday were to be baptised as adults, at the age of – say – 16 years, they would not receive first Holy

Communion alone. They would rather receive baptism, confirmation and their first Holy Communion, all in one.

These 3 sacraments are called the *Sacraments of Initiation*: initiation, that is, into the Christian Way or Life. They are a person's first sacramental encounter with Christ in his Community, the church. They are the beginning of a new life in Christ.

Our children make their First Holy Communion, having had their sins absolved in their first sacrament of reconciliation, because it is thought that they are now at an age when they can make the decision for themselves; the decision to follow Jesus. At birth, it was made for them, by their parents and God parents. They brought them for baptism. They made the baptismal promises on behalf of their child. They promised to bring the child up in the faith and bring him or her regularly to church, the place where their fellow disciples meet and pray.

"Bring up a child in faith" means bring them to church on Sunday, take time out to pray with them, preferably gathered as a family, ensure that they learn prayers at their level and that they begin to read the Bible or stories from the Bible. It also means give a good example of kindness towards others, of self-restraint and modesty, of respect for others, of responsible behaviour towards nature and the planet.

So, this occasion of the first Holy Communion for the children is also an occasion for us adults to examen our way of life and ask ourselves if we have been faithful to the promises we made when we brought our children to the church for baptism.

**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

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Pentecost Sunday

### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Wisdom** to know right from wrong, to make good choices in life.

**Understanding**, which is tolerance of others, sympathy and compassion for those who suffer.

**Council**, which comes with the ability to guide others and ourselves on the way of the Lord;

Fortitude, helping us to stand up for our faith.

**Knowledge** of the right path on the way to God.

**Piety**, which fills us with the desire and the joyful longing to know God and be devoted to God.

**Fear of the Lord**, which is like awe in God's presence in the Eucharist, in nature and in people around us.

### The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

**Love.** Agape love is the highest form of love, love for both God and neighbour.

**Joy.** Joy is an interior contentment that comes from being close to God and in right relationship with others

**Peace.** Peace is the harmony that occurs when justice prevails.

Patience. Patience is the virtue of suffering interruption or delay with composure and without complaint; to suffer annoyance, insult or mistreatment with self-restraint; and to suffer burdens and difficult tasks with resolve and determination.

**Kindness.** Kindness is a warm and friendly disposition toward another.

**Generosity.** Generosity is a bigheartedness grounded in an abundance mentality.

**Faithfulness.** Faithfulness is demonstrated by loyalty to friends, duties performed, promises kept.

**Gentleness.** Gentleness is sensitivity for another person. It is grounded in humility.

**Self-control.** Self-control is self-mastery regardless of the circumstances.

Terry

### Parish Notice Board

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for NUGENT** Sunday Morning at end of Mass

Welcome to

Fr. Moses Henry Ariho,

who arrived - at last- on
Tuesday morning. We are

very happy indeed to

welcome him to the

Community of

Missionaries and the

Parish Community as a

whole. May his stay with

us be long and happy.

### **FAMILY OF PARISHES**

ST. PATRICK'S
TABLE SALE
Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> May,
10am-2pm
All are Welcome

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR CAFOD

The Catholic Agency 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 passe well.

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

### **OFFERINGS 12th May**

Envelopes £23.00 Plate £192.45 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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy
Communion, the programme for the
Bring and Share Lunch
is postponed.
It will now take place on
Corpus Christi, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

**Lottery Results** – 12<sup>TH</sup> May 02 04 06 07 08 09

### **First Holy Communion**

Our heart-felt congratulations to Alana Gerrard, Anais Butcher, Cyrus Costello, Gemma Cham, Kemi Durosaro, Kendall Slemen, Lucas Curran, Lucas Wilk, Nellie Minett & Olive Dryhurst.

All make their First Holy Communion this weekend. May it be a day to remember for life and may it be a new beginning in the faith-walk for them and for their Families.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

The parish community also thanks their catechist Susana Muñoz and the teachers at SVP Primary School for all they have done to prepare the children for this day.

Many thanks to Pat O'Donovan and her "side kick" Paul for the work they put in at Easter, decorating the church with flowers and again this weekend for Pentecost. And what a beautiful display!

Envelopes are at the back of the church if you wish to contribute for the flowers for the weeks to come. Thank you in advance.

NEEDED Volunteer Guardians for LITTLE CHURCH

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:, Abbie SWALE, Alice SILKER, Betty Calvey, 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, Julie SHIELDS, Frank & Collette SHOVLIN, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Owen WOODS.

Also, for the intentions of: Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Charlotte KELLY, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Ronnie SALTERS, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS Those who have died recently: Theres LYNCH

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