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 Newsletter

**21st April 2024**

**Easter Time 4th Sunday**

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

**Mass Intentions**

Sat 20: Mary, Tommy, Paddy Fraser

Sun 21: Girlie, Frank Gunning

Mon 22: Parishioners

Tues 23: No intention

Wed 24: Sr. Dorothea

Thu 25: No intention

Friday26: No intention

Sat 27: Martina Stewart

Sun 28: Kenny Kelbrick

**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



**Homily Notes**

Yesterday we celebrated in

this church the marriage of a couple who want to live in Christ. Marriage and parenthood are their vocation. Through their lives together, they will form what we could call a small church – that is a gathering of the Pilgrim People of God into a small family or community of life. If they entrust their family life to God, giving space to God through time spent in prayer, doing their best to live the Beatitudes, they will radiate their love to all. Parents and children in such a family will also be able to share God’s love with the people with whom they work, or associate during the day.

Prayer is the privileged place to enter into relationship with Jesus. It needs to be daily.

We are living in a period of great insecurity and fear that tomorrow may never come. The present threat of a worldwide war, the fear of the catastrophic effects of climate change, the rise in unhappiness and inability to see their future for many: all this drains and sucks at our hope. In prayer we grow in hope; hope of a better world, hope of a better relationship with God and with others. Pope Francis says: *“Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door” (*[*Catechesis*](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200520_udienza-generale.html)*, 20 May 2020).*

Let us all accept our vocation to be members of the community of Pilgrim People, walking in the Spirit of God, nourished by prayer and the Word, at the service of all those who do not know the hope that faith in Jesus, the risen Lord brings.

*As St. Peter said to Jesus: “Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God”*

 *Terry*

***CAFOD MESSAGE***

With a UK general election due to

take place in 2024, politicians are looking for our votes – and will be listening to what voters want. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to make sure political parties commit to tackle the injustices that affect our global family and to care for our common home.

As people of faith, the social and political reality where we live shapes the way that we are called to express our faith. But through our faith, opportunities are also opened up to shape that reality.

When the Church calls on us to promote the common good, it means that all of us are invited to play our part in creating the social conditions necessary to bring God’s kingdom closer on earth.

**A general election this year**

The Church tells us that ‘all citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes’.

With a general election on the horizon, CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul (SVP) are launching A Year of Encounter, an initiative inviting parishes to reach out to local candidates to find out more about their views on the issues that we as people of faith care about, from ending global poverty to tackling the climate crisis. This will be a great opportunity to play our part in promoting the common good.

This initiative is not about political affiliations. It is simply about strengthening community participation as a local faith group and practising the culture of encounter that Pope Francis talks about: “…with our faith we must create a ‘culture of encounter,’ a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find brothers and sisters, in which we can also speak with those who think differently.”

In the same vein as St Catherine of Siena, A Year of Encounter will offer parishioners the tools and resources to reach out to local candidates, listening and creating relationships based on true dialogue.

CAFOD and SVP have put together training sessions and a booklet that provides some easy steps on how to reach out to your local candidates.



PREPARATION OF INFANT BAPTISMS

The next set of preparatory meetings for parents and godparents who desire baptism for their children will be on

Saturday 27th April

and 4th May at 10am – 11.30am.

In the church.

Please note: these meetings are required for parents and god-parents.

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 22nd April. 6pm in the Guild Room

Please see the minutes of the last meeting on the Notice Board.

**The Gift of Easter**

For three Wednesday evenings (17,24 April, 1 May), there are a group of sessions at St Teresa’s, Norris Green, on The Gift of Easter. These sessions take inspiration from Scriptures, and Fr Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Spirituality Centre. See the poster, with more information. Bookings made to, stteresang@rcoal.org.uk

**Parish Justice, Peace &**

**Care for Creation Group**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 30th April**

6.30pm in church.

 Why not join us? See Moira, Frank, Barbara, Megan or Terry for further information.

**FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**Sr. Maureen,** who made the Mission Appeal last week, sends her respects and says thank you greatly for your generosity. The people of St. Vincent’s surpassed themselves in generosity and warmth of welcome!

You gave £327.00 for the MISSION

 Thank you

***Parish Notice Board***

**Parish Bank Account**: St Vincent de Paul (059). Sort Code 40-29-12 A/C Number 71544519

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY, 27 April 2024**

**9.15am – 4.15pm**

At Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD

You can book your place by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199 and please let Terry know.

**WEDDING**

**Congratulations to**

**Martin Crane and**

**Nicola Vincent**

Who made their wedding vows this Saturday.

May they be blessed with loving and healthy children and with a long and happy life together.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

All members of the music ministry, singers and musicians, are invited to meet on Sunday 21st April, 3pm – 5pm, to discuss their essential place in the prayer of the community. We really need a stronger group of singers and musicians to help the community raise their voices in joyful homage.

 If you wish to be part of

 a revamped music ministry, please join the group. *Thank you in advance.*

**Good News**

You will be pleased to know that our colleague, ***Fr. Moses Ariho,*** has received his visa and is due to join us on the 14th May. Thank you for all your prayers.

***Fr. Charles*** should have arrived today but is having to spend 24hrs in the airport of Adis Ababa. Please God, he will arrive here on Sunday!!!!

***Cardinal Michael*** is away until the beginning of June.



***Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.***

*Pope Francis*

**Lottery Results – 7th April**

**01 03 06 09 11 12**

***Congratulations to the two winners*.**

**Jackpot £800**

## **Eastertide Carol Service**

**3:00PM Sunday April 21st**

All are welcome to attend as the Eastertide Carol Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Admission is free with a retiring collection, and the performance include movements from Part III of Handel’s Messiah.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick**:, Joe EDIE, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly McEVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O’BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUITE, 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:** Denis Rose

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**OFFERINGS 7th April**

Envelopes £36.00

Plate £182.10

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