



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Easter Time 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07.30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.30
Saturday	18.00



## Mass Intentions

Sat 27: Martina Stewart  
 Sun 28: Kenny Kelbrick  
 Mon 29: Parishioners  
 Tues 30: Ryan Family  
 Wed 1/5: Rose Healey  
 Thu 02: Ricky Mawson  
 Friday 03: Claire Lindsay  
 Sat 04: John Landon  
 Sun 05: Sarah Benjamin

## Homily Notes

Today we are presented with an invitation to abide in Jesus. The image of abiding in Jesus runs through the Gospel reading (Jn 14:21-26) and appears also in the second reading (I Jn 3:18-24).

As Jesus invites us to abide in him, we may ask the question: where do we find him so that we may abide in him? To this question De Mello could have a response; *A small fish asked an older fish where to find the ocean. The older fish replied that the ocean is what you are swimming in.* The second reading assures us that for those who have professed their faith in Jesus and make effort in loving one another are abiding in Jesus and Jesus in them. Paul seems to sum up well what it means to abide in the Lord when he says; *for it is in him we live, move, and have our being* (Acts 17:28).

While the invitation is about the Lord desiring us to abide in him, we know that we also desire the Lord to abide in us. This desire is illustrated well in one of the common songs; *Abide with me.* It is a song that expresses our desire that the Lord should abide in us in life or death. But desire is not enough, we have an active part to play in enabling the experience of abiding in Jesus and Jesus in us.

One of the *sacred duties of our being is to continually learn how to live so as to awaken the sense that God abides within us* (John O'Donohue). In the Eucharist we accept the invitation and celebrate the communion which we shall experience in fulness in heaven.

Charles

## Pentecost

The Parish Council met last Monday (the report can be found on the notice board). Two important

decisions were made. The first concerns the fast-approaching Feast of Pentecost.

One of the most remarkable consequences of the eruption of the Holy Spirit among the apostles at Pentecost was the gift of tongues; the apostles started to speak in the languages of every nationality present in Jerusalem. The message of the Gospel was announced to people of all nations in the city and wherever the apostles preached.

Today, in this country, we are blessed by the number of Christians who have come from far afield. They bring with them their own ways of being disciples of Christ. They enrich our church in the UK by their faith and commitment. This is evidently true for our parish when people from a diversity of nationalities and cultures come together to listen to and share the one Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a Pentecostal event to gather in church for the weekend Eucharist.

The Council wants to celebrate this universality of the faith on the Feast of Pentecost. It proposes that we all gather for morning Mass on Pentecost morning, 19<sup>th</sup> May, and that those who have the means come with something of their own cultural background to share with others. The suggestion is FOOD. In the early church, disciples came together to pray and partake of the Eucharist and then eat and enjoy each other's company. Thus, they supported each other in the faith and encouraged the spread of the Gospel. Gathering around food is always a means of getting to know each other better.

Please note, the vigil Mass on Saturday evening will not be cancelled, although we would still encourage everyone to come to Sunday Mass for Pentecost.

The shared meal will be followed by tombola and bingo for those who wish to join. The practicalities will be announced at the end of Mass on the intervening weekends.

Let's make our Feast of Pentecost a memorable moment of gathering and communion. (continued overleaf)

## Parish Notice Board

### FAMILY OF PARISHES

#### Parish Justice, Peace & Care for Creation Group

**Next meeting: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
6.30pm in church.

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

#### 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](mailto:stteresang@rcoal.org.uk)

#### Local Elections on Thursday.

*We could say that it is an obligation for a Christian to vote. Our vote determines the choices of government. The main election is for the post of Liverpool Regional Mayor. There are no councillor elections in Liverpool this year. The Regional Mayor is a very important post, affecting us all.*  
From Fr Peter Morgan.

#### Lottery Results – 21<sup>st</sup> April

**01 04 05 07 10 11**

**Jackpot £100.00**

#### OFFERINGS 7<sup>th</sup> April

Envelopes £5.00

Plate £185.78

Candles £263.36

#### Parish Council: (continued from pg 1) Peace Vigils

The second decision of the **Parish Council** concerns the Vigils of Prayer for Peace. This was an initiative of the Family of Parishes at the beginning of Lent. The vigil was held on 3 consecutive Friday evenings at St Anne's, SVP and St Patricks. It was appreciated by all those who partook.

The world's faltering and insecure peace threatens to fall apart. The Synod Delegates of the four parishes of the Family of Parishes propose that the practice of prayer for peace continue for the weeks to come. Many people give up their Sunday afternoons to march for peace in Palestine. We hope that our prayer will help to bring about peace in Palestine and also in Ukraine, in the Sudan, Congo, West Africa, Myanmar and all places where war is currently raging.

We would like to know when the most popular time and day for this vigil is and wish to consult you, the Parish Community. During Lent we held the vigil every Friday evening. It proved not to be a convenient time for most. Papers are available at the back of the church.

Terry

#### LGBT+ Catholics Mass - Sunday 28 April (this week)

Our next gathering will be at St John Stone Church, Sandbrook Way Woodvale, Ainsdale, PR8 3RN Mass will begin at 2.00pm followed by a social gathering.

All are welcome.

Mgr Stephen Maloney

#### St Joseph the Worker

Wednesday 1st May.

Mass at 9am.

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

will be the first Friday of the month. As usual, the SVP Primary School children will join us, so Mass will begin at **9.30am.**

#### Churches react to Rwanda Bill

In a joint statement with leaders of the Church of England, Methodist, Baptist and United Reformed Churches, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales pay tribute to all those who "live out Jesus's call to feed and clothe the poor, and to welcome the stranger, at times in the face of opposition and prejudice."

**The statement** begins "We retain deep misgivings about the Safety of Rwanda Bill, passed in Parliament last night, for the precedent it sets at home and for other countries in how we respond to the most vulnerable. This includes victims of modern slavery and children wrongly assessed as adults, whom we have a duty to protect". The Faith Leaders voice concern that asylum seekers and refugees have been used as a "political football" and speak of people fleeing war, persecution and violence having been "unjustly maligned by some for political reasons."

Like so many in this country, we seek to support a system that shows compassion, justice, transparency and speed in its decisions. We grieve the appalling loss of life in the Channel today.

#### 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 M<sup>e</sup>VOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIE, 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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