

Mini Vinnies

Commissioning Mass



Lord, You gave St Vincent de Paul a heart overflowing with love for You. Grant us the same fervour of charity, that we too may see Your image in those whom we assist and gladly give them a share of our time and possessions.

Friday 15th November 2024

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome and introduction to the mass by Father Riq,

Father Riq: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Father Riq: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

All: And with your spirit

Father Riq: Today we commission our new Mini Vinnies members who assist the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Primary school members of the Society meet in groups called Mini Vinnies. Students meet together to grow in awareness of the issues faced by people who experience tough times, to reflect upon faith and action, and to do good works to help those in need within their school and local community.

Introduction

Hello, welcome to our Mini Vinnie commissioning mass. This is a very special day for all of us and this is just the beginning of our mission. Across the year, we will try to continue and achieve the legacy that St Vincent De Paul started, by doing what he taught in the name of Jesus. We have thought about the ways Jesus would want us to act and help those most in need. We ask you to pray for us as we start our journey, doing things like helping the poor, those who are lonely and raising money for charity, doing little things with big love, and following in St Teresa's footsteps.

Read by: Michaiah and Trinity

- We bring forward our Mini Vinnies candle and ask God to bring his light into our hearts each time we meet.
- We bring forward a picture of St Vincent De Paul and ask God to help us follow his example and put those in need at the forefront of all we do.

Penitential Rite

COLLECT:

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Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from Corinthians

Remember that the person who sows few seeds will have a small crop; the one who sows many seeds will have a large crop. You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine*

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still, and know I am
near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in Me

I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in
shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My
name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come and join the circle,
come and take my hand.
Come and join the circle,
come and be my friend.
Gather round and see
what the world can be.
Come and join the circle,
come and share God's word with me.

THE GOSPEL

Role played by: Alice TG, Harry, Olivia and Alice M

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

All: Glory to you, Lord.

A man was travelling by himself from Jerusalem to the town of Jericho. While he was on the road, some robbers attacked him. They beat him up and took everything he had - even his clothes! The man was left all alone on the road. He waited and waited for someone to come by and help him. A priest came walking by on the road. Priests were God's helpers in the temple. They knew how to worship God. They knew all of the rules of God. Do you think the priest helped the man? No, the priest went to the other side of the road and passed right by the man without help.

Next, a Levite came along the road. Levites knew all of God's laws. They were good Jews. Do you think the Levite stopped and helped the man? No, the Levite looked at the man, then crossed the road and walked past him.

Finally, a man from Samaria came along the road. The Jews did not like Samaritans. Everybody thought that the Samaritans would never help anybody. But this Samaritan was good. He saw the man on the road, and he stopped to help. He put oil and wine on the man's wounds. Oil and wine were used for medicine in those times. Then he lifted the man onto his donkey and took him to a nearby inn. He took care of the man all night to make sure he was going to be well.

The next morning, the Samaritan had to leave to continue on his journey. He wanted to make sure that the injured man was taken care of, so he gave money to the innkeeper. He gave him enough money so that the man could stay at the inn for two months! He even told the innkeeper that he would return the next time he was travelling and pay more if the man was still sick.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

Homily

Commissioning of Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies Pledge

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Father Riq: In confidence and with hope in our hearts we bring our prayers to God.

We pray for Father Riq and all priests in our diocese. May they continue to share the words of God and guide us to follow His path.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all those who have died and remember them especially during the month of November.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

We give thanks to all members of Saint Vincent De Paul. May they continue to see, think and do, making a difference in the lives of those most in need.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Mary said 'yes' to God, so let us ask Mary to help us follow her example as we say ...

Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with thee.

*Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Bread and Wine

*Priest: Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

All: It is right and just.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

*Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever,

*Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.*

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Communion Reflection

Dear God

Open our eyes that we may see the needs of people.

Move our hands so that we can feed the hungry. Touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to those who are sad. Let us share our time and possessions with those in need. May we all be a source of support and encouragement for each other as we strive to build a more loving world.

Amen

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn:

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Well, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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