

Newsletter

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Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark

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Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord – 3rd January 2016



In today's Gospel story, King Herod wants to know "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" But Matthew knows that neither the ruling families of Judaea, nor the chief priests and the teachers of the law are interested in doing homage to Jesus. In the story of the magi, Matthew shows what Paul declares in his letter: that pagans share the promise of Christ Jesus "through the gospel". Jesus, who was given first to the Jews as their king, is now given to all peoples. He is for all nations.

When the wise men leave their gifts with the Christ-child, they take away a treasure that surpasses anything they brought themselves. They take away the gift of knowing who Jesus is; they are enriched by their encounter with him; they can enrich others with the truth of their own experience. They are a summary of all those who journey in hope to Jesus and find in him their heart's desire. The wise men do not stay in Judaea; they do not build a monument to mark the place of discovery, instead they return to their own country: faith in Jesus is not limited to any geographical boundary, but is a gift to be shared with others. Our presence here numbers us among those who seek the face of the living God. We come here each week to celebrate our faith in Jesus as our Lord. At the end of each Eucharist we are "sent" to share with others what we have experienced here. We find Christ here in the word and in the breaking of the bread and in the midst of the community. Let us celebrate the presence of the Lord here and enrich the lives of others with the light that has been revealed to us.

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Parish Prayers

“Almighty and merciful God, you made St John Vianney glorious by his pastoral zeal and constant prayer and penance. Through his intercession may your holy spirit lead us and guide us as we endeavour to follow Your Son Jesus, wherever He leads. Bless our young people. Bless our sick and housebound. Bless our families and friends. Bless those most in need at this time. Unite us all in your love. May St John Vianney help us to hear the voice of Your Son Jesus when he says to us: “Be calm, do not be afraid, it is I”. St John Vianney, pray for us.” We are asked to pray for all those who have died especially Duncan McMillan, Christina Powell and Bernard McDougall. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 502.22
Other Envelopes	£ 105.85
Loose GASDS	£ 334.25
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 942.32
Standing Orders	£ 262.00
Bonus Ball 23	£ 77.00
Gift For Priest	£ 1168.74

Thank You and Welcome!

We thank Fathers Pat, Tim and Matthew for celebrating Masses both in St Mark's and Holy Family during last week. Next week we welcome into our community Father Pat and priests from Widnes as they celebrate Mass in Father Vin's absence.

Requiem Masses

There will be a Requiem Mass THIS Monday 4th January 2016, at 9.00 am in St Mark's Church, followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery for the late Duncan Patrick McMillan. May he rest in peace.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Baptism Coordinator



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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is Monday 11th January 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.

With You Always coordinator



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NOTICE:

Please could parents of children in year 3 be reminded that their child needs to be Baptised before registering for next year's W.Y.A programme.

There will be a Requiem Mass THIS Wednesday 6th January 2016, at 12 noon in St Mark's Church, followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery for the late Christina Powell. May she rest in peace.

There will be a Requiem Mass on Monday 11th January 2016, at 9.30 am in St Mark's Church, followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery for the late Bernard Alan McDougall. May he rest in peace.



Jubilee Prayer Of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool

Resources for the year of mercy can be found on:

yearofmercyliverpool.org.uk

Pastoral Area Prayer



"Father, you never cease to call us into deeper relationship with you; always inviting, you desire that our hearts and minds may know the gift of your love and forgiveness. Through the intercession of St Therese, may we deepen our conviction to grow through the Gospel, in faith, hope and love – that you may be free in us to deepen our unity through the lives of service we offer to you throughout our Pastoral Area. St Therese of Lisieux: Pray for us.

With You Always Programme

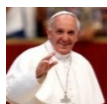
Family session 4 will take place on Monday 11th January 2016, at 4.45pm-5.45pm/6.00pm-7.00pm in Holy Family School.

Mass Intentions Offered By Father Vin

Father Vin will offer the following Mass Intentions this coming week.

- Angela McShane *RIP*
- Jim Clancy *RIP*
- Ray Howard *RIP*
- Eric Richardson *RIP*
- Maureen Casey *RIP*

From the Pope's Desk



No-one can put limits on God's love, for he is always ready to forgive.

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Parish Mass And Social

To mark the 10th anniversary of our parish becoming St John Vianney, there will be a parish Mass and social THIS **Friday 8th January 2016**, beginning with Mass at 7.00 pm. The main Celebrant will be Bishop Vincent Malone. Mass will be followed by a social gathering in St Mark's Club with food and music. Everybody is welcome. For families coming to the Social afterwards in the Parish Club, please be aware that children aren't allowed in the club after 9.30 pm. For administrative and catering purposes at the back of each Church, there are forms for those who will be attending to put their name, contact details and numbers in their party. It would be helpful if these can be filled in as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed!

On Friday 8th January, we would like volunteers from both St Mark's and Holy Family to hand out the order of service booklets and welcome people as they arrive for Mass. We also wish for people to take photographs during the event. If you are able to help in any capacity during Friday 8th January, please can you call the parish office as soon as possible, leaving your details and how you would like to help. Thank you!

Question of the Week

Adult: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?
Child: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord Sunday 3rd January 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 2nd January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [Carole Clancy <i>Speedy Recovery</i>]	
Sunday 3rd January Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord	11.00 am - Mass [Millea Family]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners]
Monday 4th January <i>Weekday Of Christmas Time</i>		9.00 am – Requiem Mass - <i>Duncan Mc Millan RIP</i>
Tuesday 5th January <i>Weekday Of Christmas Time</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Biggs Family <i>Special Intention</i>]	
Wednesday 6th January <i>Weekday Of Christmas Time</i>		12 noon – Requiem Mass - <i>Christina Powell RIP</i>
Thursday 7th January <i>Weekday Of Christmas Time</i> <i>St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>	10.00 am – Service Of The Word	
Friday 8th January <i>Weekday Of Christmas Time</i>		7.00 pm – Mass [Terry Cliff <i>RIP Anniversary</i> and Parish Of St John Vianney]
Saturday 9th January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [Tony Doherty <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	
Sunday 10th January <i>Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [Ken Kavanagh & Family and Colin Birkett <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord - Pleasing to God

Reading I	Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7	(the servant of the Lord)
Reading II	Acts 10:34–38	(Peter's discourse; the good news of peace)
Gospel	Luke 3:15–16, 21–22	(baptism of Jesus)