



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord – 10th January 2016

We rarely think of Jesus as a beginner, just as we rarely think of Jesus needing help. But in today's feast we celebrate those two things: Jesus makes a big beginning to his ministry, and he receives help in the power of the Holy Spirit. All the Gospels agree that John the Baptist was very important in the life of Jesus. It is the towering, fearless figure of John that stands between the hidden life of Jesus and his public ministry. Before Jesus goes to John, he is known by the local people simply as the son of a carpenter, who stays in the small town of Nazareth. After his time with John, Jesus becomes widely known as a wandering preacher with a unique prophetic mission. Clearly, something happened to Jesus while he was with John. He underwent a change that gave his life a new direction. While he is with John, Jesus makes his big beginning. As Peter says in the second reading, "Jesus of Nazareth... began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism." John was a very important turning point in the life of Jesus – so important that Jesus says of him later: "of all the children born of women, there is no one greater than John" (Luke 7:28). In the fourth Gospel, we are told that the first disciples of Jesus are ex-disciples of John. Jesus is anointed for his prophetic mission by the Holy Spirit, the great enabler, the one who helps people to achieve God's plan. So Jesus is not alone when he makes his great beginning. He begins his journey in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the love of the Father. As we celebrate Jesus' great public beginning, we look at our own beginnings. There probably won't be any doves or voices from heaven, but as Gospel people we make our beginnings like Jesus. We are not alone. We make them in the power of the Spirit and in the love of the Father. If we are willing to begin, God is there to grace our new venture in faith.

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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 Bernard McDougall and Rosaleen Harris. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 510.20
Other Envelopes	£ 114.40
Loose GASDS	£ 416.49
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1041.09
Standing Orders	£ 262.00
Bonus Ball 13	£ 29.00

Thank You and Welcome!

We thank Fathers Jonathan, Joe, Pat and Bishop Vincent Malone for celebrating Masses both in St Mark's and Holy Family during last week.

Next week we welcome into our community Fathers Pat, Tim, Casey and priests from the Widnes Team as they celebrate Mass in Father Vin's absence.

Requiem Mass

There will be a Requiem Mass THIS Monday 11th January at 9.30 am in St Mark's Church followed by interment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Bernard Alan McDougall. 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.

Funeral Service

There will be a Funeral Service on Thursday 14th January at 12 noon in Holy Family Church followed by cremation in Springwood Crematorium for the late Rosaleen Harris. May she rest in peace.

With You Always Programme

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

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.

Second Collection

Our second collection this week will be for the parish Lourdes Fund. Next week there will be a collection for Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes for next weeks collection are at the back of each Church

Mass Intentions Offered By Father Vin

Father Vin will offer the following six Mass intentions this week:

- Joseph Parkinson *RIP*
- Maisie Quirk *RIP*
- Frankie Cushion *RIP*
- Ray Howard *RIP*
- Urdhin Family *Intentions Of*
- Umanee Family *Intentions Of*

Thank You!

A donation of £34 was given to the Halewood Lourdes Youth collected from the box in the porch in Holy Family Church. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

Kathy Murphy-Malpass

St Mary's College Visiting Day and 11+ Entrance Examination

St Mary's is a Catholic school for boys and girls of all faiths, where academic excellence and the fulfilment of potential are promoted within the context of a community of faith. St Mary's is built on strong values which emphasise the importance of caring for others and striving for excellence in all they do. Their catchment is wide and they do not take large numbers from any one parish or school. St Mary's College has its own Bursaries Scheme and each year they are able to offer a number of Edmund Rice Scholarships, which, according to financial need, may be worth up to full fees. This is in addition to several Open Academic Scholarships awarded on academic merit alone irrespective of income.

They also award scholarships for those gifted in Art, Music and Sport. Any interested parents and their children are invited to come and sample a taste of life at St Mary's during Visiting Day THIS Friday 15th January 2016. If people would prefer to arrange an individual visit, please contact the School Office on 0151 924 3926. The 11+ Entrance Examination will take place on Friday 29th January 2016.

Archdiocesan News



"Holy God whose presence is known in the structures we build and in their reshaping; establish in us a community of hope, not to contain your mystery, but to be led beyond safe harbours into new and sacred waters, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!"

A Message From Carole Clancy

Every good wish for the New Year
with lots of blessings.

Love Carole

A Message From Bishop Vincent Malone, Vicar General – Archdiocese of Liverpool

Mr Brian O'Toole has died. Co-founder of our brewery purchasing scheme. He served on the Archdiocesan Club Management Committee for 30 years before his retirement in 2007, and assisted our Schools department in their Admissions Appeals provision. He was also active in his home parish of St Margaret Mary's, Liverpool, where his Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.30 am on Friday 15th January 2016. May he rest in peace.

Churches Together In Ainsdale

Ainsdale Churches are pleased to host the Merseyside Ecumenical Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as they renew their own commitment to continue in mission together as SALT and LIGHT in their local community. This will be held on 24th January 2016 at 4.00 pm in St John Stone Roman Catholic Church, Southport, PR8 3RN, in the presence of Rt Rev Richard Blackburn, Bishop of Warrington, MGR John Furnivall, Vicar General of Liverpool Archdiocese, Revd Andrew Edwards, LEP Co-ordinator for CTMR. The preacher is Major Drew McCombe, North Western Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army. Everyone is welcome.

Responding to the Call Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 6th February** at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on the Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Marie Curie Cancer Care is looking for people aged 18 or over who are interested in providing support to terminally ill people and their carers.

We're looking for volunteers in Liverpool to become a Marie Curie Helper – someone who can spare a few hours each week (Mon-Fri) to visit people in their homes to offer a listening ear, emotional support and practical information. Volunteers also give families a chance to take a short break from their caring role so that they are able to take some time for themselves. No previous experience is needed; training and ongoing support provided and travel expenses paid. For more information, phone 0845 634 9813 or email liverpoolhelper@mariecurie.org.uk

Order Of Deacons

Why We Need More Deacons

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and priests are also welcome.

This will be held on Wednesday 17th February 2016, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm, in the St John Vianney Meeting Room, Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Liverpool, L15 6YQ. Refreshments available from 7.00 pm.



This example I leave you



Jubilee Prayer Of Mercy

2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercy.liverpool.org.uk

This Spring, our pastoral area will be invited on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral to join Archbishop Malcolm or one of the bishops in spending time reflecting on the merciful love of Christ and how we as Christ's followers live and proclaim this truth, and to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The date for our Pastoral Area is Saturday 5th March 2015. Please put this date in your diaries and more details will follow nearer the time.

Initial Training For Bereavement Teams

There will be a two session training course for new bereavement teams or new members of existing teams. This will be held on Wednesday 17th and 24th February 2016, at 1.30 pm- 4.30 pm in Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Altway, Aintree, Liverpool, L10 2LG. The cost is £10 per person. For more information, please contact Maureen Knight on 0151 522 1046 or email: m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

Marriage Preparation Courses For 2016

The programme encourages you as a couple to further explore your relationship and to become more aware of each other, the things you bring to the marriage and the way in which your relationship works. The course starts promptly at 10.00 am and finishes around 4.00 pm. Lunch is provided. The course is run by trained facilitators who work on a voluntary basis. They do not charge for their services so as not to exclude anyone, but they do ask people to work with voluntary contributions. It is therefore suggested that couples attending a Marriage Preparation day to make a small voluntary contribution of £50 per couple, or whatever amount you are happy to give. To book onto a course, please visit:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation or contact:

Mr Mike Snelham on 0151 428 4410
or email: mike@snelham.co.uk or
Mrs Maureen Knight on 0151 522
1044 or email:

m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk Leaflets are also available from the Parish Office during office hours.

Inservice For Bereavement Teams and Funeral Ministers

The next inservice afternoon for those involved in bereavement and funeral ministry will be on Wednesday 3rd February 2016, at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at LACE, and will focus on raising awareness of the needs of people with dementia and their carers, an issue which often arises in this area of ministry. Invitations will be sent out directly

from the Pastoral Formation Department to all those involved who have attended previous training sessions, but if there are any new volunteers, please pass on an invitation to them and ask them to contact Maureen Knight. Her contact details are shown on page 5.

From the Pope's Desk

Pope Francis has taken up the celebration of Mass in Casa Santa Marta in the company of pilgrims after the Christmas break. In his homily, he expressed **the importance of mercy** and how to implement it concretely.

"The criterion is the Incarnation. I can feel so many things inside, even good things, good ideas. But if these good ideas, these feelings, do not lead to God who became flesh, do not lead me to my neighbour, my brother, then they are not from God. For this reason, John begins this passage of his letter by saying: 'This is God's commandment that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another.'"

"How many people seem spiritual: 'How spiritual that person is!' but we can't talk to them about doing works of mercy. Why? Because the works of mercy are the visible sign of our confession that the Son of God became flesh: visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, taking care of those who are abandoned... works of mercy: why? The reason is because each of our brothers and sisters, whom we must love, is the flesh of Christ. God became flesh to identify with us. And those who suffer are one and the same as the suffering Christ."

"Let us ask the Lord today, he concluded, for the grace to know exactly what happens in our hearts, our desires, if we are more open to the spirit of God, that brings me to the service of others, or to the spirit of the world that revolves around myself, my closed views, my selfishness, so many other things ... Let us ask for the grace to discern what happens in our hearts."

School's Prayer

St John Vianney give us strength so we'll do our best. Help us, guide us and look after us in work, fun and rest. Make us patient, kind and loving and always willing to try. And let us see for ourselves that we are unique in God's eyes.

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Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan.

Wednesday Bonus Ball

Each week for the cost of £1 per box, there is a form at the back of Church for all those wishing to play and guess the midweek bonus ball. The winner receives £30 and the Parish receives £29. Everybody is welcome to try and you never know you could be a winner! Please do have a go. Good Luck!

St Mark's Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey
Telephone 0151 486 4908
Opening times are: Monday-Friday from 2.00pm Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon. There is regular entertainment on Sunday evenings. Bingo on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Please note that the Club has a large function room available for hire for Baptisms, Weddings and all other family occasions for only **£55.00** (Plus returnable security fee). We do not make a charge for Funeral Receptions. ***It is vital for the future of the Club and for the support of the work of the parish, that parishioners make use of this facility, especially for family functions.***

Question of the Week

Adult: Do you think that God was “well pleased” by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Child: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

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Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 9th January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [Tony Doherty <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i>]	
Sunday 10th January Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord	11.00 am - Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [Ken Kavanagh and Family & Colin Birkett <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]
Monday 11th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i>		9.30 am – Requiem Mass – Bernard McDougall <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday 12th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Mrs Borward]	
Wednesday 13th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Rose Hardacre <i>RIP</i>]
Thursday 14th January <i>St Kentigern, Bishop</i> <i>(Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese)</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Kathleen Wafer <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i>] 12 Noon – Funeral Service – Rosaleen Harris <i>RIP</i>	
Friday 15th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Duncan McMillan <i>RIP</i>]
Saturday 16th January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [John Clarke <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 17th January <i>Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time</i> <i>(Peace Day)</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [John Carden <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time – Thinking Of Others

Reading I	Isaiah 62:1–5	(Jerusalem the Lord's bride)
Reading II	1 Corinthians 12:4–11	(variety and unity)
Gospel	John 2:1–12	(the wedding at Cana)