



Newsletter

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Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark

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2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time – 17th January 2016 **(Peace Sunday)**



Today the Catholic Church of England and Wales celebrates *Peace Sunday*, our annual day of prayer for peace, using the theme chosen by Pope Francis, '*Overcome indifference and win peace*'. That title shows the same sense of urgency as the Pope's more general appeal that we become bearers of God's mercy to the world. For how can we hope for peace if we do not reject the '*destructive cynicism*' which says that nothing can be done to change the world? Yet this is an urgency born

of hope: Pope Francis sees Peace as a 'prize' that is there for the winning; and the way to gain the prize is to choose (individually and collectively) a way of life dedicated to doing justice, God's justice, a justice rooted in love. The Catholic peace movement, Pax Christi, which facilitates the Peace Sunday celebrations each year, works with a similar urgency to secure the 'prize' of a peace which is both merciful and just. This it does locally by linking together people who are committed to the work of making peace, providing resources, and fostering prayer and reflection regarding the meaning of the Gospel of Peace. But it also works internationally to build trust in troubled areas of the world and to speak out on issues of war and peace on the basis of Catholic ethics. For more information on the work of Pax Christi including instructions on joining and/or getting involved in its work, see www.paxchristi.org.uk or write to Pax Christi, Christian Peace Education Centre, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon, London NW4 4TY. Telephone 020 8203 4884.

(Cover photo: Maurice Harron's '*Hands Across The Divide*')

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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. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 452.85
Other Envelopes	£ 126.30
Loose GASDS	£ 393.93
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 973.08
Standing Orders	£ 261.00
Bonus Ball 8	£ 29.00
Parish Lourdes Fund	£ 144.95

Thank You and Welcome!

We thank Fathers Joe, Pat, Tim and Casey 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.

With You Always Programme

Family session 5 will take place on Monday 8th February 2016, at 4.45pm-5.45pm/6.00pm-7.00pm in Holy Family School.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Baptism Coordinator



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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is Monday 8th February 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.

Parish Council

The Parish Council had their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday 12th January 2016, in St Mark's Annexe. This was a very lengthy meeting to which many items were discussed. The minutes of the meeting were yet to be approved by the Chair and were unable to be provided for inclusion in this week's newsletter. A copy of the minutes will be available in next week's issue.

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 Pax Christi.

Mass Intentions Offered By Father Vin

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

- Hermena Haywood *RIP*
- Martin McShane *RIP*
- Eric Richardson *RIP*
- Joan Jones *RIP*
- Vincent McShane Snr. *RIP*
- Mary Newnes

Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA)

Do you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic? Do you know of any adult who has not yet been confirmed or made their holy communion – our RCIA group meets weekly on a Wednesday evening in St Mark's Annexe, beginning at 7.00 pm and finishing at 8.00 pm.

A Word Of Warning!

On Saturday 9th January 2016, a parishioner coming to the 5.15pm Mass at Holy Family had her handbag snatched by someone passing on a bicycle. The parishioner was obviously quite shaken by the experience and would like to thank all those who showed her support and comfort during her ordeal. May we ask following on from this incident, that all parishioners remain vigilant especially during these dark wintery evenings when making any journeys, to ensure their belongings especially handbags are kept secure by which ever means is suitable. For those who are alone and worried about travelling to Mass during these dark nights, then car sharing can be arranged through the parish office. For anyone interested, please telephone the office during opening hours, leaving your name and contact details and someone will be in touch with transport arrangements.

Whiston Hospital Volunteers

Volunteers are needed at Whiston Hospital on a Sunday afternoon from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm to help bring patients to and from the wards to attend the hospital Mass. For more information, please contact Deacon Sean O'Donovan on 0151 430 1979 or email: seanodonovan@sthk.nhs.uk

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"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!"

Be A Chorister For A Day

'Are you a boy in Years 2-4? Do you enjoy singing and working hard in a team? If so, you are invited to come and meet the choristers at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool and sing in the largest Catholic church in the country for a day! We are holding a "Be a Chorister for a Day' event on Sunday 28th February 2016, from 10.30 am – 4.00 pm. Come and find out more about being a chorister and have fun playing, singing, eating and exploring. If you haven't sung in a choir before, why not consider our 'Boys Make Noise' group starting up from 12th January – 1st March 2016? Application forms and further information are available on the Cathedral website or by contacting the music office. Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

<http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

Music office:

music@metcathedral.org.uk
telephone 0151 708 7283.

Recruitment for girl choristers takes place in June/July 2016.'

Parish Mass and Social, A Message From Father Vin

Thank you very much to all who prepared for and took part in our tenth anniversary celebrations. There was an excellent turn out and a good time was had by all! Photos are now available on the parish website at

www.parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk .

Special thanks to Maureen, Joanne and Hazel.

Father Vin.

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.

Vianney's Voice

This will take place on Wednesday 27th January 2016, 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm in Holy Family Church. All are welcome.

Christ The King Church Parish Pantomime

Tickets are now on sale in Christ the King Church after all the Masses at the weekend for Snow White and the Vertically Challenged Excavators!! You can also contact their parish office by phone or email! Dates: Friday 22nd January at 7.00pm, Sunday 24th January at 5.00pm. Adults £6.00 Children £3.00 Family Ticket £15.00 (2adults 2 Children)

Disclaimer: Some national and international accents are used in this performance; it is not intended to cause any offence, as will become apparent towards the end of the show.

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

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

FAITH AND MERCY: CYMFED ADULT LEADERS' CONGRESS 2016

The 2016 Congress takes place on Saturday 6th February 2016 at the Friend's Meeting House, Euston Rd, London. Doors open at 10am, ending at 4pm. Book tickets for less than 10 (£11.49 per ticket) at <https://t.co/mgtIfBDy0W> or for groups of 10 go to <http://cymfed.org.uk/congress2016/>

This event is for anyone who does anything to work with young people in any setting in the Church. The more the merrier, all are welcome. Our keynote speaker for the event will be Fr Andrew Small. Fr Andrew is the man behind jokewiththepope.org and the brand new missio app available on the android and app store. He is an excellent practitioner of the new evangelisation and through his work as Director of the Pontifical Mission Society in America he helps people to actually put their faith into action and see measurable results. Born in Liverpool, Fr Andrew is making a special trip back to the UK to be with us for our congress. As well as Fr Andrew Small, we will be joined by RISE Theatre, One Hope Project, be launching the Faith in Action Awards and will have further information on the next Flame!



Jubilee Prayer Of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercyliverpool.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.

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.

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.

Archdiocesan Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies one for a Parish Administrator in St Teresa's Parish, Penwortham, Preston working closely with Fr Philip Inch and the second vacancy is for a Parish Cleaner assisting Fr Michael McCormick in Holy Family Presbytery, Cronton, Widnes. For more information please visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or telephone Gillian Sener on 0151 522 1101

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: When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

Child: What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?

Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time (Peace Sunday) Sunday 17th January 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 16th January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [John Clarke <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 17th January Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time (Peace Sunday)	11.00 am - Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [John Carden <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]
Monday 18th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Mass [John, Mary Miller & Family]
Tuesday 19th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Wulstan, Bishop</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Safe Delivery]	
Wednesday 20th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Fabian, Pope & Martyr</i> <i>St Sebastian, Martyr</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Dora Kavanagh <i>RIP</i>]
Thursday 21st January <i>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Ann Milwall <i>Get Well</i>]	
Friday 22nd January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Maureen Casey <i>Remembrance</i>]
Saturday 23rd January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [Tony Roche <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 24th January <i>Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time</i> <i>(Racial Justice Day)</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Coleman Costello & Peter Costello <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Alice Riley <i>Very Sick</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time – Accepting Responsibility

Reading I Nehemiah 8:2b–4a, 5–6, 8–10 (Ezra reads the Law)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:12–30 (analogy of the body)
Gospel Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21 (beginning of Jesus' preaching)