



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark*

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3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time – 24th January 2016

In today's Gospel, we first hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. The ministry of Jesus will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is the Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did, bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed, we serve the Kingdom of God.

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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	£ 468.10
Other Envelopes	£ 138.70
Loose GASDS	£ 394.44
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1001.24
Standing Orders	£ 261.00
Bonus Ball 14	£ 74.00
Pax Christi	£ 136.59

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.

Vianney's Voice

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

Lenten Masses, Services & Reflections

All these details will follow in next week's newsletter.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

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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.

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.

Father Vin

When Father Vin returns to the parish in the coming weeks from his sick leave, there will no longer be on a Wednesday a 10.00 Mass in St Mark's Church. This will be replaced with a Service Of The Word, led by our Eucharistic Ministers. This does not include Ash Wednesday or any other special occasions.

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 Catholic Education Service. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Mass Intentions Offered By Father Vin

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

- Joan Jones *RIP*
- Maureen Casey *RIP*
- Joan Burns *RIP*
- Vincent McShane Snr *RIP*
- Dave Harrop *Special Intention*
- Walter Hillard *RIP*

Lent Extra 2016

Anybody wishing to purchase a copy of Lent Extra 2016, published by Redemptorist Publications featuring articles, personal testimonies and reflections to accompany the journey towards Easter and the Year of Mercy, please telephone the

parish office to order your copy. The price per copy is £1.40.

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 on 0151 522 1046.



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 27th February 2015. Please put this date in your diaries and more details will follow nearer the time.

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!"

Minutes Of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th January 2016

Present: Ron Smith (Chair), Father Vin, Agnes Cannon, Emily Crompton (Vianney's Voice), Richard Coakley, Jim Harrison, Kami Lester, Chris Myles, Rachael O'Neill, Lisa Parry.

Apologies: Carole Clancy, Peter Crompton, Jenny Jones, Geraldine Marsh, Jim Moore.

The meeting commenced at 6pm with prayer led by Fr Vin.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Wrong date noted and minutes accepted as a true record

Matters arising: The Chair and Head of St Mark's attended the induction of Rev Frank Cain at St Nick's on behalf of the parish and Catholic schools in the area. Fr will invite Rev Cain in future to talk in the parish. Fr Vin attended the induction of Alan Jewell in his parish.

Notification of Any Other

Business: Fr Vin to give update regarding his health. Vulnerable people coming to Mass.

Correspondence: Three letters were received and read out to the Council. The Council all agreed and each has been dealt with accordingly.

Vianney's Voice: Emily Crompton informed the Council that five young people will be travelling to Lourdes on Coach No.6, Warrington on 22nd July. In the meantime they will be organising fundraising activities to help with their expenses and hope the parish will support them. A family Quiz night has been arranged for Fri 26th Feb and a fashion show for Fri 6th May. It was agreed that the same format as last year for supporting the youth's trip would be applied. New volunteers to be paid for by the parish and fundraising first and other volunteers to pay for themselves with as much support as is available. Thank you for recent donations.

Review of Christmas liturgies: All comments were positive. Christmas Masses were well attended and beautifully presented. Fr Vin thanked the priests, musicians, choir, catechists and all those involved in the preparation, for their generous time. Unfortunately hymn book supplements were not received in time and will be required for Easter. Fr Vin will inform administrative staff. Any minor issues in the liturgies were noted and will be addressed ready for next Christmas.

Mission, Finance, Repairs and Maintenance: A pastoral area visit to the cathedral is planned for 27th February walking through The Holy Year Door to commemorate the Year of Mercy, with a Mass of Reconciliation and lunch before returning to the Parish. A coach is to be arranged by Joanne and Maureen. It is hoped to have a parish mission later in the year. Father Vin will contact Father Chris Thomas and the Cenacle Sisters to lead the week. Also in July of this year, we will be preparing for a Foreign Mission Appeal. As we are in our 10th year as a parish there will also be a Responsible Giving Appeal.

An architect from the Archdiocese is now looking at our 2 churches and the proposal is to begin upgrading both sites in order to meet with health and safety requirements and to improve the design, decor and layout of both churches. The first site to be addressed will be Holy Family followed by St Mark's provided plans are approved. Parishioners will have input once the health and safety and building aspects have been finalised. This work will incur a smaller loan over a period of approx 10yrs which is more feasible for the parish.

With You Always/Tots: Sacrament of Reconciliation at Christmas went well and a big thank you to all the priests who helped out and to the choirs from our 3 schools. The first session of this year was held on Mon 11th Jan. There are also 2 new catechists helping with preparations. Tots group on a Fri morning continues to

flourish and a regular group attends each week.

RCIA: Thanks to Gerry Marsh and Mary Lonsdale who are preparing our candidates and also to Peter and Philomena Harvey for their invaluable help. There are 6 candidates in all.

Health & Safety Committee: The roof and gutters on both sites have been checked and more salt is available at each site in preparation for winter. There is now an Archdiocesan Safety Policy which will be discussed when Fr Vin returns. A grid on the pathway to Holy Family Church has had anti slip tape put on it to alert parishioners. The toilet at Holy family will be checked again if need be.

Safeguarding: Council was informed of the new way of applying for DBS using Ebulk online providing applicants have their own email address. Chris Myles has attended the course and is an Identification Verifier. It was also pointed out that parishioners can access online training for safeguarding through EduCare and there has been a notice about this in the newsletters and there are posters in both churches on how to apply. Chris will be attending 2 courses in May as follow on to Module 1 which she and Fr Vin attended in Oct 2014.

Ladies' group: Both the annual Bereavement Service and Christmas Reconciliation received very positive feedback. Social outings to Boundary Mill, the Philharmonic Hall & the Cathedral have been a success. Ladies will meet again in

February to prepare for Easter Reconciliation and to discuss fundraising ideas.

Baptism: The Council endorsed the new Baptism preparation arrangements whereby families arrange their baptisms after they have completed their course. There is a charge of £30 per child for the programme. Where there is more than one child in a family presenting for Baptism, a reduced price will be offered.

10th anniversary of St. John

Vianney parish: The Committee on behalf of the parish, thanked Fr. Vin for his generosity. Everyone agreed the evening was a great success and thanks were expressed to Hazel, Joanne & Maureen who did most of the organising in Father's absence. Thanks too to all those who helped in any way. Perhaps this could become an annual event.

Faith & Creation: five of our parishioners attended this workshop at LACE on October 24th to explore the latest encyclical Laudato Si. The day comprised a mix of talks and workshops and mass was celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm. Talks addressed different elements of the encyclical including climate change, food security etc.

Schools: Our 3 schools enjoyed all their Christmas celebrations. They have been involved with various musical activities including working with the Philharmonic orchestra brass ensemble and singing with Memory Lane Choir in aid of Alzhiemer's charity at Hollies Hall and singing at the ceremony for

Reconciliation for With You Always. Rev Frank Cain had been invited into Y6 at St Mark's as part of the Come & See religious programme to talk about vocations. Children had also attended both the Experience Harvest and Experience Christmas at St Nicholas's and St Mary's which they had thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to Fr Jonathan & Fr Tim for celebrating the feast of St Andrew and the 3 schools mass. St Andrews is shortly due an OFSTED inspection and we wish them well. Many thanks to all the staff at the 3 schools for all their hard work throughout the year in making our schools so successful. A Happy New Year to them all.

Any Other Business: Fr Vin updated us on his current health issues. He is still recuperating and when given approval hopes to make a phased return to the parish. We wish him well. A notice will be put in the newsletter regarding vulnerable people who in these dark winter nights would like a lift to and from church for them to contact the office during opening times to make arrangements. Also a request for those parishioners who require gluten-free hosts to inform the office so suitable provision can be made. Fr Vin talked briefly about the future and the possibilities of combining pastoral areas which is already in practice in some areas.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th March 2016, 6:00pm St Mark's Annexe.

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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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 6 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 our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

St Mark's Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey
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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: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

Child: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time Sunday 24th January 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 23rd January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [Tony Roche <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 24th January Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time	11.00 am - Mass [Coleman Costello & Peter Costello <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Alice Riley <i>Very Poorly</i>]
Monday 25th January <i>Feast Of The Conversion Of St Paul</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Lacey & Sammonds Family]
Tuesday 26th January <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Lillian Simpson <i>RIP</i>]	
Wednesday 27th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Angela Merici, Virgin</i>		10.00 am – Service Of The Word
Thursday 28th January <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Father Vin <i>Get Well</i>]	
Friday 29th January <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Service Of The Word
Saturday 30th January <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [Albert Lamb <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	
Sunday 31st January <i>Fourth Sunday Of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [John Jinks <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Cecilia Mee <i>80th Birthday Remembrance</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday Of Ordinary Time – Facing rejection

Reading I Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19 (prophet consecrated to God)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13 (love never fails)

Gospel Luke 4:21–30 (beginning of preaching; rejection by the townspeople)