

Newsletter

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

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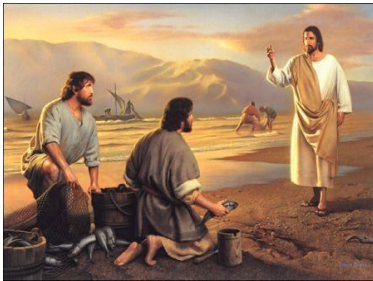
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5th Sunday In Ordinary Time – 7th February 2016

'Called By God'



At first glance, Peter and Paul weren't the most promising of candidates for ministry as apostles: Peter, the fisherman, probably without much in the way of formal education, with a tendency to be rash and grasp the wrong end of the stick, and Paul, the Pharisee who had dedicated his life to persecuting the Church. Both of them recognised their unworthiness, but both were open to the transforming power of God in their lives. God calls each of us to some particular work and while we may find it daunting, if we respond in humility and trust, God will help us. Through God's help, the bumbling fisherman became the confident apostle Peter, and the persecutor of the church became the model for missionaries, St Paul. God doesn't expect us to be perfect: God helps us, through our vocation, to grow into the person whom we are always meant to become.

By Bro Royston Price C.Ss.R

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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 Francis (Frank) Pitt. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 480.97
Other Envelopes	£ 128.90
Loose GASDS	£ 419.06
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1028.93
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 49	£ 84.00

Second Collection

Next weeks second collection will be for SVP.

Thank You and Welcome Back Father Vin!

We thank all the priests who have celebrated Mass both during the week and at weekends in St Mark's and Holy Family during Father Vin's absence. During next week, albeit on a phased return, we give a very warm welcome back to Father Vin who will be returning to the parish with some additional help from his brother priests as he settles back into his new routine. Please continue to pray for him.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Baptism Coordinator



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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is THIS Monday 8th February 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.

With You Always coordinator



Mrs Kami Lester
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07881817799

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 THIS Monday 8th February 2016, at 4.45pm-5.45pm/6.00pm-7.00pm in Holy Family School.

Wednesday Masses

There will no longer be on a Wednesday 10.00 am Mass in St Mark's Church. This will be replaced with a Service Of The Word, led by our Eucharistic Ministers. Please note, 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.

Lately Dead

Francis, (Frank) Pitt who was a regular Mass attender and very involved in various ministries within St Mark's has died. His funeral will be held on Tuesday 16th February 2016, at 12 noon in St Mark's Church, followed by burial at Allerton Cemetery. Please continue to pray for Frank and his family during this time. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved him and may he now rest in peace.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

There will be a Mass in honour of Our Lady Of Lourdes at Christ the King Church, Queen's Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool on Thursday 11th February 2016, beginning at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Masses and Services in St John Vianney

Ash Wednesday Masses 10.00 am, St Mark's Church, 7.00 pm, Holy Family Church. Mass on Fridays will be at 8.00 am in St Mark's Church, followed by Exposition and Morning Prayer until 8.45 am. Tea/Toast will be in the annex afterwards with donations to the Holy Land.

Stations of the Cross: Mondays at St Mark's Church after Mass; Tuesdays in St Andrew's school at 3.20 pm; Wednesdays at St Mark's school at 3.20 pm, Thursdays in Holy Family church after Mass and Fridays in Holy Family school at 3.20 pm. Parishioners are very welcome to attend the schools.

Lent - The Rite Of Election

Lent is a very special time of preparation for those preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Next Sunday 14th February, our RCIA catechists will accompany Yvonne Stratulis and Lyndsey Daniels as Candidates (already baptised) and Meghan Arnell as a Catechumen (not baptised) to the Metropolitan Cathedral Of Christ The King on Sunday 14th February 2016, for the Rite of Election, beginning at 3.00 pm. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

St Mark's 9.15 am Mass

There are refreshments served in the annexe after 9.15 am Mass in St Mark's. Everyone is welcome.

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!"

Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid Envelopes

Please check the list at the back of the church and tick which church you wish to pick up your envelopes. If you do not wish to donate by Gift-aid any longer, please cross your name off the list. If you wish to sign up for Gift-aid, please give your name to Maureen Conley or Ron Smith or write your name and phone number on the back of the list. Thank you.

Ladies Group

Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7.00 pm in the meeting room at Holy Family. New members are most welcome to come and join us

Vianney's Voice

A family quiz night is being held in St Mark's Parish Club on Friday 26th February 2016, at 7.00 pm. Tickets are on sale at the back of Church after all our weekend Masses and can also be purchased on the night. All money raised is for the Parish Lourdes Fund.

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.

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

Nightfever

This is being held on 27th February 2016, in Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Liverpool, L1 1LE with Mass, at 5.40 pm, adoration, music and reflection. For more information, please visit www.animateyouth.org and www.nightfever.org

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.

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.'

Annual Marriage And Family Life Mass

You are invited by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon to the Marriage and Family Life Mass, which is being held in the Metropolitan Cathedral Of Christ The King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ, on Sunday 21st February 2016, at 11.00 am. There will be refreshments in the Gibberd Room afterwards.

Barn Dance/Ceili

St. Michael's Irish Centre,
6 Boundary Lane L6 5JG
on Sunday 21st February 2016
starring Michael Coyne. Doors open at 2 pm to 5.30 pm. All proceeds to Banneux Pilgrimage Fund
Ticket Admission £5
(Family concessions)

Full licensed bar and refreshments.

Included in price: Entertainment.

Free Raffle. For Tickets:

01519240706, 07703769903,
0151 924 3417

A Coach has been booked from Crosby, but you need to sign up for this by calling the numbers above.



Jubilee Prayer Of Mercy

2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk

All resources to accompany the year of mercy are available on the website shown above.

Ways Of Working With Scripture

A Skills Workshop for RCIA Catechists, Readers, Scripture Group members and anyone interested in breaking open the Word of God in small groups is being held at Sacred Heart Parish, 483 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3BP on Tuesday 23rd February, beginning at 6.30 pm until 9.00 pm and is led by Veronica Murphy. Cost is £10. For more information and to book, please telephone Jonathan Mercer on 0151 522 1040.

Suggested Lenten Reading From St Pauls

'The Name Of God Is Mercy'.

This is a new book published during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis invites all humanity to an intimate and personal dialogue on the subject closest to his heart – mercy – which has long been the cornerstone of his faith and is now the central teaching of his papacy.

'Jesus Comes To Me'

Preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion, Revised Edition 2015

- Ideal for use in parishes, schools and at home.
- Simple, clear, comprehensive and fun.
- Assumes little or no prior knowledge.
- Pictures to colour and exercises.
- Revised order of Mass.
- Spiral bound.

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.

From the Pope's Desk



God wants to live amidst his sons and daughters. Let us make space for him in our hearts.

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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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St Julie's

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Tel: 0151 288 1000

Head teacher: Mr Len Rippon

admin@sfx.liverpool.sch.uk

Bellerive FCJ

Tel: 0151 727 2064

Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan.

St Mark's Kids Easter Party

This will take place in St Mark's Parish Centre on Wednesday 23rd March 2016, beginning at 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm. There will be a Disco and Children's Entertainer. There will also be a visit from the Easter Bunny and receive an Easter Egg too! For tea there will be a party box for each child. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Tickets: Children £5, Adults £1. For more information, please telephone 0151 486 4908.

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 felt inadequate to a task or role you were given? How did you respond?

Child: When have you been asked to do something you felt might be too hard for you? What did you do?

Fifth Sunday Of Ordinary Time Sunday 7th February 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 6th February <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [Bill Horley <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 7th February Fifth Sunday Of Ordinary Time	11.00 am - Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [Father Doyle <i>Lately Dead</i> & William Sefton Winstanley <i>RIP</i>]
Monday 8th February <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Jerome Emiliani, Religious,</i> <i>St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>		10.00 am – Service Of The Word
Tuesday 9th February <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 am – Service Of The Word	
Wednesday 10th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00 pm – Mass [Derek Sommerville <i>Lately Dead</i>]	10.00 am – Mass [Frank Pitt <i>Lately Dead</i>]
Thursday 11th February <i>Thursday After Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00 am – Mass & Stations Of The Cross [Mary Quirk <i>RIP</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>]	
Friday 12th February <i>Friday After Ash Wednesday</i>	3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross in Holy Family School	8.00 am – Mass & Exposition [Frank Curtis 9 th <i>Birthday/26th</i> <i>Anniversary</i>]
Saturday 13th February <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [Maureen Harrison <i>RIP</i> & Harrison Family <i>Intentions Of</i>]	
Sunday 14th February <i>First Sunday Of Lent</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Jeffrey Gilks <i>Birthday</i> <i>Remembrance</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: *First Sunday Of Lent – Salvation Through Faith*

Reading I Deuteronomy 26:4–10 (thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness)

Reading II Romans 10:8–13 (the faith of the Christian)

Gospel Luke 4:1–13 (temptation in the desert)