



# Newsletter

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

St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

At the heart of the Old Testament there is a great story of liberation: how God intervened to free his people from slavery. However, after they were freed from slavery the people of Israel had to face a new problem: the wilderness. During their forty years in the desert the people were tested. They were hungry and wondered if God would pay attention. They were divided in their hearts about God: they wanted to trust him, but their empty stomachs made them doubt. The promised land seemed far away and their hunger was here and now. They were told there was a purpose in their hunger: “to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but... on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 8:3). The great commandment asked them to be *wholehearted* in their commitment to God. It is against that background of Israel’s testing in the desert that the story in today’s Gospel is told. Jesus is the new Israel; he has spent forty days in the wilderness; he is hungry and is tested. He is tested to see if he will keep the ancient law of his people: to serve God with his whole heart, with his whole soul, and with his whole might. The Gospel tells us that Jesus is wholehearted in his commitment and stays loyal to his Father’s plan. Jesus lives his life facing real temptations and that is a measure of his humanity. As we enter Lent we ask ourselves how we face those temptations too. When times get rough and we feel hungry and alone, do we still trust in God? When our life just seems a vast vacancy, do we still believe in the Father who loves us? Are we willing to risk our necks for the sake of the Gospel, or do we settle for guarding our own security? Do we make our authority felt so that people are degraded, or is it a real service to others? These are not easy questions. They were not easy for Jesus. That is why we need forty days: to let these questions reach us again so that at Easter we can proclaim with an undivided heart that Jesus is the Lord of our lives. *There is a Pastoral Message from the archbishop today. It can be downloaded from the archdiocesan website, or copies are available from the Parish Office.*

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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 Frank Pitt, Barbara Ann Cox, Josephine Taylor, Candida Ward, Paula McGeorge. We also remember to pray for their families.*

### Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 450.96
Other Envelopes	£ 159.50
Loose GASDS	£ 409.66
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£ 1020.12</b>
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 48	£ 109.00

### Second Collection

This week's second collection is for SVP. Next week's second collection will be for CAFOD. Envelopes are at the back of church, please take one home.

### 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. Today, our RCIA catechists will accompany Yvonne Stratulis, Lyndsey Daniels and Meghan Arnell to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King for the Rite of Election, beginning at 3.00 pm. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

### Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

#### Baptism Coordinator



Mrs Chris Myles  
christinamyles52@hotmail.com  
07483 139718

#### NOTICE:

**The next Baptism Registration Meeting is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.**

#### With You Always coordinator



Mrs Kami Lester  
vianneywya@gmail.com  
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.**

### Requiem Masses

There will be a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 12 noon in St Mark's church, followed by interment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Francis, (Frank) Pitt. This will be preceded by a Vigil Service at St Mark's church at 6.30pm Monday evening.  
May he rest in peace.

There will be a Requiem Mass on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016, at 12 noon in Holy Family church followed by interment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Paula McGeorge.  
May she rest in peace.

### **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.***

There will be a Requiem Mass on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, at 10.00 am in Holy Family church, followed by interment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Josephine Taylor. May she rest in peace.

There will be a Requiem Mass on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016, at 12 noon followed by Cremation in Springwood for the late Candida Ward (Carole Clancy's sister). May she rest in peace.

#### **Funeral Lay Minister**

Congratulations to Ron Smith who has successfully completed his course to become a Funeral Lay Minister in our parish. Ron will be commissioned at 11.00 am Mass in Holy Family.

#### **Vianney's Voice**

A family quiz night is being held in St Mark's Parish Club on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Lenten Masses and Services in St John Vianney**

Mass on Fridays will be at 8.00 am in St Mark's church, followed by Exposition and Reflection 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.

#### **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. Those who donate by Standing Order may receive an envelope pack with just the Second Collection envelopes in. If you wish this option please let Maureen know at the Parish Office. 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.

## 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!"***

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)

## **Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016: 22-29 July**

Places are still available for ordinary and assisted pilgrims in both hotels and the St Frai (with 24-hour medical and nursing care). Hotels from £669 per person including flights from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, transfers and three daily meals. Our tour operator this year is Joe Walsh Tours (0151 909 2871). Pilgrims requiring assistance (mobility/ medical etc.) in any form should contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at their earliest convenience to avoid disappointment.

Lourdes Office

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### **Nominations**

Do you know of anyone in our parish who would benefit from a pilgrimage to Lourdes as a sick pilgrim? If so, please let Fr Vin know. However, please do not let the person know that you have nominated them.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016, at 11.00 am. There will be refreshments in the Gibberd Room afterwards.

## **Nightfever**

This youth event is being held on 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.animateyouth.org) and [www.nightfever.org](http://www.nightfever.org)

## **Liverpool Seafarers Centre**

An opportunity has arisen for a highly motivated and experienced Deputy Chief Executive to work full time for the Liverpool Seafarers Centre. Salary £30,000 per annum. To apply for this post, please download an application pack from [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

## **Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities**

Are you interested in spending 9 months working with the Catholic Chaplaincy team in Liverpool from September 2016? Would you enjoy supporting students and staff on their journey of faith, liaising with faith societies and attending retreats and other faith events? If so, this placement opportunity might be just right for you! Accommodation in the chaplaincy house and monthly salary is provided. Anyone interested, please contact Father Ian McParland for an informal chat on 0151 709 3858. A job description and application pack is available at: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)  
telephone 0151 708 7283.

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

## **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.



## Jubilee Prayer of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool

[yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk](http://yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk)

### Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to the Cathedral:

To take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It has been decided not to use coaches but to ask parishioners to car share. This gives people the option to spend more time in Liverpool, if they so wish.

The timetable for the day is:

Arrive at	10.00 am
Reconciliation	10.45 am
Confessions	11.00 to 12 noon
Mass	12.15pm

*"God's mercy is for all people and he wants everyone to come to him with trust and confidence. The mercy of Jesus is kind and understanding; now is the time; it is never too late; he forgives all things. Let his gentle healing put your worries to rest."*

*Bishop Séamus Cunningham*

## 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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation) or contact:

Mr Mike Snelham on 0151 428 4410  
or email: [mike@snelham.co.uk](mailto:mike@snelham.co.uk) or  
Mrs Maureen Knight on 0151 522  
1044 or email:  
[m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk) Leaflets are  
also available from the Parish Office  
during office hours.

### From the Pope's Desk



*Entering through the Holy Door means discovering the depths of the Father's mercy, who seeks each of us personally.*

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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.***

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SERVING THE PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY: PRIMARY**

#### **St Andrew's School:**

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#### **St Mark's School:**

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Head teacher Mr Richard Coakley

[stmarks.de@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stmarks.de@knowsley.gov.uk)

#### **Holy Family School:**

Tel: 0151 282 8971

Head teacher: Mrs Gillian Holland

[holyfamilyhalewood@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:holyfamilyhalewood@knowsley.gov.uk)

### **SECONDARY**

St Edmund Arrowsmith

Tel:0151 477 8770

Headteacher: Mr M Campbell

#### **St Julie's**

Tel: 0151 428 6421

Head teacher: Mr Tim Alderman

[reception@stjulies.org.uk](mailto:reception@stjulies.org.uk)

#### **SFX College:**

Tel: 0151 288 1000

Head teacher: Mr Len Rippon

[admin@sfx.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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:** How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

**Child:** Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

<b>First Sunday Of Lent Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>		
<b>Date – 2016</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.00 pm - Confessions</b> <b>5.15 pm - Mass</b> [Maureen Harrison <i>RIP</i> & Harrison Family <i>Intentions of</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>First Sunday Of Lent</b>	<b>11.00 am - Mass</b> [Jeffrey Gilks <i>Birthday</i> <i>Remembrance</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Parishioners]
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>		<b>10.00 am – Mass &amp; Stations Of The Cross</b> [Margaret & Tommy Shreenan <i>Anniversary</i> ]
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	<b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Andrews School</b>	<b>12 noon – Requiem Mass – Frank Pitt <i>RIP</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	<b>12 noon – Requiem Mass – Paula McGeorge <i>RIP</i></b>	<b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Mark's School</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00 am – Requiem Mass – Josephine Taylor <i>RIP</i></b>	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	<b>12 noon – Requiem Mass – Candida Ward <i>RIP</i></b> <b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross in Holy Family School</b>	<b>8.00 am – Mass &amp; Exposition</b> [Christina Powell <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.00 pm - Confessions</b> <b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Kathleen Wafer <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>Second Sunday Of Lent</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Parishioners]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Bernard McDougall <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> ]

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Second Sunday of Lent - Transformed by Christ

**Reading I**                      Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18                      (the covenant with Abram)

**Reading II**                      Philippians 3:17—4:1                      (Christ our goal)

**Gospel**                              Luke 9:28b–36                      (Jesus transfigured)