



# 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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## **Second Sunday of Lent – 21st February 2016**

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus becoming radiant and aglow as he is recognised by God as "my Son, the Chosen One". Jesus though has had less success in being recognised by others. Because of what Jesus *does* and *says*, people begin asking questions about who he really is. People say: "This is Joseph's son, surely." Others are not so sure. Jesus also promotes the question about himself by asking: "Who do people say I am?... Who do you say I am?" In answer to his questions Jesus is told that he is an ancient prophet come back – like Elijah – or the Messiah who will have victory without suffering. Of course no one will fully know who Jesus is until after the resurrection. Jesus' prayer though is answered, there is someone who gets his name right and that someone is his Father. The deepest part of Jesus is called forth. The Father doesn't just recognise Jesus but *recognises him in love* as his chosen one, and that transfigures Jesus. Transfiguration is not a solitary event in the Gospel but one that happens over and over again. Throughout his public ministry Jesus transfigured many people – the broken, the wounded and the wayward. He called to the deepest part of people and transfigured them by the power of God's love, the same power that transfigured Jesus himself. For Jesus that experience was getting closer to who he really was and we all get closer to who we really are when we hear our name called in love. When that happens we become radiant, and we are enabled to face the future. We can understand transfiguration better when we ask: what would it take to transfigure *us*? What would it take to transfigure the people we know? Who calls our name in love? Whose name do we call in love? In our Lenten journey we are asked to transfigure each other by the power of God's love in us. We are all called to the ministry of transfiguration.

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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 Barbara Ann Cox. We also remember to pray for their families.*

### Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 485.30
Other Envelopes	£ 147.15
Loose GASDS	£ 386.62
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£ 1019.07</b>
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball	£ 79.00
SVP	£ 432.30

### Second Collection

Many thanks for last week's donations to our second collection for SVP. This week our second collection is for CAFOD.

### 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.

### Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

#### Funeral Lay Minister



Ron Smith  
ronaldsmith57@btinternet.com  
07546 252142

#### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.***

### 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

### Requiem Mass

There will be a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, at 12.30 pm in Holy Family Church followed by Cremation in Springwood Crematorium for the late Barbara Ann Cox. May she rest in peace.

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

### 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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**Email:**

[lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk)

**Web:** [www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk](http://www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk)

### 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.

## 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!"***

### **Vianney's Voice**

A family quiz night is being held in St Mark's Parish Club THIS COMING 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. This year we have five young people going to Lourdes as helpers to the sick pilgrims. Many people commented on how much they enjoyed the Parish Night in January. Why not come along and meet fellow parishioners?

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)

### **Bath Half Marathon**

Joe Cannon (Agnes Cannon's son) is running in the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March and is hoping that the people of the parish would sponsor him. He is raising money for cancer research. Anyone interested please telephone the parish office for more details.



## 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

Anybody interested in car sharing, please telephone the parish office to leave your details.

*"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*

## **24 Hours for the Lord for the Year of Mercy**

24 Hours for the Lord – in union with Pope Francis The Holy Cross and Saint Helen Jubilee Shrine Corporation Street, St Helens WA10 1EF Friday, 4pm March 4th until Saturday, 4pm 5th March 24 hours Adoration 24 Hours Confession...

### **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.'

## **Safeguarding Department Training Event**

The next Safeguarding Training Event will take place at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016, beginning at 10.00 am and finishing at 2.30 pm.

Creating a Safe Environment Policy and Practice, is Module 3 of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS) National Training Program and is open to all who volunteer within the Parish.

Those attending this training will on completion be able to:

- Identify risk and protect factors
- Identify safeguarding policies and procedures that help promote a safe environment;
- Identify relationships/behaviours that help to promote a safe environment;
- Identify who is available to support them in their safeguarding tasks;

Those wishing to book a place for this event can do so by contacting the Safeguarding Department via telephone on 0151 522 1043 or by emailing [safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk)

The cut off for all applications to this training is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## **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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[standrew@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:standrew@knowsley.gov.uk)

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

Tel: 0151 288 8910

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 are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

**Child:** When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

### Second Sunday Of Lent Sunday 21st February 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
<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> <b>Second Sunday Of Lent</b>	<b>11.00 am - Mass</b> [Parishioners]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Bernard McDougall <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> ]
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>Feast Of The See Of St Peter The Apostle</i>		<b>10.00 am – Mass &amp; Stations Of The Cross</b> [Robert Cobain <i>Anniversary</i> ]
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</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 – Barbara Cox</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>		<b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Mark's School</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Mary Lamb <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i> ]	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	<b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross in Holy Family School</b>	<b>8.00 am – Mass &amp; Exposition</b> [Frank Pitt <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.00 pm - Confessions</b> <b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Fred Curtis <i>9<sup>th</sup> Birthday/26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Third Sunday Of Lent</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Noreen Jones <i>80<sup>th</sup> Birthday</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Parishioners]

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Third Sunday of Lent - Tempered with humility

**Reading I** Exodus 3:1–8b, 13–15 (the call of Moses)

**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12 (against overconfidence)

**Gospel** Luke 13:1–19 (calls to penance; parables of the reign of God)