



Newsletter

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

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Third Sunday of Lent – 28th February 2016

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us; he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.

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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 Patrick Daniel O’Byrne and Betty Flynn. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 490.58
Other Envelopes	£ 147.79
Loose GASDS	£ 406.64
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1045.01
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 25	£ 85.00
CAFOD	£ 506.73

Second Collection

Many thanks for last week’s donations to our second collection for CAFOD. This week our second collection is for Lenten Alms.

Requiem Masses

There will be a Requiem Mass on Thursday 3rd March 2016, in Holy Family Church at 12 noon followed by Cremation at Springwood for the late Patrick (Con) Daniel O’Byrne.
May he rest in peace.

There will be a Requiem Mass on Friday 4th March 2016, in St Mark’s Church at 10.45 am followed by interment in St Nicholas’ for the late Elizabeth (Betty) Flynn.
May she rest in peace.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Funeral Lay Minister



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Baptism Coordinator



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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is THIS Monday 29th 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.

Welcome

We welcome to our community Father Brendan Rice who will be celebrating Mass in St Mark’s at 9.15 am this Sunday. Fr Brendan recently retired due to ill health, but is still able to supply within our Pastoral Area when required.

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

Ladies Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd March 2016, at 7.00 pm in the meeting room at Holy Family. New members are most welcome to come and join us.

St Mark's & Holy Family Repository's

Both St Mark's and Holy Family now have in stock cards and gifts for First Holy Communions and Easter.

Frank Pitt, RIP

Frank's family have written to thank Fr Vin and parishioners for the tremendous send-off that was given to their father. May he rest in peace.

Friends of the Cathedral Scripture and Art Lecture

On Wednesday 2nd March 2016, in the Gibberd Room, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, beginning at 7.00 pm until 9.30 pm, there will be a lecture given by Father Geoffrey Wheaton SJ who will give a talk on how the bible and scripture have influenced art over the centuries, with particular reference to the works of Caravaggio. The presentation will centre on Caravaggio's major religious paintings. Tickets are £12.00 including wine and nibbles. The cathedral car park will be available to all guests attending the lecture. For more information please contact Clare Hanlon on 0151 709 9222 ext. 201 or email: c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Singing at the 5.15pm Mass

Bernard would welcome some help with leading the singing. If you are able to help, simply turn up a little earlier, introduce yourself and sit near the organ. Thank you.

New Parish hymn Book

With the help of Maureen and Jim, we have gathered together some hymns and Mass settings that are not in our present hymn book. These are to be printed, under our parish copyright licence: 2229596, and will be available before Easter.

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!"

Family Asda Vouchers

Torrington Drive Community Association they would like to thank the parish of St John Vianney for the Family Asda Vouchers we provided for families during the Christmas period. The feedback was extremely positive and the vouchers helped enormously especially for those with young children who would have ordinarily struggled to provide the basics for Christmas. Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Bath Half Marathon

Joe Cannon is running in the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday 13th March and is hoping that the people of the parish would sponsor him. He is raising money for cancer research.

There will be sponsor forms available in the porches next weekend.

Photographs

We would be very grateful for any photographs of the parish that can be copied onto the website and returned.

Responding to the Call Vocation Discernment Group

The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 5th March** 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.

Marriage

Any couple wishing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage needs to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The Parish website now has a new section on marriage, giving couples all the information they need

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service this year was written by the women of Cuba. "Receive Children, Receive Me" Our local Service will be held at St Hilda's, Hunts Cross at 7.30pm on Friday.

Foodbank

Our collection of food has been a bit hit and miss recently. From March, we will collect every third Sunday of the month, at both churches and on a set day, leading up to it, at our three schools

From the Pope's Desk



Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy means learning how to not remain prisoners of the past. It means believing things can be different.

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Jubilee Prayer of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk

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.

Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to the Cathedral:

To take place on NEXT Saturday 5th 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. Contact the Parish Office if you need a lift.

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

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

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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.

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There are still some places available for the next diocesan training course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD beginning at 9.30 am – 4.30 pm on Saturday 19th March 2016. A DBS disclosure is required for this ministry. Fr Vin may have asked to think about this ministry. Could you please contact the Parish Office with your details?

Present Eucharistic Ministers

Fr Vin would be grateful if you could let Maureen in the Parish Office know if your sick and housebound parishioner would like to receive a set of offertory envelopes, this Monday or Tuesday, please.

Period of reflection and discussion

Fr Vin also asks that all Eucharistic ministers and readers attend a period of reflection and discussion on Friday March 18th, 6.00pm at St Mark's church, and then Annex. This will last no longer than one hour. It will also be an opportunity to rededicate yourself to your ministry and to receive the new Parish Handbooks for ministers and readers.

Safeguarding Department Training Event

The next Safeguarding Training Event will take place at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA on Monday 25th 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

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

Congratulations!

To all at St Andrew the Apostle School on their recent Ofsted. Also on their great report regarding reading in the school. The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. As Headteacher, you provide strong direction in pursuing the vision that every pupil in your school should achieve success and, in doing so, grow in confidence and self-esteem.

You are supported in this by a committed senior leadership team and staff who clearly work together very closely to achieve the school's aims. Together, you have succeeded in tackling the two areas of improvement identified in the last inspection report.

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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Head teacher: Mr Tim Alderman

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Head teacher: Mr Len Rippon

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Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan.

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.***

St Mark's Parish Club Events

On Sunday 6th March 2016 in St Mark's Parish Club there will be a fantastic vocalist 'Mark Shaw' at 5.00 pm followed by Karaoke at 7.00 pm and popular vocal entertainer 'Alan Jay' on stage at 9.30pm. Free entrance.

Charity Concert for Macmillan Nurses

On Saturday 23rd April 2016, at 7.30 pm in St Mark's Parish Club there will be a charity concert raising money for Macmillan Nurses. There will be various artists including a raffle. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from the Club.

The Club will be closed Good Friday.

Question of the Week

Adult: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care? **Child:** What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

Third Sunday Of Lent Sunday 28th February 2016		
Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 27th February <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [Fred Curtis 9 th Bir'day Rem'/26 th Anniversary]	
Sunday 28th February Third Sunday Of Lent	11.00 am - Mass [Noreen Jones Birthday Remembrance]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners + Martha Connolly RIP Anniversary]
Monday 29th February <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>		10.00 am – Mass & Stations Of The Cross [Nena Ward RIP]
Tuesday 1st March <i>Feast Of St David, Patron Of Wales</i>	3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Andrews School	10.00 am – Mass [Frank Pitt RIP]
Wednesday 2nd March <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	10.00am Service of the Word. (Alternate churches each week)	3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Mark's School
Thursday 3rd March <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	12 noon – Requiem Mass –Patrick Daniel O'Byrne	
Friday 4th March <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross in Holy Family School	8.00 am – Mass & Exposition [] 10.45 am – Requiem Mass – Betty Flynn
Saturday 5th March <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [Halley Potter Get Well]	
Sunday 6th March <i>Fourth Sunday Of Lent</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners + All mothers]	9.15 am – Mass [Claire Cliff Anniversary + Nora Mailey]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Lent - A generous spirit

Reading I	Joshua 5:9a, 10–12	(rites at Gilgal)
Reading II	2 Corinthians 5:17–21	(a new creation)
Gospel	Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32	(the prodigal son)