



# 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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## **Fourth Sunday of Lent – 6th March 2016**

The attitude of writing people off as lost causes is the problem in today's Gospel. The sinners come to hear Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes come to complain that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. The Pharisees want Jesus to let the sinners *stay* lost. The Pharisees see themselves as having no relationship with the sinners. Jesus sees both groups as children of the Father and, therefore, brothers and sisters to each other. Rather than argue, Jesus tells a story about a father who has two sons. The younger son gets lost in a far country. Since his departure, his father has not accepted the loss of his son as "just one of those things". He is a father who stays on the lookout, hoping that his son will return. When he sees his son a long way off he is moved with pity and runs to meet him. The father's love takes the initiative. He meets his son with love, organises a welcome home party to celebrate that his son is found. The elder son when he makes his return journey, unlike his younger brother, he doesn't make it home. His father greets his son but all he hears is "All these years I have slaved for you". In fact *he* is the "separated one" who refuses to recognise his brother as his brother, but is content for him to stay lost. Unlike his father, he cannot surprise his brother with the quality of his mercy. His hard work has made him hard-hearted. When we look at ourselves we can probably see parts of each of the three characters in us. There is the part of the father in us which has a keen eye for those who are lost. There is the part of the younger son in us which wants to grab everything we can and try everything we shouldn't and there is the part of the elder brother in us, which makes other people pay for our loveless fidelity. All three characters are within us, competing to shape our life. This Lent let's pray that the father in each of us will be fit and willing to run for mercy.

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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 O’Donnell, Bridget McClusky and Alice Blackhurst. We also remember to pray for their families.*

### Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 698.05
Other Envelopes	£ 134.60
Loose GASDS	£ 364.36
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£ 1197.01</b>
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 20	£ 69.00
Lenten Alms	£ 370.30

### Second Collection

Many thanks for last week’s donations to our second collection for Lenten Alms. This remains open until Easter.

### Requiem Mass

There will be a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 10.30am at St Mark’s church followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery for the late for Bridget McCluskey.

### Funeral Service

There will be a Funeral Service on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 10.15am at Holy Family church followed by interment at Allerton Cemetery 11.00am for the late Patrick O’ Donnell

May they rest in peace.

### Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

#### Funeral Lay Minister



Ron Smith

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#### Baptism Coordinator



Mrs Chris Myles

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#### NOTICE:

**The next Baptism Registration Meeting is Monday 4th April 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.**

### 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.

### Photographs

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

## 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.

### **Bath Half Marathon**

Joe Cannon 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.

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

### **Vianney's Voice – Family Quiz Night**

Many thanks to all who supported and came to the family quiz night. The night raised £466 plus £52 of donations. Many thanks for your kind generosity. See website for photos.

### **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. Fr Vin also asks that all Eucharistic ministers and readers attend a period of reflection and discussion on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Sandymount House of Prayer**

A Lenten Retreat 14<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 with Father Daniel O'Leary (Suggested offering £280.00). Pots, Pans and the Enkindling of Love 19<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00-4.00. A Journey with St Teresa of Avila and Exploration of the Book of Foundations with Father Matt Blake OCD and Gillian Coxhead (Suggested offering £20.00). Quiet Day 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 from 10.30-3.30. With Gillian Coxhead (Donation only). 16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands Liverpool, L23 6TH

## 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!"***

### **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 is available this weekend.

### **RCIA Retreat Day**

This is a Retreat Day with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon for catechumens, candidates, catechists and RCIA sponsors. This will be held on Saturday 12th March beginning at 9.30 am until 3.00 pm and will be held in St Edward Arrowsmith High School, Ashton in Makerfield, WN4 9PF. For further information, please contact the formation department on 0151 522 1040 or email:

[formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

### **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

### **36th Annual Romero Mass**

This will be held on Sunday 13th March beginning at 10.00 am, in St Benedicts, Warrington, WA2 7QE with hospitality afterwards. For further information, please contact Archdiocese of Liverpool Justice and Peace Commission, on 0151 522 1080 or email:

[s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk)

### **Credit Union**

Enterprise Credit Union replaces the Halewood Credit Union and is open 5 days a week in the same office by the Post Office. It takes customers from outside Halewood, accepting savings and offering loans at reasonable interest rates.

### **Health & Safety / Safeguarding Meeting**

There will be a meeting for Health and Safety and Safeguarding matters on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm in St Mark's Annexe.

### **Parish Council**

The council will meet on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm at St Mark's Annex. Any items for the Agenda should be sent in by Monday mid-day.

## ***From the Pope's Desk***



Open your heart to mercy! Divine mercy is stronger than the sins of people

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### **Jubilee Prayer of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool**

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

Letter sent to our school parents this past week:

Every year, on the Tuesday before Christmas and Easter, we have a Parish Service of Reconciliation. These are at 7.00 pm in the evening, which proves to be a difficult time for those of you with children. This year our Parish Ladies group, who organise these Services will “double up”, to give you an opportunity to attend. So, this year there will be an extra Service at Holy Family church at 9.30 am on Tuesday 22nd March. Tea/coffee will be available from 9.00 am. The Service will last no longer than 40 minutes and General Absolution will be given ie if there is anything at all from your past that you feel you need forgiveness for, this is the opportunity to receive it and to make a fresh start with God and yourself.

Father Vin will be discussing with our three parish Headteachers how best we can mark this year with the children at our schools.

## **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.

Lourdes Office  
**Tel:** 0151 727 4000

**Email:**

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

## **Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM)**

This is a Catholic charity founded in 1969. With over 40 years of experience they have built strategic partnerships in over 25 countries as well as providing opportunities for over 2,600 lay individuals. They currently have 40 volunteers working on projects in eight countries changing the lives of thousands. Their new short-term projects included teaching English language in primary schools and environmental and construction projects based in Malawi and Uganda. No experience is required.

Apply online today! For further information please telephone 0151 291 3438 or email:

[recruit@VMMinternational.org](mailto:recruit@VMMinternational.org) or

visit their website:

[www.VMMinternational.org](http://www.VMMinternational.org)

## **Foodbank**

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.

## **Class Masses**

Fr Vin celebrated Mass with the St Andrew the Apostle Yr6 children last Wednesday. This Wednesday he will be with the Holy Family children and the week after the St Mark children. As always, these Masses are open to parishioners. 11.15am.

## **Safeguarding Department Training Event**

As mentioned last week, there are two Safeguarding Training Events both will take place at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA. Contact 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.

## **Songs of Praise at Liverpool Cathedral**

Television Camera Recording for Songs of Praise, Saturday 14th May  
4.30 pm – 7.30 pm, Liverpool Cathedral, St James' Mount, Liverpool, L1 7AZ

Admission is by free ticket. Application forms and where to send them back to are at the back of each church and the closing date is Tuesday 26th April 2016.

## **Thank You!**

Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly is grateful for the prayers and good wishes of so many on the death of his sister, Isabella. We sent a card and message.

## **Mothering Sunday:**

**Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary, star of the new evangelization**

*Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection, and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelizing Church might be born. Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman. Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom. Star of the new Evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen.*

### 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

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

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Head teacher: Mrs Gillian Holland

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#### 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 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.***

### St Mark's Parish Club Events

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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:** When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

**Child:** Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

### Fourth Sunday Of Lent Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.00 pm - Confessions</b> <b>5.15 pm - Mass</b> [Haliey Potter <i>Get Well</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday Of Lent</b>	<b>11.00 am - Mass</b> [Parishioners + all mothers ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Clare Cliff <i>Anniversary</i> + Nora Mailey]
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i> <i>Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i>		<b>10.00 am – Mass &amp; Stations Of The Cross</b> [ Allyson Kelly – <i>Get Well</i> ]
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i> <i>St John of God</i>	<b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Andrews School</b>	<b>10.30 am – Funeral Mass</b> [Bridget McCluskey]
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday Of Lent</i> <i>St Frances of Rome</i>	<b>10.15 am – Funeral Service</b> – [Patrick O'Donnell] <b>11.15am Class Mass HF School</b>	<b>10.00am Service of the Word.</b> <b>3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Mark's School</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Candida Ward <i>RIP</i> ]	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March</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> [Betty Flynn <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.00 pm - Confessions</b> <b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [George, Kevin & Christopher Marsh <i>Anniversary</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Fifth Sunday Of Lent</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Con O'Byrne <i>RIP</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Parishioners]

Funeral Mass for the late Alice Blackhurst, RIP:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1.00pm at St Mark's church.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Fifth Sunday of Lent - False pride

**Reading I**            Isaiah 43:16–21                            (Promise of restoration)

**Reading II**          Philippians 3:8–14                        (Breaking with the past)

**Gospel**                John 8:1–11                                 (The adulteress)