



Newsletter

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Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – 13th March 2016

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. It begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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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 Alice Blackhurst, Maureen Connolly and Jeffrey Eves. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 472.11
Other Envelopes	£ 140.00
Loose GASDS	£ 458.58
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1070.69
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 36	£ 87.00
Lenten Alms	£ 130.51

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 Monday 14th March 2016, at 1.00 pm in St Mark's Church followed by Cremation in Springwood Crematorium for the late Alice Blackhurst.

Funeral Service

There will be a Funeral Service on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 1.30 pm at Holy Family church followed by internment at Allerton Cemetery for the late Maureen Josephine Connolly.

There will be a Funeral Service on Monday 21st March 2016 at 1.30 pm in Holy Family church followed by Cremation in Springwood Crematorium for the late Jeffrey Eves.

May they rest in peace.

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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



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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.

Health & Safety / Safeguarding Meeting

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

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.

Parish Council

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

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.

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.

Bath Half Marathon

Joe Cannon is running in the Bath Half Marathon TODAY and is hoping that the people of the parish will sponsor him. He is raising money for cancer research. Good luck Joe!

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. 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.

Foodbank

Beginning this month, 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.

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.

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!"

Class Masses

Father Vin will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 16th March at 11.15 am in St Mark's School with the Year 6 children. As always parishioners are very welcome.

With You Always Programme

Family Session 6 for our With You Always programme is being held THIS Monday 14th March at: 4.45-5.45pm/6.00-7.00pm and will be held in Holy Family school.

Father Vin will hold question and answer sessions with the With You Always Year 4 children on the following days:

- Tuesday 15th March, 11.15 am in St Andrews school
- Thursday 17th March, 11.15 am in St Mark's school
- Friday 18th March, 11.15 am in Holy Family school

Three Schools Mass & Buffet

This will be held on Monday 21st March at 4.00 pm in Holy Family school.

Parents Service of Reconciliation

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.

Sandymount House of Prayer

A Lenten Retreat 14th—18th March 2016 with Father Daniel O'Leary (Suggested offering £280.00). Pots, Pans and the Enkindling of Love 19th 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 21st March 2016, from 10.30-3.30. With Gillian Coxhead (Donation only). 16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands Liverpool, L23 6TH

Vianney's Voice

The next meeting for our parish youth group, Vianney's Voice, will be held on Friday 25th March at 7.30 pm in Holy Family church.

From the Pope's Desk



Small gestures of love, of tenderness, of care, make people feel that the Lord is with us. This is how the door of mercy opens.

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Jubilee Prayer of Mercy

2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk

More details regarding Holy Week will be given in next week's newsletter. Below is a brief description of the important dates.

Holy Week Masses and Services

Seven Last Words of Jesus, Reflection

A reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus will be held on Monday 21st March at 7.00 pm in Holy Family church. All are welcome.

Parish Reconciliation Service

At 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd March, in St Mark's church, there will be a final opportunity to prepare well for the Triduum with a parish Service of Reconciliation.

Chrism Mass

On Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30 pm in Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ, the Archbishop will celebrate the Mass of Chrism where many clergy, religious and lay people as possible will participate. This is the Mass where the oils used throughout the year in our churches are blessed. The priests of the archdiocese also renew their vows. All are welcome, especially those being baptised and received into the Catholic family at Easter.

SACRED TRIDUUM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

There will be no morning Mass on Thursday 24th March until 7.30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Feet. Following this the Church then goes into a period of quiet, reflective mourning. The church is stripped. This is followed by a time of quiet prayer before the Altar of Repose, recalling Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane until 10.00 pm when there is Night Prayer.

Good Friday

A day of Fasting and Abstinence for adults under retirement age. The money saved to be given to the poor. On Friday 25th March, there will be an Ecumenical Service at 12 noon, venue to be advised and at 3.00 pm in both churches, there will be a Service commemorating the Lord's Passion and Death. More details will follow next week.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

The church remains quiet and reflective on this day. There will be no celebration of the sacraments until the Easter Vigil at 9.00 pm in Holy Family church. This is the celebration which gives meaning to all our celebrations throughout the year.

Easter Day!

Our weekend Masses will be at 9.15 am in St Mark's and 11.00 am in Holy Family.

Plants For Easter Gardens

If anyone has any greenery plants etc that they can donate for the garden for Holy Thursday night and Easter Sunday, please can they be left at the back of both Churches before Thursday 24th March.
Many thanks.

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

Marriage

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

Baptism Thanksgiving Service

The Ladies Group are planning a short Baptism Thanksgiving Service for the young families who received the sacrament of baptism during the last 12 months. This is where we will re-visit that special occasion and where your child will receive a special blessing. This will be held on Sunday 17th April, 3.00 pm, at Holy Family Church. This will last no longer than thirty minutes. After the Service there will be light refreshments and the Parish Ladies Group will give you information about our Parish Schools and information about some of the things that are available in our parish for you and your family. I hope you will be able to join us when the parish community will once again welcome your child into our family and assure you of their support for yourself and your family. Letters of invitation will be sent to the families over the coming weeks.

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.

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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Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan.

St 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.***

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: Have you ever been too willing to “cast the first stone” when you disapproved of someone’s behavior? How can you resist these feelings? **Child:** When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

Fifth Sunday Of Lent, Sunday 13th March 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday 12th March <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm - Mass [George, Kevin & Christopher Marsh <i>Anniversary</i>]	
Sunday 13th March <i>Fifth Sunday Of Lent</i>	11.00 am - Mass [Con O’Byrne <i>RIP</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners]
Monday 14th March <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>		10.00 am – Stations Of The Cross 1.00 pm – Funeral Mass – Alice Blackhurst
Tuesday 15th March <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Colin Birkett <i>RIP Anniversary</i>] 1.30 pm – Funeral Service – Maureen Connolly 3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Andrews School	
Wednesday 16th March <i>Weekday Of Lent</i>		10.00am Service of the Word. 11.15 am – Class Mass Y6, St Mark’s school 3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross In St Mark’s School
Thursday 17th March <i>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland</i>	10.00 am – Mass & Stations of the Cross [Patricia Murphy <i>BirthDay Remembrance</i> + Luke McGuinness <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	
Friday 18th March <i>Weekday Of Lent</i> <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	3.20 pm – Stations Of The Cross in Holy Family School	8.00 am – Mass, Exposition & Rosary [Ann Culshaw + Teresa Fox]
Saturday 19th March <i>First Mass</i>	5.00 pm - Confessions 5.15 pm – Mass [Deceased members of the McGrath Family]	
Sunday 20th March <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [Father Colbert <i>Anniversary</i> + Victoria Jones <i>5th Birthday</i>]

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Passion (Palm) Sunday - Love and betrayal

Reading I	Isaiah 50:4–7	(salvation only through the Lord’s servant)
Reading II	Philippians 2:6–11	(imitating Christ’s humility)
Gospel	Luke 22:14–23:56	(the passion of Jesus)