

# 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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## **Easter Day – 27th March 2016**

Happy Easter! One of the marks of John's Gospel is the special love between Jesus and one of the disciples. The beloved disciple is presented as the ideal follower of Jesus, the one who is closest to him at the Last Supper, and the one who stands at the foot of the cross when he dies. Now in running to the tomb on Easter morning, the urgency of his love gets him there first, and the sensitivity of his love makes him the first to believe, and later, when Jesus stands unrecognised on the shore of Lake Tiberias, it is the beloved disciple who informs Peter: "It is the Lord." His is a love that gets him there first. So we look to the quality of our own seeing and hope, so that when the time comes we too will have the love to enable us to see through the dark. In celebrating Easter we rejoice in the light that darkness cannot overpower; we celebrate that God raised Jesus from the dead and that God extends that homecoming to all of us; we bless God for the faith that challenges us always to see more in others because of our love for our merciful God.

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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 Rose Mary Saunders. We also remember to pray for their families.*

### Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 469.01
Other Envelopes	£ 151.00
Loose GASDS	£ 439.11
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£ 1059.12</b>
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 43	£ 79.00
Easter Flowers	£ 175.07
Holy Places	Next Week

### Second Collection

This week's collection is a Personal Gift for the Priest.

### Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Father Vin from Tuesday will be continuing with his visits to all our sick and housebound. Please continue to pray for them.

### Thank you

The family of the late (Con) Patrick Daniel O' Byrne have written to thank Fr Vin and parishioners for their prayers and support following their father's death. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

### Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

#### Funeral Lay Minister



Ron Smith

ronaldsmith57@btinternet.com  
07546 252142

#### Baptism Coordinator



Mrs Chris Myles

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07483 139718

#### 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.**

### Easter Monday

Mass will be at 11.00am and will be held in St Mark's church.

### Thanksgiving Mass

THIS Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, St Mark's church, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass to welcome converts, followed by buffet in Club. Please sign list in porch for buffet numbers.

## 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 Standing Orders

If you are a tax payer and you have not signed up for the Gift Aid scheme will you please think about it? All you have to do is sign once and use envelopes or standing orders to make your donation to the parish. It means we can claim 25p back for every pound you give. Thank you. You can collect a form today from the back of church.

### Offertory Envelopes

Please collect your envelopes after Mass. Please do not use unused envelopes for this new tax year. Only use the new ones from April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Reflection on the Faces of Mercy

There is a final session of the Faces of Mercy Reflections that we have been following on Friday mornings. This Easter Friday after 10.00 am Mass. All are welcome.

### Funeral Service

There will be a Funeral Service on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016, at 12 noon in St Mark's church followed by internment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Rose Mary Saunders. May she rest in peace.



### Jubilee Prayer of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool

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

Each of our pastoral area parishes will be doing a monthly service.

Our first one will be at Christ the King, Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool **NEXT Sunday** 3rd April, Divine Mercy Sunday at 3.00 pm.

Sunday 29th May – Hope University Chapel, Corpus Christi Procession

Monday 27th June, 7.30 pm, Our Lady's Bishop Eton – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Sunday 3rd July, 1.00 pm, St Paschal Baylon School – Celebrate the Child Event with Archbishop Malcolm

Sunday 10th July, St Mark's, Halewood – Mass with the Sick and Housebound

Monday 12th September, 4.30 pm, St Ambrose, Speke – Celebration of Catholic Education

Monday 3rd October, 7.00 pm – Pastoral Area Patronal Feast of St Therese of Lisieux

## 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!"***

### **St Mark's and Holy Family Repository's**

Both St Mark's and Holy Family now have in stock cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and many other special occasions.

### **Newsletter by Email**

If you would like a copy of the newsletter by email, please email the parish office and a copy will be sent on a Friday.

### **Vocation Discernment Group**

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 2 April** 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 our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

### **The Reverend Joseph Mercer**

Please pray for Father Joseph Mercer who died last Saturday, the feast of St Joseph. He was aged 91 and was in the 63rd year of his priesthood. Fr Joe's body will be received into Holy Family Church, Ince Blundell, on Tuesday 29th March at 7.00 p.m. and Mass will be celebrated. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 30th March at 11.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Formby.

### **Becoming a Dementia Friendly Parish**

Do you know anyone who lives with dementia or cares for someone who does? Would you like to know more about what dementia is and how we can help people to live well with dementia? As part of the Archdiocese's action plan to build dementia friendly communities, we will have our first Dementia Friends information session after the 10.00a.m. Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. It is particularly important for our Eucharistic Ministers to attend but **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. It only takes an hour and you will come away informed and inspired

## Marriage

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

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



“Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing - not only by our words - that He alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.”

***Pope Francis***

### **News from Irenaeus**

During the Year of Mercy why not take part in Irenaeus Pilgrimage To The Holy Land Between 13th & 23rd June 2016. If you are interested please contact Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or e-mail [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

Scripture Mornings at Irenaeus Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th 26th May 10.30am – 12noon. ‘May God reveal deep and hidden things.’

Reflections on the book of Daniel.

On Fire With the Spirit of God Reflecting on the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Chris has been inspired by what the Pentecost experience meant for the first disciples. On this weekend he shares what it can

mean for us. Friday 29th May – Sunday 1st May. Franciscan Friary Monastery Road Pantasph Holywell Flintshire CH8 8PE.

2016 Harvesters Weekend for Men Friday 8th July – Sunday 10th July 2016. High Leigh Retreat Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

Speakers: David Payne and Fr Mark White CP. A chance to be refreshed, encouraged and challenged.

Further Details are available from [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk)

### **Baptism Annual 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.

# HAPPY EASTER!

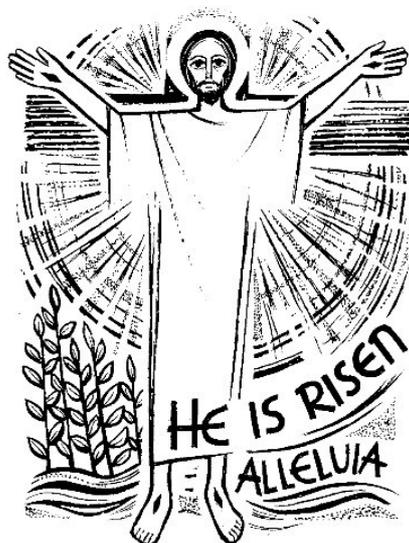
Dear friends,

During the Easter season we bask in the light of Christ. Jesus said he was the Light of the World, so my prayer this Easter is that this light will shine into the dark corners of our world where there is war and deprivation; where people are made homeless by strife and persecuted for their religion; where there is ignorance and intolerance.

May Christ's light enter the hearts of world leaders so that by their decisions and action the world may be a safe place where children can grow up in the security of loving homes, and look forward to a happy and fulfilled future. Let the light of Christ into your own lives and those of your families. And may it bring you an inner peace and joy as you experience the mercy of God every day in the ordinary things you do.

May the risen Lord bless you and your families during this Easter Season.

**+Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop  
of Liverpool**



# ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

## THANK YOU!

My very sincere thanks to all who have prepared, celebrated and taken part in the various events of the busiest week of the year.

I am well aware and appreciative of both, the groups and individuals, time and effort, so often behind the scenes, that have helped us all to prepare and to celebrate.

Our liturgy has been so beautifully enhanced by the efforts of the choir.

The three ladies at the house have worked extra hard and as diligently as ever.

The sick and housebound play their part by praying for us all. My thanks to each and every person who has helped out in any way at all.

My thanks also to the catechists who prepared our new members: Megan Luke Arnell, Yvonne Sosia Stratulis and Lindsay Veronica Daniels. A very warm welcome to you!

I wish you and all your families a very happy and holy Easter. May the mysteries we have celebrated this past week enrich our lives as we continue to follow our Risen and glorified Saviour.

**Fr Vin**

### 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:** Tel: 288 8940  
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**Holy Family School:** Tel: 282 8971  
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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  
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#### **Bellerive FCJ**

Tel: 0151 727 2064  
Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan.

### **Slimming World**

Fr Vin will be giving a talk at St Mark's Club Friday 11.45am.  
All welcome.

### **Thank you**

Hi St John Vianney parishioners  
I ended up raising £1,094.49 for Cancer Research which still continues to grow and for the 13 miles my time was 1h 59m. The last 4-5 miles were horrible but kept on going! I wish to thank everyone that donated and they still can if they wish.  
[www.justgiving.com/Joey-Cannon/](http://www.justgiving.com/Joey-Cannon/) I just don't think I'll be able to genuflect for a bit! best wishes, Joey Cannon

### **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 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.

## Question of the Week

**Adult:** What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

**Child:** What bad habit would you like to “clear out” during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

### *Easter Day* *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016*

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – NO VIGIL MASS</b> <b>9.00 pm – Easter Vigil</b> [Catechumens + Parishioners]	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Mary Lamb <i>Birthday remembrance</i> + Kerry O’Neill <i>RIP Anniversary</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [John Magill <i>Sick</i> ]
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Monday of Easter Octave</i>		<b>11.00 – Mass</b> [Maureen Casey <i>RIP</i> + Joan Jones <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Tuesday of Easter Octave</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [James & Mary Lacey + Rose Douglas <i>S.I</i> ]	
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Wednesday of Easter Octave</i>		<b>7.00pm Mass of Thanksgiving for our converts</b> [Angela McShane <i>Ann’</i> ]
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>Thursday of Easter Octave</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Dylan Williams <i>Birthday Remembrance, RIP Ann’</i> + Frank Pitt <i>RIP</i> ]	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> <i>Friday of Easter Octave</i>		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Bernard McDougall <i>RIP</i> + Bill Barton]
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – MASS</b> [Mary Gardner + Gardner Family]	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Parishioners + Marie <i>to return to good health</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Fox Family <i>IOM</i> + Signorio Family <i>IOM</i> ]

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** Second Sunday of Easter - Living without fear

**Reading I** Acts 5:12–16 (signs and wonders)

**Reading II** Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 (first vision)

**Gospel** John 20:19–31 (appearance to the disciples; Thomas)

## HE IS NOT HERE! HE HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!