



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 Easter (Day of Divine Mercy) – 3rd April 2016

After the death of Jesus the identity of the disciples and the direction of their lives changes dramatically. Now they are a group of people whose shared fear keeps the company together and whose only direction in life is to lock themselves into their own no-go area. After the death of Jesus their lives are rooted in fear. They are deeply afraid that they will have to face the same fate as their master. It is into that desperation that the risen Christ comes. He comes not to disown his disciples for abandoning him but to reclaim them with his peace. He shows himself to them. The resurrection doesn't make the marks of cruelty and suffering disappear: the risen Christ is the wounded Christ. He is Jesus who was crucified. The same. In his gift of peace, the disciples experience great joy, and they are commissioned to share that joy when they release others from sin through the power of forgiveness. Again because of Christ, they have a new found identity and a new direction to their lives. Now they have his Spirit. In coming to believe in the risen Jesus the disciples experience a profound change: they become spirited followers of their Lord. They have seen the Lord, they have met him, they have eaten with him. They can testify to others from the authority of their own experience. But what about all those people who never met Jesus or heard him or touched him? We are numbered among them. Can we believe without seeing the Lord for ourselves? That is why the story of Thomas is so important, because it tells us that it is possible to believe in Christ without having seen him. "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe" is the teaching of the Gospel. The beatitude is for all of us who live in the absence of the physical Jesus but who believe in him as our Lord. It is in the Lord that we have our identify as his followers and follow his direction in our lives. Like the apostles, because we believe in him, we know now who we are and what we must do.

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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	£ 462.07
Other Envelopes	£ 124.33
Loose GASDS	£ 620.35
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1206.75
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 7	£ 85.00
Holy Places	£ 333.97

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

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

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will be meeting THIS Wednesday 6th April, at 7.00 pm in the meeting room at Holy Family church. New members are always welcome to join.

Funeral Service

There will be a Funeral Service on Friday 8th 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.

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 4th April 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.

With You Always coordinator



Mrs Kami Lester

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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.

With You Always Programme

Family session 7 will take place on Monday 18th April, at 4.45pm-5.45pm/6.00pm-7.00pm in Holy Family School.

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 10th.

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.



Jubilee Prayer of Mercy

2016 – Liverpool

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 **TODAY 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

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.

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!"

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 11th 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.

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.

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.

Class Masses

Father Vin will be celebrating Mass in St Andrews School for Year 5 children on Wednesday 20th April, at 11.00 am.

On Wednesday 27th April, at 11.00 am, he will be celebrating Mass for the Year 5 children in Holy Family School. All parishioners are very welcome.

St Mark's Feast Day

Mass will be celebrated for the feast of St Mark at 11.00 am in St Mark's school. Everybody is welcome.

Marriage

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

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

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

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.

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From the Pope's Desk



Bring the merciful love of Christ as a life-giving balm to those troubling new forms of poverty and vulnerability increasingly evident in contemporary society

*Pope Francis speaking ahead of
'The Day of Life.'*

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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 will be on Saturday 7th May 2016. A DBS disclosure is required for this ministry. Fr Vin may have asked you to think about this ministry. Could you please contact the Parish Office with your details?

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 or

visit their website:

www.VMMinternational.org

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.

Vianney's Voice

The next meeting for our parish youth group will be on Wednesday 27th April at 7.00 pm in Holy Family church. All new members are very welcome.

Freddie Freckles

Father Vin will be reading two chapters of Freddie Freckles to our primary school children on the following dates:

- Tuesday 12th April, 11.15 am in St Andrews school.
- Friday 15th April, 11.00 am in St Mark's school and 11.30 am in Holy Family School.

Parish Council Chair

Ron Smith has resigned from the position of Chair of the Parish Council and the team are now looking to recruit a new Chairperson. If you feel that you would be interested in taking up this role, please contact Father Vin. We thank Ron for all his hard work and dedication within this role and wish him all the very best for the future as he continues in various ministries within our parish.

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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PRIMARY

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Holy Family School: Tel: 282 8971
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SECONDARY

St Edmund Arrowsmith
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Head teacher: Mr Tim Alderman
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SFX College:

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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 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.

Question of the Week

Adult: When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

Child: What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

Second Sunday of Easter – (Day of Divine Mercy) Sunday 3rd April 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 2nd April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – MASS [Mary Gardner + Gardner Family]	
Sunday 3rd April Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Day)	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners + Marie to return to good health]	9.15 am – Mass [Fox Family IOM + Signorio Family IOM]
Monday 4th April <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>		10.00 – Mass [Danny Fox <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> + Dennis Alexander Webster <i>RIP</i>]
Tuesday 5th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00 am – Mass [James & Mary Lacey + Rose Douglas <i>Sick</i>]	
Wednesday 6th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		10.00 am – No Mass
Thursday 7th April <i>Memorial of St John Baptiste de la Salle</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Father Joe Mercer <i>RIP</i> + Tony Doherty <i>RIP</i>]	
Friday 8th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Bill Tobin <i>RIP</i> + Bill Barton] 12 noon – Funeral Service <i>Mary Rose Saunders</i>
Saturday 9th April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – MASS [Murray Family + Kathleen & Stephen Harrington <i>40th Wedding Anniversary</i>]	
Sunday 10th April Third Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass [Linda Melvin <i>RIP</i> + Kathleen Horgan <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners + Mary Catherine Keating]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Third Sunday of Easter - Feed my sheep

Reading I	Acts 5:27b–32, 40b–41	(disciples' second trial before the Sanhedrin)
Reading II	Revelation 5:11–14	(praise to the Lamb)
Gospel	John 21:1–19	(appearance at the Sea of Tiberias)