



Parish of
ST JOHN VIANNEY
Halewood
& Hunts Cross

Newsletter

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – 17th April 2016

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Jesus is walking within the temple precincts. Suddenly a group of Jews surrounds him, harassing him with menace in their looks. Jesus is not intimidated but openly reproaches them for their lack of faith in him. “*You do not believe because you are not my sheep.*” The evangelist says that when he finished speaking the Jews took up rocks to stone him. To prove that they’re not his sheep, Jesus makes bold to explain to them what it means to be his sheep. He emphasises only two characteristics he considers the most essential and indispensable: “*My sheep hear my voice... and they follow me*”. After twenty centuries we Christians need to remember once again that what is essential to be the church of Jesus is to listen to his voice and to follow in his footsteps. In the first place we must create the ability to listen to Jesus, to develop far more deeply in our communities that sensitivity which is alive in many simple Christians who know how to grasp the Word that comes from Jesus in all its freshness and consonance with the Good News of God. We live in the midst of a society that invades our consciousness with all kinds of messages, slogans, images, propaganda and claims. If we do not want to see our faith progressively diluted in decadent forms of superficial religiosity, we must learn to place at the centre of our communities the living, concrete, unmistakable Word of Jesus, our only Lord. It is not enough to listen to his voice. We must follow Jesus. The adventure is to believe what he believed, to give importance to what he gave importance to, to defend the dignity of the human person as he defended it; to be with the powerless and vulnerable as he was; to be free to do good as he did; to trust the Father as he trusted him, and to face life and death with the hope with which he faced both. If those who are lost, lonely or without bearings can find in the Christian community a space where they can learn to live together a life of dignity, solidarity and freedom following Jesus, the church will be offering society one of its best services.

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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 Lillian Rose Pauls, Teresa Liasides and Edmond William McCreaney. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 389.90
Other Envelopes	£ 118.00
Loose GASDS	£ 493.11
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1001.01
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball 21	£ 76.00

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Father Vin hopes to conclude his visits to all our sick and housebound parishioners by Thursday afternoon. If he has not been to you by the end of Thursday, please ring the Parish Office Friday morning, or inform your minister at the weekend and he will make sure he gets to you within a day or two.

Funeral Services

THIS Monday 18th April at 12 noon in Holy Family church followed by Cremation at Springwood for the late Teresa Liasides.

THIS Tuesday 19th April at 12.30 pm in St Mark's church followed by internment in Allerton Cemetery, for the late Lillian Rose Pauls.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Funeral Lay Minister



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Baptism Coordinator



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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is Monday 9th May 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.

May they rest in peace.

With You Always Programme

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

Second Collection

THIS weekend is Vocations Sunday, with a special collection for the Priests' Training Fund.

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.

Special Collection

After the recitation of the *Regina Coeli* on Sunday 3rd April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe **NEXT Sunday 24th April 2016**. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

Funeral Mass

There will be a Funeral Mass in Holy Family church on Tuesday 26th April at 12 noon followed by internment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Edmond William McCreaney.

May he rest in peace.

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 **TODAY** 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.

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, 25th April, at 11.00 am in St Mark's church. Everybody is welcome.

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!"

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.

Vianney's Voice Fashion Show. Following the success of last Spring's event on Friday 6th May, Vianney's Voice are hosting a Fashion Show and Sale at St Mark's Club. They will be selling tickets after all the weekend Masses - £3 each with all monies raised for the Parish Lourdes Fund.

Servite Court Open Day

Servite Court, Millcroft Road, Liverpool, L25 8TH will be holding an Open Day on Tuesday 26th April at 2.00 pm. Refreshments are available and everybody is welcome.



Jubilee Prayer of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk

To enable our sick and housebound parishioners to take part in the Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese has produced a special prayer card. Eucharistic ministers are asked to collect them from the sacristy after Mass and distribute. Please note, each parish has only received enough for the sick and housebound.

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

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

Friday 4th 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 Vacancies

For all the current vacancies within the Liverpool Archdiocese, please visit the website:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Alternatively, please see the noticeboards at the back of church for advertisements.

Prayer for Vocations to priesthood and consecrated life

Father of mercy, grant us devoted and joyful Christian communities.

May they nurture among the young a desire to proclaim the Gospel.

May these communities guide each person towards their unique God-given purpose. Grant them the wisdom needed for discernment.

So that in all things the greatness of your merciful love may shine forth.

May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Amen.

HCPT Diamond Jubilee Mass

The HCPT Trust is celebrating its 60th Diamond Jubilee this Year and wishes to share the joy of the Easter Lourdes Jubilee Mass with past Easter Pilgrims and Helpers, Summer Hosanna House Groups and all our supporters with Diamond Jubilee Celebration Masses across the country on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016. One of the Masses is being celebrated at Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King at 12 noon on Monday 2nd May to which all pilgrims, helpers and supporters past, present and future are most welcome.



'Funny Money' can help the Cathedral

There are many coins and notes both British and foreign lying in everybody's cupboards, drawers and tin boxes. Individually these are of no value but collectively they can be converted into 'real' money. Coins may be found on the collection plate and end up in a drawer not knowing what can be done with them.

Donations from individuals are also welcome. The Cathedral can and will make good use of these coins if it's possible for you to get them to the Cathedral or to LACE. If you have a collection in excess of 1kg in weight it may be possible to arrange collection. For further information, please contact Phil Dobbins on 0151 724 6644 or email: Philip.dobbins@talktalk.net

From the Pope's Desk



'Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do and I do it with my heart.'

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics

These will start in late April 2016.

We welcome Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. **For information or to book a place please contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195.**

General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044 m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

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?

Little Church – Children's Liturgy, St Marks Church

We are currently looking for parishioners to help maintain delivery of the Children's Liturgy at St Mark's Church. All those in delivering and attending the Children's Liturgy have to undergo DBS checks which will be facilitated through Margaret Campbell, our

Safeguarding Officer. If you are interested or would just like to find out more, please leave your details with the parish office and/or speak to one of the Children's Liturgy catechists at Sunday 9.15 am Mass.

News from Irenaeus

Celebrate North West. A weekend of inspiring talks, creative liturgy and exciting worship featuring, Linda Stalley – Co-Leader of the Maranatha Community, Ros Powell – Member of the National Service Community and David Wells – Director of Adult Formation and Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Plymouth will be held on Saturday 23rd April, 9am-8.30pm and Sunday 24th April, 9am-4pm in All Hallows Catholic College, Brooklands Avenue, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 8LB. For further details [email:northwest@celebrateconference.org](mailto:northwest@celebrateconference.org)

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 31st May. Franciscan Friary Monastery Road Pantasph Holywell Flintshire CH8 8PE.

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

Northern Catholic Conference

This will be on Friday 17th, 18th to Sunday 19th June at Liverpool Hope

University. This year's theme is "Blessed are the Merciful; they shall have mercy shown them". (*Matthew 5:7*) Speakers include Father Denis McBride, Father Pat Deegan, Tony Hickey and Sister Seraphim. Bookings to Northern Catholic Conference, "Regina Coeli", 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US. Any enquiries to 07543 800812 or website:

www.northerncatholic.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

In recent weeks, we have received information from the Local Authority about primary school children accessing inappropriate games on the Xbox etc that have an age restriction on them. Added to this, more and more children are having access to Social Media accounts such as Facebook and Instagram which parents are allowing. Following discussions with children, we are finding that some accounts are not private and children are adding 'friends' who effectively are 'strangers' that they do not know. As I'm sure you are aware from local and national media, social media does have age restrictions and can be extremely dangerous if not used or monitored appropriately. There is a host of information on our schools websites regarding online safety.

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.

Question of the Week

Adult: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Child: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) Sunday 17th April 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 16th April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – MASS [Agnes McNulty <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	
Sunday 17th April Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Tony Baxter] 3.00 pm – Baptism Thanksgiving Service	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners]
Monday 18th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	12 noon – Funeral Service - Teresa Liaside	10.00 – Mass [Lily Clarke <i>RIP</i> + Danny Fox <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]
Tuesday 19th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Fr Joe Mercer <i>RIP</i> + Tony Doherty <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	12.30pm – Funeral Service – Lillian Pauls
Wednesday 20th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		11.00 am – Mass @ St Andrew's School [Ints of the Parish of St John Vianney + Patricia Murphy <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]
Thursday 21st April <i>Weekday of Easter</i> <i>St Anselm, Bishop</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Rose Douglas <i>Special Intention</i> + James & Mary Lacey]	
Friday 22nd April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Frank Cannon + Dennis Alexander Webster <i>RIP</i>]
Saturday 23rd April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Martin McShane <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 24th April Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass [Michael Gough <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> + Nellie Windle <i>RIP</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Love one another

Reading I	Acts 14:21–27	(end of the first mission)
Reading II	Revelation 21:1–5a	(new heavens and new earth)
Gospel	John 13:31–33a, 34–35	(a new commandment)