

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter – 24th April 2016

“My children I will be with you only a little longer”. It is a small and vulnerable community. It has just been born. Jesus makes them a gift: *“A new command I give you. Love one another as I have loved you”*. If they love one another with the love Jesus has loved them, they will not fail to experience his presence with them. The love that they received from Jesus will continue to spread among them. What will help test whether a community that calls itself Christian truly belongs to Jesus will not be the doctrine it professes or the rites and religious discipline it observes, but the love it manifests that flows from the spirit of Jesus. It is that love that constitutes its identity. We live in a society where the culture of exchange has become increasingly prevalent. People exchange material objects, services and help of every kind. Frequently feelings and friendships are self-servingly exchanged. People with a capacity to love are the exception. What is certain, however, is that in order to live by the standard of Christian love, it is necessary to resist the culture in which today’s society lives. It is not possible to live the love inspired by Jesus without distancing oneself from the kind of relationships and self-serving exchanges that are current among us. If the influence of the church is being diluted in contemporary society it is not only because of profound crisis in which religious institutions find themselves. In the case of Christianity, it is also because quite often it is not easy to find in our communities disciples of Jesus, men and women, who excel in their ability to love as Jesus loved. We lack this distinguishing feature of Christian identity. Christians have talked a lot about love. However, we have not dared to or succeeded in investing love with its true meaning based on the spirit and concrete attitudes of Jesus. We have still to learn that Jesus manifested his love in active and creative ways, which led him to being always ready to serve and to struggle against all that dehumanises people and makes them suffer.

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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 Edmond William McCreaney and Raymond Greer. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 489.50
Other Envelopes	£ 154.10
Loose GASDS	£ 530.29
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1173.89
Standing Orders	£ 251.00
Bonus Ball	£ 70.00
Priests' Training Fund	£ 311.21

Second Collection

THIS weekend's collection is a request from the Holy Father for the people of Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Funeral Mass

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

Funeral Services

There will be a Funeral Service on Tuesday 3rd May at 1.00 pm followed by interment in Allerton Cemetery for the late Raymond Greer.

May they 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 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.

Fr Vin

Although he is well in himself, a new foot ulcer appeared this week.

Therefore he was unable to complete his visit to the sick. These will resume as soon as possible. In the meantime, Fr Vin is to stay off his foot as much as possible.

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.

St Mark's Feast Day

Mass will be celebrated for the feast of St Mark, 25th April, THIS Monday, at 11.00 am in St Mark's church. Everybody is welcome.

Servite Court Open Day

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

Class Masses

On Wednesday 27th April, at 11.00 am, Fr Vin will be celebrating Mass for the Year 5 children in Holy Family School.

All parishioners are very welcome.

News and Events from 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.

Children's Liturgy (Little Church)

We are currently looking for parishioners to help maintain delivery of the Children's Liturgy at both St Mark's and Holy Family Church at 11am. All those in delivering and attending the Children's Liturgy have to undergo DBS checks which will be facilitated through Margaret Campbell (St Mark's) and Chris Myles (Holy Family), our Safeguarding Officers. 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 either Sunday 9.15 am Mass St Mark's or 11.00 am Mass Holy Family.

UCM Bi-monthly Mass

On Wednesday 4th May at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary, Altway, Liverpool, L10 2LG, there will be a Bi-monthly UCM Mass.

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!"

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.

Lourdes 30th May 2016

Lourdes 5 days by air from Manchester Airport, departs 30th May, 4* Hotel £499 per person, 3* Hotel £475 per person, last 8 places available. Anybody interested, please contact Adrian Duffy at Northern Star Travel on 0161 763 8722.



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

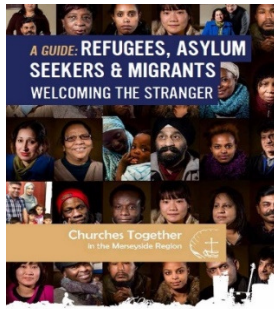
Monday 27th June, 7.30 pm, Our Lady's Bishop Eton – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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

Friday 17th 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



The innovative guide – Welcoming the Stranger – is intended for churches and other groups to help them find a way to respond positively to the refugee crisis. For more information, or to obtain a printed copy, contact 0151 522 1080/81 or s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk.

With You Always Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for the With You Always Children on Thursday 12th May at 5.00 pm-6.30 pm in St Ambrose Church, Heathgate Avenue, Speke, L24 7RS.

Your Cathedral Needs You!

Retiring? How about joining the Cathedral Education Service? As Britain's largest Catholic Cathedral this iconic building has a fascinating history that stretches back over a century and a half. We passionately believe a visit to our Cathedral can deeply enrich a pupil's education – whether they are at school, college or university. Would you like to be part of our team of qualified teachers? As a volunteer teacher all we ask of you is a commitment to offer two hours per month taking children on an educational tour of the Cathedral. For a no obligation chat to discuss the work of the

Education Service please email: enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk with your details and someone will contact you.

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?

News from Irenaeus

May God reveal deep and hidden things: a look at the Book of Daniel, 10:30-noon, Thursdays in May beginning on 5 May.

Scripture Weekend Come near to God and God will come near to you: a journey through the Letter of James, Fri 13-Sun 15 May. Anyone interested please telephone 0151 949 1199 or jenny@irenaeus.co.uk, 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo L22 1RD.

From the Pope's Desk



To form a family is to be a part of God's dream, to join him in building a world where no one will feel alone.



Could you become a Dementia Friends Champion?

The Archdiocese has joined the Dementia Action Alliance and is committed to making the [Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends](#) session available in all parish communities. We need people who will train to be Dementia Friends Champions. If you are already a Champion or would like to become one, please contact Maureen Knight 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk. The Diocesan Action Plan drawn up by the Dementia Working Group can be viewed on the [Dementia Action Alliance website](#).

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.

Medal Found

Whilst the collectors were counting last week they came across a medal with the picture of Jesus at the last supper with the beloved disciple leaning on his breast and on the reverse was this inscription '*In remembrance of my first holy communion*'. If this medal belongs to you, please can you contact the parish office as soon as possible.
Thank you.

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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Bellerive FCJ

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Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

With You Always Programme Dates for the diary

Monday 16th May at 6.00 pm in Holy Family school, there will be a 2nd parents meeting.

Thursday 19th May, 5.00-7.00 pm in St Ambrose church, there will be the childrens' rehearsals. Could Confirmation sponsors join the children for the final 30 minutes, 6.30-7.00 pm.

Friday 20th May, 9.30-2.30pm in St Ambrose church, there will be a final childrens' rehearsal.

Saturday 21st May, 10.00 am in St Ambrose church, the children will make their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

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.

Question of the Week

Adult: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?

Child: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?

Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday 24th April 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 23rd April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – MASS [Martin McShane - <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 24th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Michael Gough - <i>30th Birthday Remembrance</i> + Nellie Windle - <i>RIP</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Parishioners + Neil Parks <i>Very ill</i>]
Monday 25th April <i>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</i>		11.00 am – Feast of St Mark [Ints of all the staff & children of St Mark's School]
Tuesday 26th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	12 noon – Requiem Mass [Edmond William McCreaney]	
Wednesday 27th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		11.00 am – Class Mass @ Holy Family School [Ints of all the staff & children of Holy Family School]
Thursday 28th April <i>Weekday of Easter</i> <i>St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr</i> <i>St Louis Marie de Montfort, Priest</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Neil & Jerard McDaid - <i>RIP</i>]	
Friday 29th April <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor</i> <i>Patron of Europe</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Mary McGrail - <i>RIP</i> + Bud Duffy - <i>RIP</i>]
Saturday 30th April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Parishioners]	
Sunday 1st May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Margaret McGuinness - <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Mary Lonsdale - <i>an inspiration in our parish</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Keeping Jesus' word

Reading I	Acts 15:1–2, 22–29	(letter of the Apostles to the Gentiles)
Reading II	Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23	(the new Jerusalem)
Gospel	John 14:23–29	(last discourse; faithfulness to God's word)