



Parish of
ST JOHN VIANNEY
Halewood
& Hunts Cross

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 1st May 2016

In today's Gospel Jesus is aware of the deep anxiety of his own disciples as they face the reality of his final departure. They are who they are because of him. Without him who will they be? Jesus prepares them for the day of his going, as the liturgy prepares us for the Feast of the Ascension which we celebrate next week. Before he returns to his Father, Jesus counsels his disciples not to be afraid. Go he must. But in his last will and testament he leaves them more than his absence: he leaves them his word and his peace and the promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will help them in the future to be his apostles. In his last will Jesus did not leave his followers answers to every question in life. He knew that they would have to endure many struggles, that they would have to face ambiguity and confusion, difference and disagreement. They would not see eye to eye on everything; they would have different memories of Jesus; they would emphasise different things. In the conflicts that would arise they would have *to put their faith to work*. That is why they would need the Advocate. We should take heart from the conflict of the early Church because we know from experience that there will always be some confusion and disagreement in our complex community. Not everything is heavenly clear, and that is because we are here on earth! And that is why we need the Spirit. In the lives of all of us we have to work through confusion and aim for peace. The Church we belong to continues to grow and has to face new questions honestly in the light of the Spirit. We are neither alone nor helpless. We have the word of God and the presence of the Spirit to help us do what the Church must always do: face the real confusion and aim for peace. It will not be until the heavenly Jerusalem that we will know total peace. Meanwhile we face the real world with confidence because we have great gifts in our community: the word of God, the presence of the Spirit and leaders who will argue for the freedom of the Gospel.

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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 Raymond Greer and Patricia Ann O’Shea. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£	456.88
Other Envelopes	£	124.50
Loose GASDS	£	405.28
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£	986.66
Standing Orders	£	251.00
Bonus Ball 28	£	73.00
People of the Ukraine	£	405.31

Second Collection

THIS weekend’s collection is for friends of the Holy Land. Next week our collection will be for World Communications. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Funeral Services

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

There will be a Funeral Service on Friday 6th May at 12 noon in St Mark’s followed by Cremation in Springwood for the late Patricia Ann O’Shea.

May they rest in peace.

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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:

Catechists with full DBS are needed to help with the preparation sessions for Confirmation and First Holy Communion at St Ambrose for 12th & 19th May and also on the actual day of 21st May. If you can offer any help, please contact Kami on the details above. Thank you!

Vianney’s Voice

Vianney’s Voice Fashion Show. Following the success of last Spring’s event on THIS 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.

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.

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.

Reading Group

Pope Francis - The Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family 'Amoris Laetitia'. A reading group led by Father James OP is being held every Tuesday from the 3rd May at 3pm in Pauline Books & Media, 82 Bold Street, Liverpool, L1 4HR. Everyone is welcome to join in. For

those wishing to purchase a copy of this book, this is available at Pauline Books & Media costing £4.95.

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.

Scripture Mornings at 'Irenaeus'

During these mornings the group will be looking at the book of Daniel 'May God reveal deep and hidden things'. For those interested the dates are Thursdays, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May, 10.30 am – 12 noon and are held in Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

There will also be a Scripture weekend at Irenaeus, where Fr Chris Thomas will share a journey through the letter of James 'Come near to God and God will come near to you'. This weekend you can be residential or non residential with meals or 'bring your own food'. For more information on either of these events, please contact Jenny on 0151 949 1199 or email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The next diocesan training course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 7th May at Irenaeus, from 9.30am-4.30pm. The cost for this is £20 per person which includes lunch and a copy of the booklet for taking Holy Communion to the Sick. A DBS disclosure is required for this ministry.

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"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!"

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.

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.

Blessed Sacrament Procession

To celebrate the Year of Mercy there will be a Pastoral Area Blessed Sacrament Procession on Sunday 29th May at 3.00 pm at Liverpool Hope University with a short service and Benediction in Hope Chapel. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Car Boot Sale

On Saturday 14th May from 8.00 am onwards in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King car park, there will be a car boot sale. A pitch is £10. For further details please contact Claire Hanlon on 0151 709 9222, Ext 201 or c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

With You Always Programme Dates for the diary

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.

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.

Responding to the Call 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 7 May** 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 Archdiocese of Liverpool Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Ladyewell

Bishop Tom Williams invites you to join him, on Saturday 28th May, for our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 5RR. The Pilgrimage will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12 noon in St Mary's Church; followed by a Rosary Procession to the Shrine and later in the day there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims will need to bring their own packed lunch and weather permitting will be able to have a picnic in the grounds of the Shrine. If you would like more information, please contact Father James Preston: frjamespreston@gmail.com

From the Pope's Desk



"The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In that variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place." (para. 315)

'Amoris Laetitia' The Joy of Love

**Archdiocese of Liverpool
Order of Deacons
1976-2016**

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP cordially invites you to Mass at 3.00 pm on Sunday 12th June 2016, in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and to a reception afterwards in the Pontifical Hall in the Cathedral Crypt to mark the ordination of the diaconate of James Stephen Byrne and Joseph Thomas Morgan, the 40th anniversary of the Order of Deacons in Liverpool and the retirement of its Director Monsignor Austin Hunt.

Please reply by email to diaconate@rcaol.co.uk or by post to Diaconate Office, LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 1AA

'Songs we Remember'

Are you living with dementia or caring for someone who is? Come and join our Dementia Community Choir. The aim is to learn some songs we can sing at an Ecumenical Dementia Friendly Carol Service in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in December and to have some fun along the way. 11.00am to 12.30 pm, followed by lunch at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For further details, please contact Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199

**Magnificat Concert: Bach
Cantatas 34, 74, 68, 174**

This is being held on Saturday 14th May at St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NS beginning at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10, £7 (over 65), £5 (Students), under 16s (Free). For more information please contact St Mary's Shrine Office on 01925 635664 or at www.warrchoral.com

Annual Mass of Healing

This will be held on Friday 20th May beginning at 7.00 pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. The Celebrant will be Bishop Tom Williams. The evening begins with hymns of praise and worship. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the Mass while priests, deacons and members of the Prayer Teams are available for prayer and a blessing. Priests will also be available to hear confessions.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers

Please collect from the sacristy, next weekend, the "Parish Guidelines for Eucharist Ministers" booklet. Also, please complete the form with them so that we can update our records.
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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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.***

Statement issued by the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, following the Hillsborough verdicts.

Since the awful events that unfolded when Liverpool played Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough on 15 April 1989, the families of the deceased and all who survived that appalling tragedy have been relentless in their quest for justice.

I would like to thank the coroner and the jurors for their careful consideration of the evidence and all whose work has led to the conclusion of the inquest into the death of the 96. I hope that the acknowledgment that those who died were unlawfully killed will bring comfort to the survivors and the families of the 96.

May they rest in peace, to be forever remembered in the hearts and minds of the people of Liverpool.

Question of the Week

Adult: What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

Child: When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision?

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 1st May 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 30th April <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – MASS [Parishioners]	
Sunday 1st May Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass [Margaret McGuinness <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Mary Lonsdale <i>An</i> <i>Inspiration in our parish</i>]
Monday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor</i>		12 noon – Mass [Frank Pitt <i>RIP</i> + Pitt Family <i>Special Intention</i>]
Tuesday 3rd May <i>Feast of SS Philip & James, Apostles</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Nena Ward <i>RIP</i> + Con O'Byrne <i>RIP</i>] 1.00 pm – Funeral Service <i>Raymond Greer RIP</i>	
Wednesday 4th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Thursday 5th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Jimmy & Sadie Devine <i>Anniversary</i>]	
Friday 6th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Maureen Casey <i>RIP</i> + Betty Flynn <i>RIP</i>] 12 noon – Funeral Service <i>Patricia Ann O'Shea RIP</i>
Saturday 7th May <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Malone Family <i>Special</i> <i>Intention</i>]	
Sunday 8th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners + John Jinks <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Vincent Henry McShane Snr <i>RIP</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ascension

Reading I	Acts 1:1–11	(Jesus' final instructions and ascension)
Reading II	Ephesians 1:17–23	(a Spirit of wisdom)
Gospel	Luke 24:46–53	(the ascension)