



Newsletter

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

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The Ascension of the Lord – 8th May 2016 **(World Communications Day)**

On this feast of the Ascension of Our Lord we reflect on the mandate that we should “Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news”. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of communications. A particular prayer intention is for those who communicate on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN is the Communications Office of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. It seeks to support the Bishops in their key national priorities in education; combatting human trafficking, life issues, safeguarding, prisons, interfaith relations and vocations, to name but a few. CCN is responsible for developing the public profile of the Church in the press, radio and TV, digitally and across social media platforms. It is also a very helpful resource for national and international media professionals. Please help CCN continue this work through contributing generously to the 2nd collection today.

World Communications Day Prayer

*O, God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.*

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

*Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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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 Geraldine Kelly and Thomas Mee. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£	544.01
Other Envelopes	£	121.50
Loose GASDS	£	381.50
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£	1047.01
Standing Orders	£	251.00
Bonus Ball 22	£	77.00
Friends of the Holy Land	£	145.05

Second Collection

THIS weekend's collection is for World Communications. Next week our collection will be for SVP. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Funerals

There will be a Funeral Mass on Tuesday 10th May at Holy Family church at 12 noon followed by cremation in Springwood Crematorium for the late Geraldine Kelly.

There will be a Funeral Service on Wednesday 11th May at St Mark's Church at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Springwood Crematorium for the late Thomas Mee.

May they rest in peace.

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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting THIS Monday 9th May 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.

With You Always coordinator



Mrs Kami Lester

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With You Always

On Thursday 12th May, 5.00-6.30pm there will be rehearsals for the children only at St Ambrose church, Speke.

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

If any children's liturgy catechists can spare a couple of hours to help with the With You Always rehearsals on either 12th May 5.00-6.30pm and/or 19th May 5.00-7.00pm, it would be greatly appreciated, please call Kami on 07881 817799.

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.

SVP

SVP are arranging the annual trip to Holywell and Pantasaph which will be on Tuesday 21st June 2016.

Places are limited. If you are interested in this trip, a list will be at the back of both churches in the coming weeks.

Quiz Night

On Thursday 12th May at St Agnes' Parish Centre, St Mary's Road, Huyton, L36 5SR, there will be a Quiz Night with prizes, raffle, music and licenced bar. Doors open at 7pm for 7.45pm start. Tickets are £4 per person, in teams of 4-6. All tickets include light refreshments. All funds raised support the work of the Big Help Project incorporating Knowsley Foodbank, helping vulnerable people in the community.

To find out more or register your team, please contact
0151 546 0470.

Aid to the Church in Need

Please join the parish of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and the Catholic charity aid to the Church in need (ACN) for a **Talk by Cardinal Charles Bo at the Cathedral on Sunday 22nd May 2016, at 2.00 pm**. The talk will focus on religious freedom and the Church as a force for good in Burma, and will be followed by Sung Vespers at 3.00 pm. All are welcome.

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

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

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!"

Dementia Friendly Church

This is a day conference taking place at LACE on 17th May which Irenaeus are involved in. The keynote speakers will be Professor Emeritus June Andrews, Former Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre at Stirling University and author of *Dementia: the One Stop Guide* and Gina Shaw, the 'poster girl' for the Dementia Friends campaign and a member of our diocesan Dementia Working Group. There is no cost for this conference, but places are limited, please contact Maureen Knight on 0151 522 1046 or email: m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

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.



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.

A special invitation to those who have celebrated the sacraments of confirmation and holy communion to come along in your special clothes.

Mass Intentions

Father Vin will offer the following intentions whilst on retreat this week: Colin Birkett (Wed Ann), Eddie Rigby (RIP Ann), Miren & Joaquin De Equia (A), Rose Douglas (SI)

Pentecost Pageant Celebration of Hope

Take part in the traditional procession starting from Liverpool Cathedral at 3.00 pm and culminating on the plaza at the magnificent Metropolitan Cathedral. Join the colourful celebrations on 15th May from 12 noon to 5.00 pm as we celebrate Pentecost with a Pageant of music, dance, arts and food. Add a splash of colour by dressing in red or white for the procession. For more information, visit www.hopestreet.co.uk

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
If you are interested in going and paying towards a coach, please sign list in the porch.

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group are holding a Parish Barn Dance/Ceili in St Mark's club on Friday 17th June beginning at 7.30 pm until late with Stevie Squeezy Needham. Tickets are £2.50 or pay at the door on the night. Come along and support the parish and have a fun evening whilst improving your dance moves. Tickets will be on sale at all the weekend Masses from next weekend 14th May or see one of the Ladies Group. Thank you, or should that be Yee Hah!

Northern Catholic Conference

This is being held 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". (Matt 5:7) The speakers include Father Denis McBride, Father Pat Deegan, Tony Hickey and Sr Seraphim. Bookings to Northern Catholic Conference, "Regina Coeli", 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US. Enquiries to 07543 800812.

From the Pope's Desk



Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

Pope Francis

**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

Looking Ahead

On Thursday 23rd June to Saturday 25th June there will be a national conference for health and social care professionals at St Mary's

University, Twickenham themed 'Called to Care'. It will focus on the spiritual vocation of all of the people who work in health and care through presentations from professionals and figures of the Catholic church along with a range of workshops.

The conference will support and deepen the vocation and spirituality of those being called to care; explore ways in which faith in practice can enhance the quality of care and compassion in health and social care organisations and enable participants to apply the insights of Catholic Social Teaching to current issues in health and social care policy and practice. Speakers at the conference will include Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster; Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive, Public Health, England and Dr Anna Rowlands, Senior Lecturer at Durham University. For further details please visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/healthcare

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.

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.***

Soul & Motown Night

St Mark's club presents a Soul & Motown Night on Saturday 18th June starring Electric Soul. Come along for a sensational night of classic Soul and Motown with the amazing Electric Soul including a Disco. Tickets are available from St Mark's Club and are £4 each.

Question of the Week

Adult: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Child: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday 8th May 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 7th May <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Malone Family <i>Special Intention</i>]	
Sunday 8th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day)</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners + John Jinks <i>RIP Anniversary</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Vincent Henry McShane Snr <i>RIP</i>]
Monday 9th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>		10.00 – Service of the Word
Tuesday 10th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	12 noon – Funeral Mass <i>Geraldine Kelly</i>	
Wednesday 11th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	12.30 – Funeral Service <i>Thomas Mee</i>
Thursday 12th May <i>Weekday of Easter</i> <i>Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs</i> <i>St Pancras, Martyr</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday 13th May <i>Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday 14th May <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Ronnie Griffiths Jnr <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	
Sunday 15th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Parishioners]	9.15 am – Mass [Ann & Neil <i>Special Intention</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Pentecost Sunday – Gifts for Service

Reading I Acts 2:1–11 (descent of the Holy Spirit)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:3–7, 12–13 (many gifts, one Spirit, and the analogy of the body)

Gospel John 20:19–23 (appearance to the disciples)