



Parish of
ST JOHN VIANNEY
Halewood
& Hunts Cross

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 10th July 2016

In order to not lose face in an exchange with Jesus, a teacher of the law ends up asking “*And who is my neighbour?*” a question only a man concerned about fulfilling the law, would ask. He wants to know whom he should love or exclude from his love. He has no thought for the suffering of people. Jesus’ concern is to alleviate the sufferings of those he meets wherever he goes, breaking, if necessary the law of the Sabbath or the rules of ritual purity. He answers him with a story. On the road going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man has been assaulted by bandits. Stripped of everything, he lies half dead by the roadside. We do not know who he is, except that he is a man. It could be any of us, any human being laid low by violence, sickness, misfortune or despair. It happened that a priest was going down that road. His workplace is the temple, the sacred liturgy his duty. When he reaches the spot where the man is lying, he sees him and walks on by, on the other side. His lack of compassion is not only a personal reaction, because a Levite of the temple who passes by the wounded man does the same thing. According to Jesus, it is not those who conduct religious services but those with compassionate hearts who can best show us how to deal with people who suffer. A Samaritan passes that way. He doesn’t come from the temple. He doesn’t even belong to the chosen people of Israel. He makes a living as a small trader, a business far removed from anything sacred. But when he sees the wounded man he doesn’t ask whether he is a neighbour or not. He is deeply moved and does for him all he can. This is the one we must imitate. That is why Jesus says to the legalistic teacher: *Go and do likewise*. Whom must we follow when in the normal course of our lives we come across those victims who suffer so deeply because of the economic crisis of our times?

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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 Eileen Ditchfield. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 497.71
Other Envelopes	£ 175.94
Loose GASDS	£ 432.31
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1105.96
Standing Orders	£ 260.00
Bonus Ball 04	£ 87.00
Peter's Pence	£ 90.05

Second Collections

This week's second collection is for Sea Sunday. The Archbishop has written: "The Sea Sunday collection supports the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, which through the ecumenical partnership of the Liverpool Seafarers' Centre, offers pastoral care, practical help and hospitality to seafarers whilst they are in the Mersey Ports. 95% of all our goods, (fuel white goods, food etc), arrives by ship. We are highly dependent upon seafarers but they are largely invisible to us: they come from the developing countries and spend up to nine months at sea away from their families and friends."

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

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NOTICE:

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is Monday 12th September 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.

With You Always coordinator



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Funeral Mass

There will be a Funeral Mass on Thursday 14th July 2016, in Holy Family church at 12noon followed by burial in Yew Tree Cemetery for the late Eileen Ditchfield.
May she rest in peace.

Mass for Sick and Housebound

This will be held on **NEXT** Sunday 17th July in St Mark's School at 3.00 pm. Please contact a member of the SVP, or the Parish Office, if you require a lift. There will be refreshments afterwards.
All are welcome.

St. Mark's School 50th Anniversary

St. Mark's School officially opened in April 1965, but the present school building was opened in September 1966. We have a number of events taking place in July to celebrate our 50th Anniversary to which parishioners, past pupils and former teachers are invited. If you would like to attend any of the events listed below please contact school on 0151 288 8910.

Monday 11th July 1pm-3pm – Open Afternoon – have a guided tour around the school and see children and teachers at work.

THIS Tuesday 12th July 10.30am – Mass in school celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams.

Tuesday 19th July 10.30am – 50th Anniversary Assembly.

Summer Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 14th July at 2.00pm at LACE there will be a Summer Afternoon Tea for all Funeral Ministers, Parish Bereavement Teams and Dementia Champions. There will be a marketplace and the input for the afternoon will be: End of life care. For further details and booking, please contact Maureen Knight on 0151 522 1046 or email: m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

Year of Mercy



Mercy can be defined as "undeserved love" and our Lord wants us to embrace his divine mercy always and come to him in the sacrament of confession.

Jesus also wants us to live the message of his mercy in our lives each day to our neighbour. Mercy is very important because unforgiveness, bitterness, anger etc., can weigh heavily on our souls, hearts and minds. When we show mercy and forgive our neighbour a great burden is lifted off each of us and peace flows. Jesus tells us "show mercy and you will be shown mercy". Christ gave us the perfect example of mercy when he said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". He forgave them who crucified him. Mercy is the beautiful fruit of forgiveness and is something which will bring peace to our lives.

By Colman Holohan.

Mr Martyn Campbell RIP

Students and staff at a Whiston secondary school are "devastated" after the death of their popular headteacher.

Martyn Campbell, principal of St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Centre, died yesterday aged 61 after a long battle with illness.

He had worked at the school since 1984 and been principal for 10 years.

He was also a keen sportsman, and was once a scout for Leicester City FC.

John Robson, chair of governors, said he had been a well-respected and popular leader of the school, and would be "missed immensely" by students, staff and governors.

He added that students will decide on a fitting permanent memorial at the school for the headteacher.

He said: "We are all devastated by this tragic news. Mr Campbell will be missed immensely by staff, students and governors and we feel privileged to have been a part of his life. We are thinking of his family at this very sad time.

"Mr Campbell was an enthusiastic sportsman in his leisure time, acting as scout for Leicester City Football Club for many years. So he was particularly delighted when Leicester City were crowned as champions in May of this year.

"Today we have spent time together in Form groups to reflect on Mr Campbell's life and pray for him. Later this week each year group will

have special assemblies with Julie, our Chaplain, to pray together for Mr Campbell and his family and friends.

"In time, our students will decide how best they would like to remember Mr Campbell in a permanent memorial in our school."

Gary See, Knowsley council cabinet member for children's services, said: "Martyn was truly dedicated and committed to his profession. Despite his illness, he remained at school, providing guidance and leadership to his staff and students.

"This is a testament to him and his commitment to wanting the very best for young people in Knowsley. He was well respected by staff and pupils alike and was held in high esteem by other Head Teachers, both in the borough and outside of the area.

"My condolences go to his family at this very sad time."

(Copied from "The Liverpool Echo")

Animate

TODAY 10th July - Lourdes Departure Mass

Join us at St. Mary's, Lowe House in St. Helens for our annual Youth Departure Mass for Lourdes. This mass is open to anyone, not just to those on pilgrimage in Lourdes or Krakow for World Youth Day!

Animate Youth Ministries is the Catholic Youth Ministry team for the Archdiocese of Liverpool in the North West of England, UK. The team consists of paid employees as well as a group of volunteers taking gap years. We work with around 10,000 young people a year across the Archdiocese between the ages of 11 and 25. If you would like Animate to work with your School or Parish, please get in touch either by email (admin@animateyouth.co.uk) or by calling us on 01744 740 460.

Gap Year Opportunities: If you are aged between 18 and 25 and are interested in taking a gap year working with us, see our Gap Year page and email admin@animateyouth.co.uk for more details.

From the Pope's Desk



The tenderness of God is present in the lives of all those who attend the sick and understand their needs, with eyes full of love.

Pope Francis

Nugent Care

Nugent Care charity which was founded 135 years ago and helps on average 6000 people of all ages each year has formed a Friends of Nugent Care Volunteer Fundraising Group which meets in South Liverpool once a month and members are working together to help raise funds and awareness of Nugent Care's diverse services. The group is looking for local people to get involved and also join. Members of the group said, "Fundraising for such a worthy cause and helping so many people with various needs, brings so much satisfaction because we are putting something back into our local community."

"We are proud to announce that our first fundraising event will be a Summer Fair that is taking place on Saturday 16th July 2016 from 1.30pm - 4.30pm at St. Mary's Millennium Centre, Meadow Lane, West Derby Village, Liverpool, L12 5EA. Entry is free and there will be lots of stalls including: books, tombola, raffle, new & nearly new baby clothes, greetings cards & gift bags, hair & jewellery accessories, refreshments, plus many more! Funds raised will support local children and adults living in poverty." To find out more about Friends of Nugent Care & their Summer Fair event, please contact Fran D'Arcy on 0151 261 2043 or e-mail:

Francesca.D'Arcy@nugentcare.org

Nugent Care is one of the oldest, and most diverse charities in the North West. To find out more please visit: www.nugentcare.org

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

The next UCM Bi-monthly Mass will be held on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30pm in St George, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF.

Summer Scripture Evenings at Irenaeus

These will be held on Wednesday 13th and 20th July, 7.30pm-9.00pm in Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD. The theme 'Stories to live by'. Reflections on the Parables. No need to book, everybody is welcome.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage

A day of faith and fun for the whole family! There will be Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Thanksgiving, Picnic, Drama and Fun for all the family. The main Celebrant and Special Guest: Bishop Alan Hopes and Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA). This will be held on Sunday 24th July in the RC National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham, NR22 6AS. For more information, please telephone 01328 560333. A schedule of the day is a poster at the back of church.

Grin and Bear It

This year Zoe's Place Hospice would like all their supporters to get involved with Grin and Bear it! This takes place on Saturday 24th

September 2016. This is an obstacle course through Croxteth Park in Liverpool where you will get muddy and have lots of fun along the way. It is designed for all fitness levels so no training is necessary only a sense of adventure. The event is £20 registration fee and sponsorship is encouraged. This is something completely new for the charity. To get involved with their first ever Grin and Bear it, please call 0151 228 0353 or email: samantha.lee@zoes-place.org.uk

Marriage & Family Life Pilgrimage

A first-ever National Marriage and Family Life Pilgrimage weekend will be hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham from August 12th to 14th. The event aims to celebrate, support and promote marriage and the family. It will be a fun-packed weekend with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of marriage and family life in the world today. It will be a relaxed weekend for the whole family. The Shrine will provide a place to camp and a general schedule for activities, workshops and liturgical celebration. There is no charge for the weekend and all welcome. There will be a special blessing for all married couples by Mgr John Armitage on Saturday 13th August. For further details, please email: family@walsingham.org.uk

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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Halewood Town Sports Association FC – Under 13s (Year 8 – September 2016)

Halewood Town Sports Association FC are looking to recruit new players for next season as they move into 11v11 aside football. (1st September 2016 – August 2017 Season) They write:

'We are a charter standard club based at Arncliffe Sports Centre, Halewood. Training will continue throughout the summer months on a weekly basis. If you know of any boys who would like to come along to training and to join the team, please contact Andy on 07931 675003 or Adam on 07904 045833'

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 gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

Child: Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time **Sunday 10th July 2016**

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 9th July <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Ronnie Griffiths Snr. <i>Anniversary</i> + Teresa Cowan]	
Sunday 10th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [People of the Parish]	9.15 am – Mass [Alison Daniel Reardon <i>RIP</i> <i>Anniversary</i> + Nora Mailey]
Monday 11th July <i>Feast of St Benedict, Abbot</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Ann & Neil Parks <i>Special</i> <i>Intention</i>]
Tuesday 12th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.30 am – Mass in St Mark's School – [James Poland] Celebrant Bishop Tom Williams - <i>All Very Welcome</i>
Wednesday 13th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Henry</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday 14th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Camillus of Lellis, Priest</i>	12 noon – Funeral Mass [Eileen Ditchfield]	
Friday 15th July <i>Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Martin McShane <i>Anniversary</i>]
Saturday 16th July <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Fred Keeley <i>Anniversary</i>]	
Sunday 17th July <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Luke & Margaret McGuinness <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [People of the parish]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Visitors

Reading I	Genesis 18:1–10a	(Abraham's visitors)
Reading II	Colossians 1:24–28	(the mystery: Christ in us)
Gospel	Luke 10:38–42	(Martha and Mary)