



Newsletter

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

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17th July 2016

Jesus drops out of a group of disciples on a journey to enter a village alone. He makes his way to a house where he finds two sisters whom he loves very much. The presence of their friend Jesus will give rise to two very different reactions from the two women. Mary, almost certainly the younger sister, sets aside everything and remains seated at the feet of the Lord. Her sole concern is to listen to him. Luke describes her as having the characteristics of a true disciple: at the feet of the Master, attentive to his voice, absorbing his words, being nourished by his teaching. The reaction of Martha is different. Since the arrival of Jesus she has been bending over backwards to welcome him and to attend to him fittingly. Luke describes her as fretting over all the work she had to do. Pushed beyond her limits and unhappy with her sister, she puts her complaint before Jesus: *Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me.* He answers Martha with great affection slowly repeating her name; then he makes her see that he too is concerned about the burden of work she bears. But she should know that to listen to him is so important and necessary that no disciple has to be left without his teaching. How can he do so when he himself is teaching everyone by his example to welcome, serve and help others? What he is criticising is her nervous behaviour, under pressure of too much work to do. Active and contemplative lives are not incompatible for Jesus, and neither are listening faithfully to his Word and being committed to a life of service to others. Rather, he draws attention to the danger of being engrossed in too much activity or being always in inner turmoil. Excess of work and anxiety over it quench the spirit in us, spreading uneasiness and stress more than peace and love. We are all invited to welcome the word of God and give it our full attention. The way we continue having God as our guest is when we welcome God's word and attend to it.

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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. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 476.50
Other Envelopes	£ 160.90
Loose GASDS	£ 387.57
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1024.97
Standing Orders	£ 260.00
Bonus Ball	£ 72.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£ 201.21

Second Collections

This week's second collection is for SVP. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Next weekend we welcome into our community Fr Bernard Rolls who will be making a mission appeal across all our weekend masses.

Jim Poland RIP

Joan Poland and family would like to thank most sincerely all who attended Jim's funeral and for all the cards, messages and masses at this sad and difficult time.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

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Baptism Coordinator



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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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Mass for Sick and Housebound

This will be held **TODAY** Sunday 17th July in St Mark's School, Halewood, L26 0XR at 3.00pm. The school will be open from 2.00pm. The car park is located at the back of the school. To locate it go past St Mark's church, presbytery and club and turn right into Fir Avenue. There will be refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Olivia Horgan who made her First Holy Communion today at 9.15am Mass in St Mark's.

Welcome Rev Frank Cain and Wife Sue!

Today at St Mark's 9.15am Sunday Mass, we welcome into our community Rev Frank Cain and wife Sue. Rev Frank will be preaching the Homily, whilst Sue will be leading our bidding prayers. At our other weekend Masses in Holy Family, a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm will be heard. Copies of this are available at the back of church for our parishioners of St Mark's to take home.

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.

Tuesday 19th July 1.30pm – 50th Anniversary Assembly.

Open Evening

St Francis Xavier's College
Open Evening for Year 6 pupils
will take place on
Tuesday 13th September 2016
at 6.30pm
Woolton Hill Road
Liverpool L25 6EG

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.

G K Chesterton Pilgrimage

On Saturday 30th July 2016, there will be a 6th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage in London celebrating 80 years since his death. For those who wish to take part, there is a poster and leaflets at the back of church to take home and read.

Alternatively for further details please telephone 07795 205114 or visit website:

www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk

Three Schools Mass and Buffet

There will be a three schools Mass and buffet in St Mark's School on Monday 18th July at 4.00pm. All staff, governors and school helpers are welcome.

Communion Reflection

Meditation of the Day

The Kingdom we Proclaim

God always works for the best. He always works for the good of the universe as a whole. But can I be sure that he is always working for my own personal good? Am I sure that this sickness, this temptation, this sudden injury, this failure, this pain, this fatal illness, is permitted by God for my good?

God is always a faithful God. I may go away from him. But he will never go away from me. As long as I love God and prove my love by obedience, then I must firmly believe whatever happens to me will be for my good...

I know that everything I do or everything that happens to me – good or evil – will work out for the glory of God and the good of the whole universe. And I also know that if I myself am willing and obedient, the hand of God is with me, and things will work out for my personal good, too.

So I must be generous to do and to suffer everything I believe God wants me to do or to suffer. The more generous I am about this, the better I will see and accept God's guidance and care in my life. When I come to the end of my life, I shall see very clearly that just as I drew near to God in my obedience, he drew near to me in love. If I have been truly faithful, I shall see how God guided me all through my life and how he directed every event of

my life. I shall see how his hand touched me. And I shall see how he lovingly and wisely arranged each happening, each encounter with others, each situation – everything my whole life long!

At last I shall understand how every event, every person, and every situation in my life was a necessary part of God's work in me.

Father Anselm Moynihan, O.P.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2016

Next Friday Father Vin and five of our young parishioners, plus others from the parish, will be travelling to Lourdes on pilgrimage with the Liverpool Archdiocese. Anyone wishing to send any petitions, please can you ensure that they are received into the Parish Office no later than 4.00pm on Thursday. Fr Vin will offer Mass for all parishioners at the Grotto. On the Wednesday Fr Vin will concelebrate Mass with Fr Gerry Cobham at the St Frai hospital chapel for those parishioners who would like to meet up. Thank you.

Vianney's Voice

The next meeting for Vianney's Voice will be on 31st August 2016, 7.00 pm in Holy Family Meeting Room. All new members are very welcome.

Schools

This coming week are schools will begin their annual Summer holiday.

Fr Vin would like to take this last opportunity to thanks all who have taught, governed and helped at our three schools during his time here. We have three schools to be really proud of. May all have a well deserved holiday.

Animate

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



In the Church, and in the journey of faith, women have had and still have a special role in opening doors to the Lord.

Pope Francis

God is His Mercy cares for you

On Sunday 25th September 2016, at 3.00 pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, there will be a celebration Mass for and with disabled people.

The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. Tea and coffee will also be served afterwards downstairs in the Gibberd Room. For more information, please contact Mary Beatham on 07341 864180 or email:

mary.beatham@nugentcare.org

Women Deacons?

Essays with answers. A new publication from Liturgical Press. The question of restoring women to the ordained diaconate surfaced during the Second Vatican Council and continued to resound in academic and pastoral circles well after the diaconate was restored as a permanent order in the church in the West. This volume contains twelve essays, five translated from Italian, three translated from French, and four in their original English, that answer the questions about the history and possible future of women deacons. This book is available from Redemptorist Publications, ISBN: 9780814683125, Code: 199054 and priced at £12.99.

Prayer for Travellers

Prayer addressed to guardian angel

"My holy angel guardian,
ask the Lord to bless the journey which I
undertake,
that it may profit the health of my soul and
body;
that I may reach its end; and that,
returning safe and sound,
I may find all at home in good health.
Do thou guard, guide, and preserve us.
Amen."

*"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I
settle on the far side of the sea,
even there Your hand will guide me."
Psalm 139*

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2016/1017

There will be a parents meeting for all those children who wish to register for next year's sacramental preparation programme on Monday 26th September at 6.00 pm in St Andrews School. All the children wishing to be part of this programme need to be already baptised and I ask that at the parents meeting, a copy of their baptism certificate should be brought so it can be attached with the application form. Should there be any queries, please contact Kami Lester on the telephone or email on the front cover of this newsletter.
Thank you.

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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Tel: 0151 727 2064
Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

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: Which response to God's call is more natural to you—prayer or action? Why?

Child: In the past week, when have you prayed and when have you done good things for others? Which could you do better?

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Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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] 3.00 pm – Mass for Sick & Housebound, St Mark's School
Monday 18th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Frank Pitt <i>RIP</i> + Betty Flynn <i>RIP</i>]
Tuesday 19th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Alice Blackhurst + Josie White]
Wednesday 20th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Thursday 21st July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Dr John Prebble + Lynsey Molyneux]	
Friday 22nd July <i>Memorial of St Mary Magdalene</i>		10.30 am – Mass [James Gilfoyle + Pauline Cadwalader]
Saturday 23rd July <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [People of the Parish]	
Sunday 24th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Sadie & Jimmy Devine <i>RIP</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [James Poland <i>RIP</i> + Joan Poland <i>Special Intention</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Daily prayer

Reading I	Genesis 18:20–32	(Abraham intercedes for Sodom)
Reading II	Colossians 2:12–14	(sovereign role of Christ)
Gospel	Luke 11:1–13	(the Our Father)