



Newsletter

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24th July 2016

In today's first reading it is Abraham, not Ben Ezra who is busily bargaining with God over the number of just people needed to save two cities from destruction. As Abraham wonders whether God will get angry at his final markdown of the original price, God agrees not to destroy the cities for the sake of ten good people. An equally generous picture of God emerges from Paul's letter that we heard "*God has forgiven us all our sins... and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay*". Paul argues that God has done that in a very dramatic way: he has nailed all our debts to the cross of Jesus. How can God hold on to our record of debts when he sees Jesus' record of love? In the Jewish story of bargaining with God, the rabbi told Ben Ezra he should have upped the stakes by asking God to send the Messiah. As Christians that is precisely what we believe God did. In the cross of Christ, all our sins, small and great are forgiven. However, that image of a generous and forgiving God is not one that people readily believe in. That is why, when Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, he insists that they relate to God as Father, Abba, and approach him in the confidence of children who know they are loved. Jesus believe that persistence in prayer is worthwhile because the God we believe in is an image of a God who really does want to help and to save. Though people still complain that nothing has come from their different forms of prayer, Jesus replies by saying it is still worthwhile to keep on asking, to keep on seeking, to keep on knocking because God is more than silence: God is also Word and God will reply. In the end Jesus will stake his own life on that belief. His passion and death are the most powerful appeal to his Father for the sake of all of us. In the end, Ben Ezra received his answer from God. For God did send the Messiah in Jesus and God did hear the cry of the Messiah's appeal to forgive us all our sins. And that is our most precious

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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 Myles Murphy. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 446.95
Other Envelopes	£ 124.33
Loose GASDS	£ 362.65
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 933.93
Standing Orders	£ 250.00
Bonus Ball 23	£ 107.00
SVP	£ 415.53

Second Collection

This is for our annual Mission Appeal.

Fr Vin

Fr Vin is on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. He will be celebrating Mass with the archbishop and other priests at the Grotto on Sunday morning 8.30am French time, 9.30am here. He will offer it for all parishioners and our three schools.

Fr Vin will celebrate Masses next weekend but then take a two week holiday before taking over at Holy Rosary parish September 1st. His last weekend Masses here will be August 27th/28th.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Funeral Lay Minister



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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



Mrs Kami Lester

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Welcome!

We warmly welcome into our community Fr Bernard Rolls, who will be making a mission appeal across all our weekend Masses. This is our annual Mission Appeal. This year the Augustinians (OSA). Fr will tell us more about their work at Mass

Thank you!

To Mr Coakley and Mr McGuffie at St Mark's School, the SVP, the choir and all who helped to prepare and attended the Pastoral Area Mass for the sick and housebound last Sunday.

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

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.

Vianney's Voice

The next meeting for Vianney's Voice will be on 31st August 2016, 7.00 pm in Holy Family Meeting Room. Fr Vin will celebrate Mass.

All new members are very welcome.

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

God in 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

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

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

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.

Support Group for people living with Dementia and their Carers

On Tuesday 2nd August 2016, there will be a support group for people living with dementia and their carers. This will be at 2.00 pm in Our Lady Help of Christians, Portico Parish Hall, Prescot, L34 2QT. For further details please contact Joan O'Hanlon on 07984 735590. Everybody is welcome.

Agape Mass

The next Agape Mass will be held on Thursday 4th August at St Mary's, Prescot Road, Aughton, L39 6TA. For further details, please telephone Archie Cameron on 01704 224286.

Nugent Care Charity Shop

The Nugent Care Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to the Charity Shop. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Each Friday the Divine Mercy Prayer group meet at 7.30pm, Bishop Eton in the Hughes Room. Everyone is welcome.

Redemptorist Youth Ministry (RYM)

To find out more about RYM please contact Paul by email: paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk ; or call 07751 237 473.

The final meeting before the summer break a "Summer Celebration" will take place on Tuesday 26th July at 7.30pm

Meet outside Bishop Eton at 7.15-7.20pm and we will walk down to at 7.30pm prompt to Calderstones Park for some Prayer and Picnic in the Park. Weather permitting!

We can also have some time for games (frisbee, football, tennis, rounders etc)

Please bring your own food and drink for picnic and any sporting equipment you want to bring!

If weather is inclement - we will go for a time of prayer and then meal and drink locally

Cathedral Stewards Required

After the most successful campaign to attract more readers, the Cathedral are now looking to recruit more volunteers to become Cathedral Stewards.

The role of a Cathedral Steward is a really important one. The Stewards ensure that a warm welcome is given to all who attend Mass – be it newcomers or our members of our regular congregation. If you could spare an hour of your week to be a Volunteer Steward then they would be delighted to hear from you. For more information, please contact Claire Hanlon on c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk or 0151 709 9222.

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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.

**Monday 25th July – Thursday
28th July HOLIDAY CLUB “Sports
Academy”**

at [Allerton URC](#) 9.30am – 12.30pm

Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds. For more information or to book a place please contact allertonurc@gmail.com

**Monday 8th August – Friday 12th
August HOLIDAY CLUB “Polar
Explorers”**

at [Mossley Hill Parish Church](#) 1pm – 4pm

Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds. For more information or to book a place visit www.mossleyhillchurch.org.uk or email holidayclub@mossleyhillchurch.org.uk

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

Thank you!

This past week has been a week of goodbyes! On Monday I celebrated for the last time Mass with the staff, governors and helpers of our three schools. I was presented with vouchers of £250.00 from the three staffs. I was also given vouchers for £50.00 from each of the three governing bodies. On Monday evening Mrs Gilbertson and Mrs Carroll two of our ex-head teachers took me out for a meal and the next day I met up for lunch with our present three Headteachers. I was given even more vouchers! I also attended assemblies at each of our three schools and will be taking with me to Holy Rosary a statue of St John Vianney presented to me by the children. I have also received many cards from staff, governors and children. I will be using the vouchers to buy a dinner service from John Lewis, which along with the statue will always remind me of our three schools and what wonderful places they are. I am now going off to Lourdes an emotional wreck! Thank you to one and all.
Pray for me as I will you.

Love and Prayers,

Fr Vin

**Our Lady of Lourdes: Pray for us.
St Bernadette: Pray for us.
St John Vianney: Pray for us.**

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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Headteacher, Vacant RIP.

St Julie's Tel: 0151 428 6421
Head teacher: Mr Tim Alderman
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Head teacher: Mr Len Rippon
admin@sfx.liverpool.sch.uk

Bellerive FCJ
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: Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition, or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often?

Child: What are you most thankful for right now?

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 24th July 2016

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 23rd July <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Eileen Ditchfield <i>RIP</i>]	
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>]
Monday 25th July <i>Feast of St James, Apostle</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday 26th July <i>Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday 27th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday 28th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday 29th July <i>Memorial of St Martha</i>		10.30 am – Service of the Word
Saturday 30th July <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [People of the Parish]	
Sunday 31st July <i>Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Alice Murray]	9.15 am – Mass [Pat Crompton]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Seeking balance

Reading I	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23	(on vanity)
Reading II	Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11	(mystical death and resurrection)
Gospel	Luke 12:13–21	(trust in God, not in possessions)

Masses available this week in our Pastoral Area

Monday 25 th July	9.15am Our Lady of the Assumption, 9.10am Christ the King, 9am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton
Tuesday 26 th	9.15am Our Lady of the Assumption, 9.10am Christ the King, 12noon St Mary's and Bishop Eton
Wednesday 27 th	12noon St Mary's and Bishop Eton
Thursday 28 th	9.30am Christ the King, 9am St Mary's, 12 noon Bishop Eton
Friday 29 th	9am St Mary's, 12noon, Bishop Eton and Christ the King