

Newsletter

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

St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area

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Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 31st July 2016

The main character in this parable is a landowner like one of those people Jesus knew in Galilee. They were powerful men who mercilessly exploited the workers, thinking only of how to increase their wealth. People both feared and envied them. For Jesus, they were foolish. Surprised by a harvest that exceeded his expectations, the rich landowner is now forced to think "What shall I do?" He has no thought for the people who work his land. He is only concerned about his welfare and his wealth: his harvest, his barns, his property, his life. He only lives to accumulate, to hoard, and to increase his material wealth. Suddenly Jesus introduced God himself into the story. His cry interrupts the dreams and fantasies of the rich man. This is the judgement of God: the life of this rich man is a failure and foolishness. He builds larger barns, but cannot expand the world of his concerns. He increased his wealth, but diminishes and impoverishes his life. He amasses goods but knows nothing of friendship, generous love, joy and solidarity. He knows neither how to give, nor how to share, only to hoard. In contrast to the rich fool, Jesus spends himself. He spends his whole life sharing his talent for forgiveness, his insight, his love, his pathos, his energy, his imagination, his prayer, his stories. The list is endless. All these qualities create new life for others. Jesus keeps nothing to himself because he regards nothing as his: he says that everything he is and has, comes from the Father. What Jesus owns, he owes. The way of living creatively is something Jesus hopes for his own disciples. As his disciples the inheritance that Jesus has given us is not to divide people as this would make us rich fools. The inheritance that we have received is one that we are pledged to give away. It is a sign of the times that we must interpret in the light of the Gospels. It is not difficult to hear the voice of God in the depths of our consciences: we must share our wealth.

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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	£	426.96	
Other Envelopes	£	155.53	
Loose GASDS	£	368.75	
TOTAL OFFERTORY		951.24	
Standing Orders	£	250.00	
Bonus Ball 30	£	80.00	
Augustine Mission Appeal		824.21	

Second Collection

There is no second collection this week.

Feast of St John Vianney

On Thursday 4th August 2016, we will be celebrating the Feast of St John Vianney with Mass at 12 noon in St Mark's church followed by a buffet lunch in the parish Club.

Everybody is welcome. For administrative and catering purposes, if you are able to join us, please can you fill in your details on the forms at the back of church.

Thank you.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Funeral Lay Minister



Ron Smith ronaldsmith57@btinternet.com 07546 252142

Baptism Coordinator



Mrs Chris Myles christinamyles52@hotmail.com 07443 018816

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 lesterkami@gmail.com 07881817799

Welcome Back!

We warmly welcome back Fr Vin and the parishioners who have returned this weekend from pilgrimage to Lourdes. May they all be feeling refreshed and renewed in mind, body and spirit and we thank them for their mass offerings and prayers.

Betty Gillies House Mass

There will be a House Mass at 47 Speke Hall Road, Hunts Cross, Liverpool, L25 OPS for Betty Gillies on Wednesday 3rd August at 2.00pm. All are very welcome.

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.

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.

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.

Marriage & Family Life Pilgrimage

A first-ever National Marriage and Family Life Pilgrimage weekend will be hosted at the Basilica of Our Ladv 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

Holiday Club "Polar Explorers"

This will be from Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August at Mossley Hill Parish Church from 1pm – 4pm. This holiday club is for 5-11 year olds. For more information or to book a place

visit <u>www.mossleyhillchurch.org.uk</u>

email: holidayclub@mossleyhillchur ch.org.uk

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.

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

St Julie's High School

There will be an Open Evening for Years 5 & 6 at St Julies High School, Woolton, on Thursday 22 September 2016, from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

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.

Divorced and Separated Catholics

The next series of support meetings will start in September 2016. We welcome Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential.

For information or to book a place please contact Frances Trotman on: 0151-727-2195. General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, on: 0151-522-1044 or e-

mail: m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

This is from 21st – 28th September 2016, flying from Manchester. The Spiritual Adviser will be Fr James Matthews. Anybody interested in this pilgrimage, please telephone 0151 486 5205 for more details.

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.

From the Pope's Desk



A merciful heart has the courage to leave comforts behind and to encounter others, embracing everyone.

Pope Francis

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.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

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@nuqentcare.org

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

Youth2000 - Conquerors 25th-29th August 2016

A 5 day Prayer Festival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, aimed at the 16-35 year age range packed with dynamic talks, live-band worship, powerful prayer times, fun social activities, creative workshops, in-depth discussions, evening entertainment and loads more. With top speakers from the USA and all over the UK.

Under 16s are welcome if they are coming with their family or 2 guardians.

Over 35s may volunteer to help.

For more details visit http://www.youth2000.org/#!c onquerors/b2675

Youth 2000 provide Youth retreats throughout the year.

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The next training course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on 15th October 2016, at Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD, beginning at 9.30am – 4.30pm. If you have been asked by Fr Vin to consider this ministry or are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please can you contact the Parish Office leaving your details as soon as possible so that you can be booked onto this next training day.

SOCIAL WALKING GROUP - Spike Island via Widnes market

Come and join the group for a walk round Spike Island. A less-strenuous one on flat paths. Spike Island is land reclaimed from the birthplace of the British chemical industry to be a canal walk and nature reserve. It also gives good views of the ongoing building work on the new river crossing, the Mersey Gateway, near to the Runcorn bridge. There is a small café.

This will be held on Monday 8th
August 2016, the main meeting
place: Lime Street Station by
Platform 9 at 10.15 to catch the
10.27 service to Manchester Oxford
Rd for **Hough Green** (NB this also
stops at Mossley Hill, West Allerton
and Liverpool South Parkway).

Please bring with you an extra £4 for Halton Transport Day Pass if not in possession of an All England bus pass. The group will be returning between 4 and 5 pm.

Please bring; usual travel passes, packed lunch, good shoes, coffee money. Sorry no dogs.

For more information, contact Ken or Jenny at 722 5153 or paperwight@yahoo.co.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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SERVING THE PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY:

PRIMARY

St Andrew's School: Tel: 288 8940 Head teacher: Mrs Jan Cunningham standrew@knowsley.gov.uk

St Mark's School: Tel: 0151 288 8910 Head teacher Mr Richard Coakley stmarks.de@knowsley.gov.uk

Holy Family School: Tel: 282 8971 Head teacher: Mrs Gillian Holland holyfamilyhalewood@knowsley.gov..uk

SECONDARY

St Edmund Arrowsmith
Tel:0151 477 8770
Headteacher, Vacant RIP.

St Julie's Tel: 0151 428 6421 Head teacher: Mr Tim Alderman reception@stjulies.org.uk

SFX College:

Tel: 0151 288 1000 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: When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life?

Child: Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn't make you as happy

as you thought it would?

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 31 st July 2016			
Date - 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church	
Saturday 30 th July First Mass	5.15 pm - Mass [People of the Parish]		
Sunday 31st July Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass [Alice Murray]	9.15 am – Mass [Pat Crompton Spec' Int']	
Monday 1st August St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor		10.00 am - Mass [Catherine Keating <i>RIP</i> + Frank Pitt <i>RIP</i>]	
Tuesday 2 nd August Weekday in Ordinary Time St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St Peter Julian Eymard	10.00 am - Mass [Special Intention + Betty Flynn <i>RIP</i>]		
Wednesday 3rd August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 am - Service of the Word		
Thursday 4 th August Feast of St John Vianney		12 noon – Mass, followed by buffet in Club [Terry Cliff Birthday Remembrance + Maureen Casey RIP]	
Friday 5 th August Weekday in Ordinary Time Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major		10.00 am - Mass [Albert Lamb <i>Birthday</i> <i>Remembrance</i> + Fr Vin]	
Saturday 6 th August First Mass	5.15 pm – Mass [People of the Parish]		
Sunday 7 th August Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am - Mass [Sammy Collingwood]	9.15 am – Mass [Patsy O'Shea <i>RIP</i>]	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Running the race of faith

Reading I Wisdom 18:6–9a (on the death of the Egyptian first-born)

Reading II Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 (faith of the ancients)

Gospel Luke 12:32–48 (we depend on God; prepare for the master's return)