



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 7th August 2016

In today's second reading we heard Abraham described as a man "who was already as good as dead". He is an old man and his wife has passed childbearing years a long time ago. For these two pensioners, the prospect of having their own children and their own land seems highly unlikely. But their faith in God enables them to believe in what they cannot see, to build up a vision of what the future will be like. They act on that vision of faith and they are rewarded with a son. They set out for their promised land, without knowing where they are going. Their map is their faith in God. When Abraham and Sarah reach their promised land, they live there as strangers, not with the rights of citizens who belong there. They believe that their descendants will enjoy being citizens of the land. But Abraham looks even beyond that as he looks out of his tent: he looks to another city where the founder and the architect and the builder will be God. Abraham's faith enables him to see these things not as part of his experience now, but "in the far distance". Abraham's deep faith in God enabled him to dare. Whenever he went he took his treasure with him; his treasure was part of him; he could not be separated from it, even in time of trial. Abraham's real treasure was his faith in God, and his heart was in the same place as his treasure. That is something which Jesus hopes will be true of his own disciples. Jesus says that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". The Gospel asks us: is our treasure the treasure that will not fail us? The kind of treasure Jesus talks about is the kind that cannot be stolen or destroyed. Abraham risked everything, but his risk was funded from his treasure – his faith in God. Jesus risked everything, but his risk was funded from his treasure – his great love of the Father. Is our treasure rich enough to fund the risks the Gospel asks us to take?

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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	£
Other Envelopes	£
Loose GASDS	£
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£
Standing Orders	£
Bonus Ball 5	£

Second Collection

There is no second collection this week.

Feast of St John Vianney

Thank you to all who came and joined us to celebrate last Thursday's Feast of St John Vianney. The photographs from both the Mass in St Mark's and the buffet in the Club are now on our Parish website.

Baptism

We warmly welcome into our Church community today Sunday 7th August at 12.30 pm through the Sacrament of Baptism (xx and xx). Let us continue to pray for these children and their families.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

Funeral Lay Minister



Ron Smith
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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

Unfortunately, our supply priest from Africa, had his visa rejected as there was a mistake on it. So, we welcome this weekend Bishop Malone and Fr Tim Buckley who will be celebrating our weekend masses in Father Vin's absence. Next weekend we will welcome Father Tony Reynolds who will celebrate all our weekend masses. There will be a Service of the Word on weekdays. Mass times elsewhere in our area are given at the end of this Newsletter.

Father Vin's final masses in our parish will be 27th and 28th August.

Sick and Housebound.

Fr Vin was able to visit and anoint some of you this past week, including those of you in Speke House and Woolton House at

Arncliffe Court. He hopes to get to the rest of you when he returns from holiday in two weeks time.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Directory and Diary 2017

Anyone wishing to purchase an Archdiocesan Directory and/or Diary, can you please contact the parish office to place your order as soon as possible. The price list is as follows:

- Ring Bound Directories £5.00
- Standard Directories £3.50
 - Ordo/Diary £5.00

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.

Ladies Prayer Group

There is a Ladies Prayer Group who meet every Thursday at 6.30 pm in Mary McGrath's House, 31 Dunacre Way, Halewood, L26 0XH. Everyone is 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

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 www.mossleyhillchurch.org.uk

or

email: holidayclub@mossleyhillchurch.org.uk

Walsingham Pilgrimage

There are four places available for the next parish pilgrimage to Walsingham on 15th October to 18th October 2016. The prices are:

- Standard accommodation £203
- Ensuite accommodation £242

These prices are inclusive of coach travel, accommodation and meals. Anybody interested, please contact Margaret Lloyd on 0151 280 2775.

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

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.

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.

Women at the Well

A weekend of reflection for women is being held on 9th – 11th

September 2016 at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD, led by Sr Moira Meeghan and themed 'Women at the Well'.

Anybody interested, please can you telephone 0151 949 1199 or email:

jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Praise the Lord with Music

An opportunity to explore how to lead the community in prayer, as church music groups. You are invited to bring along a favourite hymn or piece of music and your instruments. (A keyboard will be available) This will be held on Saturday 1st October 2016, beginning at 10.00 am till 4.00 pm.

The cost is £10 with light lunch provided, in Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD and led by Sr Moira Meeghan. Places are limited, so please book early.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

From the Pope's Desk



From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us.

Pope Francis

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.

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.

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

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/#!conquerors/b2675>

Youth 2000 provide Youth retreats throughout the year.

Hazel Brennan, Father Vin's Housekeeper

Father Vin's housekeeper, Hazel Brennan is undertaking two extreme challenges in aid of raising money for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. The first will be on Saturday 27th August, a zip wire velocity challenge which includes several zip lines, with the final being the Big Zipper. This is the longest zip line in Europe and will take Hazel as she descends through a quarry from 1500ft reaching speeds up to 100mph for over a mile. The second challenge – Tough Mudder, will be on Saturday 10th September. This is a 12 mile obstacle course designed by the British Special Forces. As

part of a team, Hazel will conquer obstacles including hills, mud, water, ropes, electric shocks and fire. The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation is the only charity in the UK wholly dedicated to defeating lung cancer, the biggest cancer killer in the world. The charity gives help and hope to anyone affected by the disease. They aim to save lives and support people who need it most. They fund research, give patients and families a shoulder to cry on and if you want it, additional and trustworthy information.

On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August 2016, our second collection will be in aid of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. Gift aid envelopes will be available one week before and across all the masses during that weekend also. A display table and posters will be available at both churches nearer the time. Please do support this worthy charity, thank you.

Come and See Day

The next Come and See Day will be held on Saturday 29th October 2016, beginning at 10.00 am until 5.00 pm in Faith Primary School, Prince Edwin Street, Liverpool, L5 3LW. The cost is £10 and the keynote speakers are David Alton and Steve Atherton. There will also be workshops, music and a market place. For a booking form, please telephone 0151 949 1199 or email: jenny@irenaeus.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.

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PRIMARY

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St Edmund Arrowsmith
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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'

Next Weekend

The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on Sat/Sun Aug 13/14th.

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: Other than Jesus, which of the ancestors of Christian faith has served as the greatest example to you? Why?

Child: Which person of the Bible has been a good example to you of how to live?

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Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 6th August <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [People of the Parish]	
Sunday 7th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Sammy Collingwood]	9.15 am – Mass [Patsy O'Shea <i>RIP</i>]
Monday 8th August <i>Memorial of St Dominic, Priest</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday 9th August <i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, ODC</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday 10th August <i>Feast of St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday 11th August <i>Memorial of St Clare, Virgin</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday 12th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Jane Frances De Chantal, Religious</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday 13th August <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Barbara O'Hara <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 14th August <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Mary (Maisie) Quirk <i>RIP</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [People of the parish]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I Apoc 11: 19; 12:1-6, 10;

Reading II 1 Cor 15: 20-26

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Masses available this week in our Pastoral Area

Monday 8th August 10am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton

Tuesday 9th 10am St Mary's and 12 noon Bishop Eton

Wednesday 10th 10am St Mary's and 12noon Bishop Eton

Thursday 11th 10am St Mary's, 12 noon Bishop Eton

Friday 12th 10am St Mary's, 12noon, Bishop Eton