



Newsletter

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

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 14th August 2016

In today's Gospel of Luke, his portrait of Mary shows her as a young Jewish woman who is surprised and afraid of what God is asking of her. But she does not allow her fear to form her response, she agrees to let God's proposal form her into a young mother. God announces his choice of Mary, she in her turn, announces her choice of God. Two choices meet; two choices find fulfilment in each other. In the meeting of those two choices, Luke presents Mary as the great woman disciple. For the adult Jesus, the description of the true disciple is the one who hears the word of God and keeps it. Long before the adult Jesus appears on the scene, Luke shows how Mary is seen to fulfil the requirements of the true disciple; she hears the word of God and she responds by letting that word happen in her life. Mary is the first true disciple in Luke's Gospel. Luke does not mention the death of Mary in his writings. The New Testament says nothing about the Assumption of Mary. It was not until the sixth century, when Mary became a symbol of faith and hope for all believers, that devout Christians began to celebrate feasts of Mary. They also began to speculate about her death. They were already persuaded of her unique holiness and place in God's plan, and they began describing her death as an extraordinary event, one that befitted such an extraordinary person. We may understand the Assumption of Mary in the images of today's first reading: "*a woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown*". However, we imagine Mary's Assumption, we always return to the simple portrait of her in the pages of the Gospel, where she is neither an earthbound star nor a heavenly queen. In Luke's Magnificat Mary is the lowly handmaid who rejoices in the loving look of God her saviour and blesses him for the great things he accomplishes in her. Such is the woman we celebrate today. Such are her profound hopes. So in turn, ours should be.

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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 James William Scoullar. We also remember to pray for their families.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 479.95
Other Envelopes	£ 131.20
Loose GASDS	£ 404.09
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 1015.24
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 39	£ 79.00

Second Collection

This week our second collection is for the parish building fund. Next week we will be collecting for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support and generous financial contributions you make to all our collections.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome this weekend to Fr Tony Reynolds who will celebrate all our weekend Masses in Fr Vin's absence. Father Vin's final Masses in our parish will be 27th and 28th August. Please continue to pray for him as he does for us.

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



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Weekday Masses

Next week there will be Service of the Word on Monday and Wednesday in St Mark's and Thursday in Holy Family. Mass is available in the Pastoral Area and details of these are advertised on the back of this newsletter. On Friday we welcome Fr Pat O'Brien as he celebrates Mass at 10.00 am in St Mark's.

Requiem Mass

On Tuesday 16th August at 10.00 am there will be a Requiem Mass in Holy Family Church followed by Cremation in Springwood Crematorium for the late James William Scoullar. May he rest in peace.

Sick and Housebound.

Fr Vin was able to visit and anoint some of you before he went on his fortnights holiday. He hopes to get to the rest of you when he returns in a 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

Parish Office

Due to staff holidays the parish office will be closed until Tuesday 30th August. For those people who very generously give their time each week to fold our newsletters and additional papers when needed, please note that the newsletters will still be produced and needs to be collected as normal. Thank you.

Vianney's Voice

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

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.

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2016/2017

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.

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

Prayer to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of [Jesus](#)
and our Mother,
we believe in your triumphant
assumption into [heaven](#)
where the [angels](#) and saints acclaim
you as Queen.

We join them in praising you and
bless the [Lord](#) who raised you above
all creatures.

With them we offer you our devotion
and love.

We are confident that you watch
over our daily efforts and needs,
and we take comfort from the [faith](#)
in the coming resurrection.

We look to you, our life, our
sweetness, and our hope.

After this earthly life, show us Jesus,
the blest fruit of your womb,
O kind, O loving, O sweet
virgin Mary.

Lourdes Reunion Mass

This will take place on Sunday 18th
September 2016 at 3.00 pm, in St
Benets Roman Catholic Church,
Copy Lane, Liverpool, L30 7PE.
Confessions will be available from
2.30pm.

From the Pope's Desk



The secret to joy: never suppress
positive curiosity; get involved,
because life is meant to be lived

Pope Francis

CREATION TIME: Praying with the Gospels and *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis has encouraged us to
celebrate '**Creation Time**' in
September. The Justice and Peace
Commission and CAFOD Liverpool
have produced a new resource for
individuals and groups. Copies from
Steve Atherton 0151 522 1080
s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk or for
further details, Ged Edwards CAFOD
Liverpool on 0151 228 4028
gedwards@cafod.org.uk.

A session to familiarise ourselves
with "Creation Time" will be run on
Monday 15th August 11am to 1pm.
Please contact Ged for details
of venue.

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

St Julie's High School

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

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 the next training day.

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

Communion Reflection

Please Answer Me

I'm lost, I'm scared I'm so full of pain, I let myself down, again and again, I'm tired, I'm lonely I'm full of regret, I'm caught up here, In a fishing net. Can anyone save me?
Can anyone help?

I've got so many problems, but no one to tell. Somebody, anybody Can anyone hear?

I can't do this alone. It's too much to bear. I'm lost, I'm scared. Did I do this to myself?

Someone please answer me.
I need your help Mum... answer my calls God... answer my prayer Friends... answer my questions
I need to know if you're there.

By Danyella Thompson, HMP Send

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

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 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. Our collection will be on the weekend of 20th/21st August 2016.

Flower Vases

Please could the four flower vases from St Mark's that are currently in Holy Family church be returned as soon as possible. Many thanks from the flower arranging team.

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:

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St Andrew's School: Tel: 288 8940
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St Julie's Tel: 0151 428 6421
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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: How does your belief in external life affect your daily life?

Child: What does it mean to have hope?

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Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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]
Monday 15th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday 16th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Stephen of Hungary</i>	10.00 am – Requiem Mass James William Scoullar	
Wednesday 17th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday 18th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Helen</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday 19th August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St John Eudes, Priest</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Des Rooney <i>RIP</i> + Bobby Chalkey <i>RIP</i>]
Saturday 20th August <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Maureen & Laurence Harrison <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 21st August <i>Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [People of the Parish]	9.15 am – Mass [Dora Kavanagh <i>BirthDay Remembrance</i> + Myles Murphy <i>RIP</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - The narrow door

Reading I Isaiah 66:18–21 (gathering of the nations)

Reading II Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 (the discipline of God)

Gospel Luke 13:22–30 (the narrow door)

Masses available this week in our Pastoral Area

Monday 15th Aug 9.10 am Christ the King, 9 am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton

Wednesday 17th 9.30 am Christ the King, 10am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton

Thursday 18th 9.30 am Christ the King, 9 am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton