



Parish of  
**ST JOHN VIANNEY**  
Halewood  
& Hunts Cross

# Newsletter

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

*St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

**Parish Priest:** *Fr. Vincent McShane*

**Email:** [v.mcshane@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:v.mcshane@rcaolp.co.uk)

**Parish Administrators:** *Maureen Conley*

(Mon & Tues 9.00 am - 1:00 pm) and

*Joanne Hennessy* (Thurs 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm) and  
(Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm)

**Email:** [johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk)

**Tel:** 0151 486 9883

**Web:** [www.parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk](http://www.parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk)

## **Twenty First & Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time** **21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

Jesus is travelling toward Jerusalem. His journey is not that of a pilgrim who goes up to the temple to fulfil his religious obligations, according to Luke, Jesus goes through the cities and villages teaching. Something needs to be communicated to the people: God is a loving Father who offers his salvation to all. Everyone is invited to receive his forgiveness. His message surprises everyone. Sinners are full of joy when they hear him speak of the unfathomable goodness of God: even they can hope for salvation. The Pharisees, however, criticise his message and also his welcoming of sinners. According to Luke, an unknown person interrupts his journey to ask him about the number of those who will be saved. Jesus does not answer his question directly as it isn't important to know how many will be saved. What matters is to be clear about living in a responsible manner to receive the salvation of a loving God. In this way he cuts from the root any understanding of his message as an invitation to negligence. For negligence would be ridiculing the Father. Salvation is not something a reckless person receives from a permissive God. Neither is it the privilege of a chosen few. It is not enough to be children of Abraham. It is not enough to have known the Messiah. It is necessary to strive, to struggle, to imitate the Father, to trust in his forgiveness and to receive the salvation of God. Jesus does not lower his demands. To understand properly the invitation *to enter through the narrow door*, we must remember the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John (Jn10:9) *I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe.* To enter through the narrow door is to follow Jesus: to learn to live like him; to take up his cross and trust in the Father who raised him from the dead. When we follow Jesus, we can't do just anything we wish. We must respond faithfully to the love of the Father. What Jesus asks is not scrupulous observance of the law, but radical love of God and neighbour. Therefore, his call is a source of responsibility, but not of anguish. Jesus is always an open door, no one can close it. It is us who shut ourselves off from his forgiveness.

### **Parish Mass Books**

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>PAGE 127</b>
Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>PAGE 130</b>
Nicaean Creed	<b>PAGE 11</b>
Preface	<b>PAGE 67</b>
Eucharistic Prayer for Various needs II	<b>PAGE 27</b>

*Liverpool RC Archdiocesan Trustees Incorporated. A registered Charity 232709*

**The Presbytery and Parish Office: Penmann Crescent, Halewood, Liverpool,  
L26 0UG. Tel: 0151-486-9883**

## 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	£ 429.10
Other Envelopes	£ 171.21
Loose GASDS	£ 399.26
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£ 999.57</b>
Standing Orders	£ 260.00
Bonus Ball 55	£ 77.00
Parish Building Fund	£ 194.18

## Second Collection

Many thanks for your generous donations towards our Parish Building Fund which raised £194.18. This week our second collection is for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

## Welcome Back!

We extend a very warm welcome back to Fr Vin who has returned from his fortnights holiday. This will be his final week amongst us with his last Masses being next weekend. He officially starts as Parish Priest of Holy Rosary, Aintree on 1<sup>st</sup> September. On this same day, Fr Matthew Nunes becomes our new Parish Priest and we look forward to welcoming him amongst us.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annex.**

**With You Always coordinator**



Mrs Kami Lester  
[lesterkami@gmail.com](mailto:lesterkami@gmail.com)  
07881817799

## Dates for the Diary

For those who are interested, Fr Vin's first Mass in Holy Rosary, Aintree will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.00pm.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.00pm in Holy Rosary church, Aintree, will be Fr Vin's induction as new parish priest. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm with music from the Lourdes Music Group. The parish will also be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blessing of their church.

### **Sick and Housebound.**

Fr Vin was able to visit and anoint some of you before he went on holiday a fortnight ago, including those of you in Speke House and Woolton House at Arncliffe Court. This week he hopes to continue his visits around the sick and housebound.

### **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 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, 7.00 pm in Holy Family Meeting Room. Fr Vin will celebrate Mass. All new members are very welcome.

### **Parish Schools Returning after the Summer Break**

May all our staff, children and their families of our three primary schools feel refreshed and renewed after their long and enjoyable summer break. May they continue to work hard and achieve their goals as the new term begins on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Parish Office**

Due to staff holidays the parish office will be closed until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend, 20<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.

### **Lourdes Reunion Mass**

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

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

## **St Julie's High School**

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

### **Open Evening**

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

### **Ladies Group Liverpool City Tour**

This will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, meeting at 11.30 am at the City Explorer Bus Stop, Gower Street (*This is apparently where the yellow duck bus used to enter the Albert Dock*). The tour lasts 50/60 minutes and people are free to get on and off the bus where they wish. A table has been booked in What's Cooking for 2.00 pm. To view the menus please visit: [www.whats-cooking.co.uk/](http://www.whats-cooking.co.uk/) or alternatively view one on the day. 1 course is £8.99, 2 courses £12.99.

### ***From the Pope's Desk***



Never abandon prayer, even when it seems pointless to pray. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness.

***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 email: [m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk)

## **Communion Reflection** *Acknowledging Jesus*

Fidelity to the Catholic Faith was considered high treason in England during the religious persecution of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. The faithful were branded with the name of traitor, and as such they were treated at the public tribunal of justice, as well as under the tortures of their execution. The ordinary punishment was that of hanging on the common gallows; the cord was then severed, and the victim fell to the ground, still breathing. Then the hangman, armed with a sharp knife, approached the culprit, and plunging the blade into his breast, pulled out the quivering heart, and showing it to the assembled crowd, cried out: "Behold the heart of a traitor!" It is related that a priest, about to expire under this atrocious

mode of torture, collected all his remaining strength, and while the executioner searched for his throbbing heart, gave the following magnificent denial to his words: "No, that which you hold in your hand is not the heart of a traitor, but a heart consecrated to God: *Quod manu tenes Deo sacratum est.*" His last breath was an act of divine love. Would to heaven, O Christians that when, on the day of your death, you feel in your breast the last feeble pulsations of your heart, you may be able to resist the demon's hand and cry: "Be gone, Satan. Be gone; this heart does not belong to you. Neither the world nor the passions have sullied it. My heart has throbbed only for the Heart of Jesus. It belongs to God, and has always been his, and shall be his forever. *Deo sacratum est.*"

*Father Martin Berlioux*

## **Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The next training course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](mailto:standrew@knowsley.gov.uk)

**St Mark's School:** Tel: 0151 288 8910  
Head teacher Mr Richard Coakley  
[stmarks.de@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stmarks.de@knowsley.gov.uk)

**Holy Family School:** Tel: 282 8971  
Head teacher: Mrs Gillian Holland  
[holyfamilyhalewood@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:reception@stjulies.org.uk)

#### SFX College:

Tel: 0151 288 1000  
Head teacher: Mr Len Rippon  
[admin@sfx.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sfx.liverpool.sch.uk)

#### Bellerive FCJ

Tel: 0151 727 2064  
Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

### Come and See Day

The next Come and See Day will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

### 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:** What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognised at the doorway of the reign of God?

**Child:** What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?

### *Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016*

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Maureen & Laurence Harrison <i>RIP</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> <i>Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [People of the Parish]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Dora Kavanagh <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> + Myles Murphy <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of the Queenship of Mary</i>		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Marion Drohan <i>RIP</i> + Therese Rogers <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Rose of Lima</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [John Pursall <i>RIP</i> + Sue Lyon]	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Louis, King St Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Ray Green <i>RIP</i> + Jackie Campbell ]	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God</i>		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Deceased member of the Leonard & Brewley Families]
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Mary Gardner <i>RIP</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Jim & Sally Moore]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [People of the Parish]

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Seeking humility

**Reading I** Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 (humility)

**Reading II** Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a (God the judge; Jesus the mediator)

**Gospel** Luke 14:1, 7–14 (a lesson in humility)

### Masses available this week in our Pastoral Area

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am St Mary's and 12noon Bishop Eton

## Question of the Week

**Adult:** Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

**Child:** Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honour? Why or why not?

### **Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Mary Gardner <i>RIP</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Jim & Sally Moore]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [People of the Parish]
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i>		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St Edmond Arrowsmith, Priest, Martyr</i>	<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>	
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time Ss Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Anthony Smith + Eileen Ditchfield <i>RIP</i> ]	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Sadie & Jimmy Devine <i>RIP</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [People of the Parish]

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Discerning God's will

**Reading I** Wisdom 9:13–18a (Solomon's prayer)

**Reading II** Philemon 9b–10, 12–17 (plea for Onesimus)

**Gospel** Luke 14:25–33 (sayings on discipleship)

#### **Masses available this week in our Pastoral Area**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am St Mary's and 12 noon Bishop Eton
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am St Mary's and 12noon Bishop Eton
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9am St Mary's, 12 noon Bishop Eton
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am St Mary's, 12noon, Bishop Eton