



Newsletter

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

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Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – 4th September 2016

Jesus may use different examples, but his teaching is the same: whoever undertakes a major project rashly without first examining whether he has the resources and the ability to achieve what he wants, runs the risk of failure. No farmer sets himself to build a tower to protect his vineyards without first spending some time to work out whether he will be able to complete the job successfully. Otherwise the project will remain unfinished, prompting his neighbours to make fun of him. No king decides to go to battle against a powerful enemy without previously determining whether the battle will end in victory or suicide. At first it looks as if Jesus is encouraging prudent and cautious behaviour, so markedly different from the boldness he expects from his own. Nothing could be further from the truth. The mission that Jesus is entrusting to his disciples is so important that no one should commit himself to it unthinkingly, rashly or imprudently. His warning takes on great relevance in these times of crisis, so decisive for the future of our faith. Jesus invites us, first of all, to reflect in the mature manner in which the two protagonists of the parables *sit down* to reflect. It would be highly irresponsible today for the disciples of Jesus not to know what they want; what they want to achieve and what resources they need to attain their purpose. When will we sit down to join forces, reflect together, and co-operatively devise the plan we need to follow? Do we not need to set aside more time, to listen more to the message of the gospel, and to meditate more on it in order to discover new callings, promote charisms and develop a new way to follow Jesus? Jesus also warns us to be realistic. It would be foolish in the present crisis to act blindly and unthinkingly. We would expose ourselves to failure, frustration and even ridicule. As the parable warns, an unfinished tower would only invite the contempt of people toward the building. We must not forget the realistic and humble words of Jesus inviting his disciples to become the leaven in the midst of people, or salt to bring a new flavour to the lives of all.

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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	£ 467.14
Other Envelopes	£ 171.30
Loose GASDS	£ 401.33
TOTAL OFFERTORY	£ 868.47
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 50	£ 99.00
Cathedral Assessment Fund	£ 124.28

Second Collection

This week our second collection is for the parish Lourdes fund. Next week we will be collecting for Catholic Education. Thank you for your continued support and the generous financial contributions you make to all our collections.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 6pm in St Mark's Annexe.

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 welcome Fr Pat O'Brien who will be celebrating mass for us this weekend. We also extend a very warm welcome to Fr Tony Reynolds who will be celebrating a selection of weekday masses over the next three weeks in the absence of Fr Matthew. The weekends of the 11th, 18th and 25th September, we welcome the Widnes team who will be celebrating Mass for us in our parish until Fr Matthew returns on 1st October.

Thank You!

Fr Vin has written to thank all parishioners who gave him cards or gifts and those who said many nice things to him on his leaving the parish. Fr Matthew has invited him back for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Parish Social on Friday 14th October at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

On Friday 7th October at 7.00 pm, Fr Vin will be inducted into his new parish of Holy Rosary, Aintree. He has said that all parishioners of St John Vianney are welcome to the Mass, but unfortunately, due to the Parish Club being much smaller than St Mark's, he has had to restrict invites to the social afterwards. He will only be inviting therefore, the parish council, 3 school Headteachers and Parish Office staff. He looks forward to seeing as many people as he can at his Induction.

Fr Vin's new address is:

Fr Vin McShane
Holy Rosary Presbytery
Altway, Aintree,
Liverpool, L10 2LG
0151 526 8468
Email: v.mcshane@rcaolp.co.uk

Please continue to pray for him as he continually does for all of us.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Directory and Diary 2017

Thank you to all those who have already requested copies of either Directories or Diaries. Anyone still 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 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 5th September.

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.

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.

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.

Ladies Group Liverpool City Tour

This will take place on Tuesday 6th 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/ or alternatively view one on the day. 1 course is £8.99, 2 courses £12.99.

Ladies Group Meeting

The next Ladies Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th September at 7.00 pm in Holy Family meeting room. All new members are welcome.

Year of Mercy



Jubilee Prayer of Mercy

2016 – Liverpool

yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk

On Monday 12th September, there will be a Mass inviting all those who wish to join in prayer for those in the World of Education. This will be at 4.30pm in St Ambrose church, Speke.

Vianney's Voice

Vianney's Voice are meeting at SFX MUGA (outside covered sports area) on Sunday 11th September, 2pm-3pm, for a friendly, fun kick-a-round and other games. Young people from years 7-13 (aged 11-18) are all very welcome. For further information, please contact Kami Lester on:

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From the Pope's Desk



Serving with love and tenderness those who are in need helps us to grow in humanity

Pope Francis

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.

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

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

Archdiocesan New Priest: Father Dominic Risley ordained

The 27 year old's ordination took place on Saturday 9th July at Saint Edward's parish church in Wigan. His first assignment will be as an assistant priest at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

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

Canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta – 4th September 2016

Pope Francis will canonise Mother Teresa today, 4th September as a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. Although some people criticised her for not also challenging the injustices that kept so many people so poor and abandoned, her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths. Born to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, she went to India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950. Shortly after she died in 1997, St John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003.

In her own words: "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness." Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat." "Peace begins with a smile." "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Let us give thanks that in this Year of Mercy we have been given an example of how one woman changed the world not through power or success but through love, mercy and compassion.

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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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

Charity Fundraiser

St Mark's Club presents Soul and Motown Night on Friday 7th October, starring Soul Temptation. There will be a disco, bingo and raffle. Come along and enjoy a sensational night of classic Soul and Motown with the amazing Soul Temptations featuring Geoff Rey. This really is a show not to be missed. The charity fundraiser is to raise money for St Mark's School. Tickets are on sale now for £5 from St Mark's Club.

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 do you try to discover what God is asking of you?

Child: When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? Who helps you know?

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Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday 3rd September <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [Anthony Smith + Eileen Ditchfield <i>RIP</i>]	
Sunday 4th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Sadie & Jimmy Devine <i>RIP</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [People of the Parish]
Monday 5th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday 6th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 am – Mass [Michael Gough <i>Anniversary</i>]	
Wednesday 7th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.00 am – Mass [Dora Kavanagh <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]
Thursday 8th September <i>Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday 9th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time St Peter Claver, Priest</i>		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday 10th September <i>First Mass</i>	5.15 pm – Mass [People of the Parish]	
Sunday 11th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	11.00 am – Mass [Tony Roche <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>]	9.15 am – Mass [Charles Sammonds <i>RIP</i>]

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -The courage to forgive

Reading I Exodus 32:7–11, 13–14 (the golden calf)

Reading II 1 Timothy 1:12–17 (Paul's gratitude)

Gospel Luke 15:1–32 (the prodigal son)

Masses available this week in our Pastoral Area

Monday 5th Sept 9 am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton

Thursday 8th 9am St Mary's, 12noon Bishop Eton

Friday 9th 9am St Mary's, 12 noon Christ the King & Bishop Eton