



# 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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## **Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

No other parable is as contemporary for us as the one of the Father who loves. The younger son says to his father: “Give me my share of the estate”. In claiming it, he is in some way asking for his father’s death. He wants to be free, to break all ties, but he will not be free until his father passes away. His father gives in to his wish without a word: for the son must freely choose his future. Isn’t this the same situation we are in? Many want to be free of God, to be happy, uninhibited by an eternal Father on their horizon. God has to disappear from society and from our consciences. In the parable, the Father remains silent. God does not bring pressure on anyone. The son leaves for a *distant country*. The father sees him go, but does not leave him. The heart of a father goes with him; every morning he waits for him. Modern society is withdrawing more and more from God, from his authority, from the memory of him. But isn’t God following us even while we lose sight of him? Soon the son takes to a life of *wild living*. His adventure soon becomes a drama. A terrible hunger overtakes him and he only survives by herding swine as a slave for an unknown man. His words reveal his tragedy: *here I am starving to death*. We have a void within us, and the hunger for love can be the first sign of our distance from God. What is it we lack? What is it that can fill our hearts? We have all we want, so what is it we hunger for? The young man *came to his senses*, and remembered the face of his father that reflected an abundance of food. There grows in him a desire for a new freedom close to his father. He recognises his blunder and makes a decision: *I will set out and go back to my father*. Will we take the road to God our Father? Many would if they knew the God who according to the parable of Jesus, *ran to meet his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him*. Those arms and kisses speak of the Father’s love. At his side we could discover a more honourable and joyful freedom.

### **Parish Mass Books**

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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 Elizabeth Francis. We also remember to pray for their families.*

## Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 484.25
Other Envelopes	£ 158.31
Loose GASDS	£ 305.61
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>£ 948.17</b>
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 11	£ 109.00
Parish Lourdes Fund	£ 199.52

## Second Collection

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

## Vianney's Voice

Vianney's Voice are meeting at SFX MUGA (outside covered sports area) TODAY Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm-3pm, for a friendly, fun kick-around and other games. Young people from years 7-13 (aged 11-18) are all very welcome. For further information, please contact Kami Lester on: 07881 817799  
[lesterkami@gmail.com](mailto:lesterkami@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:

### Funeral Lay Minister



Ron Smith  
[ronaldsmith57@btinternet.com](mailto:ronaldsmith57@btinternet.com)  
07546 252142

### Baptism Coordinator



Mrs Chris Myles  
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07443 018816

### NOTICE:

**The next Baptism Registration Meeting is THIS 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

## Welcome

We continue to 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. This weekend, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, we welcome the Widnes team who will be celebrating Mass for us in our parish until Fr Matthew returns on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## **A message from Fr Matthew**

Many will probably be wondering: 'Which of those priests from Widnes is he?' Well, just a little bit longer until the puzzle will be solved! Before I knew I was to be moving from Widnes I had arranged to be away on holiday in September, so as a consequence I won't be in Halewood until the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October. In the meantime, I am very grateful to my brother priests from Widnes and elsewhere who will be covering the Masses here in Halewood. At the moment I am up to my eyes in boxes, rubbish, recycling, etc. So I'm caught up in all the very practical stuff of moving home, while at the same time saying goodbye to St Wilfrid's, Widnes and wondering about the future with all that that will bring both here in Halewood and with the Pastoral Formation Department of the Archdiocese. I am very much looking forward to settling into life in Halewood and for us to get to know each other. It was great to be able to say hello to parishioners in Lourdes in July during the Archdiocesan pilgrimage. And I have always been very happy over this last year or so to be able to cover the occasional Mass for Fr Vin. All of which means that in coming to Halewood it doesn't feel like I am stepping into the complete unknown. Until October then, may I wish you all every blessing and ask you please to keep me in your prayers, as I hold you in mine, as we take up the continuing journey of seeking to understand what the Lord is asking of each of us in living as disciples today.

## **Home Mission Sunday 'Proclaim the joy of love'**

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated next weekend and is themed: PROCLAIM the joy of love. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at [www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate) Commemorative prayers cards are available to take away from the back of church. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity.

## **Funeral Service**

There will be a Funeral Service on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am in Holy Family Church, followed by cremation at Springwood, for the late Elizabeth Francis. May she rest in peace.

## **Lourdes Reunion Mass**

This will take place NEXT 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.

## **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

### **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<sup>nd</sup>  
September 2016, from  
3.30pm-6.00pm.

### **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.

## **Year of Mercy**



### **Jubilee Prayer of Mercy 2016 – Liverpool**

**[yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk](http://yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk)**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



“May the church be the place of  
God's mercy and love, where  
everyone can feel themselves  
welcomed, loved, forgiven and  
encouraged to live according to the  
good life of the Gospel. And in order  
to make others feel welcomed,  
loved, forgiven and encouraged, the  
church must have open doors so  
that all might enter. And we must  
go out of those doors and proclaim  
the Gospel.”

***Pope Francis***

### **Parish Council**

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

## **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 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.

### **Coffee Morning**

Change lives with every slice. There will be tea/coffee and cake in St Mark's Club on 30<sup>th</sup> September in the member's lounge at 10.00 am.

All money raised will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support. Please do come along and support this very worthy cause.

### **The Helena Trust**

The Helena Trust who support domestic violence victims build new lives, have appealed to the SVP for children's toys/clothes/books/pencils and household items eg. bedding and curtains. If you have any items which could help these vulnerable people, please can you bring them to church before Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## **Baptisms**

We welcomed into our parish community last week through the Sacrament of Baptism, Nathan Thomas Tsang-Byrne, Olivia Rose Sellars and Arlo Joseph Campbell. This week we welcome Eliza Rose Ehlen, Joshua Robert Hayes, Darcy Grace Palmouski and Evelyn Rose Palmouski. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

### **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 the next training day.

### **Women in Mid-Life – A Relaxing Retreat**

Many women get to mid-life feeling exhausted, dissatisfied and stuck. If this is your experience why not come to Tabor Retreat Centre on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This day will help you make sense of what is happening in your life. It will also offer you some hope for the future. To book a place, please call Tabor on 01772 717122 and why not bring a friend. Two places for £20. More information is available on [www.carmelite.net](http://www.carmelite.net)

## **CENACOLO**

Do you know anyone suffering from addiction or are you looking to come off drugs or alcohol and have tried everything? There is help at CENACOLO - we have a great success rate. Meetings are held at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, 4 Dawson Street, L1 1LE on Tuesday evenings 7.00pm—9.00pm. Come to the meetings or for information call: Margaret 342 1043, Mary Holgate 342 4166 or Mary Conway 07883 339980.

### **God in His Mercy cares for you**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mary.beatham@nugentcare.org)

### **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)

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

### **Free Will Week – Helping You Protect What Matters**

From 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Kirwans Law Firm, are joining forces with Nugent Care to offer a free Will writing service. (Please note that some complex and technical Wills may be subject to charges. Terms and conditions apply). This limited offer provides you with access to a specialist legal team that will draft a simple Will without the legal fees, all we ask is that you make a suggested donation of £60 for a single Will or £110 for a joint Will to the charity. Protect what matters to you most and help support Nugent Care along the way. To book an appointment, simply contact the team on 0800 525035 or Email: [wills@kirwans.co.uk](mailto:wills@kirwans.co.uk) or Website: [www.kirwans.co.uk](http://www.kirwans.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**

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**St Mark's School:** Tel: 0151 288 8910  
Head teacher Mr Richard Coakley  
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**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

### **Charity Fundraiser**

St Mark's Club presents Soul and Motown Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?  
**Child:** Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

### *Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

Date – 2016	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [People of the Parish]	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Tony Roche <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> ]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [Charles Sammonds <i>RIP</i> ]
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Doctor</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Ronnie Griffiths Jnr <i>Anniversary</i> ] <b>11.30 am – Funeral Service</b> – Elizabeth Francis	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Feast of the Exhaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> [Joanne Binns & Family <i>Special Intention</i> ]	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Ss Cornelius, Pope, &amp; Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs</i>		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>First Mass</i>	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> [Thomas McGrail]	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> [Mary McCormick]	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> [People of the Parish]

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - The value of honesty

**Reading I**                      Amos 8:4–7 (against greed)  
**Reading II**                     1 Timothy 2:1–8 (conduct of men and women)  
**Gospel**                             Luke 16:1–13 (the dishonest steward)