

# 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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## **First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2016**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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### **Parish Website**

It has been brought to the attention of the office that there are some minor errors relating to dates on the website's history page. These will be corrected and the site updated in due course.

### **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection for Animate Youth Services. Please support this collection if you are able as we are hoping to send 6 of our young people to experience Lourdes in 2017.

### **With You Always**

The next Sacramental Preparation Family Session is Monday, 5 December in St Andrew's School. Session times 4.45-5.45pm/6.00-7.00pm.

### **With You Always Craft & Catch Ups**

There is an Advent session on Saturday, 3 December at St Mark's Annexe 12-2.00pm. WYA children are welcome to drop in at any time during this session.

### **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion is the most sacred part of the Mass for Catholics. If you are not a Catholic but would like to come forward for a blessing, you are most welcome. Please place your hands across your chest.

### **Volunteer Pastoral Assistants:**

#### **Funeral Lay Ministers**



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#### **Baptism Coordinator**



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#### **Notice:**

The next Baptism Registration Meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

#### **With You Always Coordinator**



Mrs Kami Lester  
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### **Vianney's Voice**

Next meeting is Wednesday, 30 November, 7.00pm. Mass with Father Matthew at Holy Family Church Meeting Room followed by hot chocolate, marshmallows and Christmas Hamper making! Please bring along non-perishable items to be used in the hampers.

## Faith for Life

Who would benefit from Faith for Life?

- People who are searching and/or looking for ways to deepen their faith.
- Groups who are in the process of forming e.g. Parish Pastoral Councils and leadership teams.
- People who are already involved at some level in their parish or local community.
- People who are involved in full time or part time ministry.
- People who are considering a change of direction in their life.
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The course is open to all denominations and benefits from being ecumenical. The next Faith for Life course will begin in the Archdiocese on the following dates and locations:

Upholland – St Joseph’s Parish, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington, WN6 9PA. 28/29 January, 25/26 March 2017.

Southport – Sacred Heart Parish, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3BP. 21/22 January, 4/5 March, 13/14 May 2017.

To express an interest or for more information contact Maria Hardacre on 0151 522 1081, email:

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## Nugent Care Charity Shop

Nugent Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items, please consider donating them to our Charity Shop and these can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Thank you.

### The Gift’

Archbishop Malcolm has invited CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) into the archdiocese to train people involved in faith sharing and evangelisation in the use of their new resource called ‘The Gift’. This is an opportunity to experience an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

The CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) team will lead these two days and Archbishop Malcolm will join on the second day. It is open to priests, catechists, youth workers, chaplains and anyone interested in evangelisation and faith formation. The aim is that those who attend will feel confident in leading the programme themselves.

‘The Gift’ will be held on Saturday, 4 February and 25 February 2017, in Christ the King’s Parish Club, Score Lane, Liverpool, L16 6AW and attendance on both days is essential. To register and for more information, please contact Sister Moira Meeghan at,

32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool, L22  
1RD or email; [moira@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:moira@irenaeus.co.uk)

### **Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service**

You are invited to a Christmas Carol Service with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday, 14 December 2016, at 2.00pm. This will feature the students from St Therese of Lisieux, Norris Green, English Martyrs, Litherland and Great Crosby Primary Schools plus the "Songs We Remember" choir and the Metropolitan Cathedral Junior Choir. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome. For further information, please contact the Pastoral Formation Department on 0151 522 1046 or [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)

### **Baptisms**



We welcome in to the Parish through baptism this weekend Theo Pheonix Dorries, Finley Joseph Sweeney and Kiera May Ashleigh Ryan and all those families who have recently celebrated this sacrament.

### **St Mark's Club**

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey,  
Telephone 0151 486 4909 opening

times Monday-Friday from 2.00pm, Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon. Regular entertainment on Sunday evenings, bingo on Tuesday and Thursdays. Please note that the Club has a large function room available for hire for all family occasions for £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 parishoners make use of this excellent facility.

### **Christmas In St Mark's Club**



Thursday, 15 December  
Christmas Bingo, 9pm

Friday, 16 December  
Christmas Jumper Coffee Morning in  
aid of Save the Children, 10-12pm

Christmas Eve  
Karaoke & Disco from 5pm

Christmas Day  
Open 12-2pm

Boxing Night  
Karaoke & Disco

New Year's Eve  
Fantastic artist Louise Jones  
Tickets £6

New Year's Day  
Karaoke & Disco from 5pm

## **St Mary's College, Crosby**

Visiting Day  
Friday, 20 January 2017,  
9.00am – 3.00pm

Entrance Examination  
Friday, 27 January 2017

Contact: 0151 924 3926

## **Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral What's On**

### Advent Sequence

Sunday, 27 November 2016, 5.00pm–6.30pm. The Advent Sequence is sung by the Cathedral Choir in procession with seasonal music and scripture readings. This service captures the key messages of the Advent season: hope, expectation and wonder and is a perfect way to mark the beginning of Advent. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. Entrance is free and all are welcome to attend.

### Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

Sunday, 4 December, 10.30am–4.00pm, Gibberd Room. Come and browse a selection of stalls selling Christmas themed gifts and crafts.

### One O'Clock Club

Tuesday, 6 December 2016, 1.00pm–1.30pm, Gibberd Room. Full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings served along with festive activities and

entertainment. Entrance is £5 on the door and all are welcome.

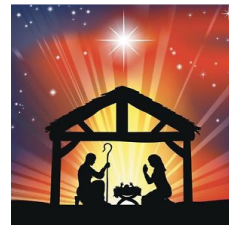
### School's Advent Service

Wednesday, 7 December 2016, 2.00pm–3.15pm. This Advent service will be led by students from St Julie's High School.

### Two Cathedrals' Messiah

Saturday, 10 December 2016, 7.30pm. Join the choirs of Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral as they come together to perform Handel's festive masterpiece, Messiah. This annual concert, which is a firm favourite of the Advent season will include Handel's rousing Hallelujah chorus. Tickets £10 from the Met Cathedral.

### Christmas Cards to the Holy Land



We have been asked as a Parish to forward Christmas cards to our fellow Christians in the Holy Land.

We suggest that you write in a simple card a greeting to the parish of your choice, perhaps saying that here in the Liverpool Archdiocese we are praying that the peace of joy of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with them at this time and throughout the New Year.

Please pass your cards into the Parish Office clearly marked with the name of the parish you have chosen and we will forward them on your behalf. Of course, you may choose to write cards to one or more from the list below. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

**Our Lady Of Seven Sorrows**  
This parish has a nursery and a school for 265 children.

**The Annunciation**  
This parish is in a very small village that is still 85% Christian. The diocesan seminary is here.

**St John The Apostle**  
This parish in Nazareth is 30% Christian including 1200 Catholics.

**Our Lady, Woman of Valour, Pastoral Centre**  
This parish has thousands of parishoners, mostly migrants.

**Saint Saviour, Jerusalem**

**Luckner Parents Care Home, Jerusalem**

### **Children's Liturgy**

As mentioned in our recent safeguarding talk at masses, the Archdiocese recommends that Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards. We would therefore advise parents with children under the age of 3 to keep their child/children with them particularly as we are experiencing large numbers as a

result of WYA preparation and it becomes a safeguarding risk.

Please feel free though to use the resources at the back of both churches for younger children and return them after mass. Thank you so much for your understanding.

### **Important Notice Regarding Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions submitted to the office will be celebrated at the nearest available date. We currently have a large number of mass intentions outstanding, your continued patience and understanding as we work through this list would be appreciated. In order for us to provide for unexpected life changing moments that need our prayer, events such as funerals, operations and special intentions take priority.

### **News From Our Schools**

**St Mark's** – Monday, 19 December 2016, 6.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us for our Christmas Carol Concert.

**Holy Family** – Long serving Learning Mentor Diane Reeves has recently been recognised for her excellent practice within Holy Family at the North West School Star of the Year 2016 awards ceremony held last Friday at the Anglican Cathedral. These awards are given to inspiring teachers and support stars, which we have right across our three schools and for Diane to be a runner up at this prestigious Educate

Awards event is outstanding. Well done.

### **Leisure Time Travel**

Special Air Departure from Liverpool, 13-17 March 2017, 100 Year Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima, £429.00 per person, half board, contact 0151 287 8000.

### **Parish Finance**

Gift Aid and Envelopes, £510.90  
Other Envelopes, £158.33  
Loose GASDS, £342.86  
**Total Offertory, £1,012.09**  
Standing Orders, £265.00  
Bonus Ball 29, £76.00  
SVP, £189.34

### **\* 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 love.*

### **\* 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 family 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: "Be calm, do not be afraid, it is I". St John Vianney, pray for us". We are asked to pray for Veronica Till and Catherine Daly and all those who have died and we also remember to pray for their families.*

### **School's Information**

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Holy Family: Tel 0151 282 8971  
Headteacher: Mrs Gillian Holland  
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Headteacher: vacant RIP

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Headteacher: Mr Len Rippon  
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Bellerive FCJ: Tel 0151 727 2064  
Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

### Question of the Week

**Adults:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

**Children:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

### **First Sunday of Advent Sunday, 27 November 2016**

<b>Date – 2016</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 26 November</b> First Mass	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Pious List)	
<b>Sunday, 27 November</b> First Sunday of Advent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (John & Alice Fleming)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b> Theo Pheonix Dorries Finley Joseph Sweeney Kiera May Ashliegh Ryan
<b>Monday, 28 November</b> Advent Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 29 November</b> Advent Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Bill Shreeman)	
<b>Wednesday, 30 November</b> St Andrew, Apostle		<b>12 noon - Requiem Mass for Veronica Till</b>
<b>Thursday, 1 December</b> Advent Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Bobby Kinsella)	
<b>Friday, 2 December</b> Advent Weekday	<b>9.30 - Funeral Service for Catherine Daly</b>	
<b>Saturday, 3 December</b> St Frances Xavier, Priest	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Eileen Gus)	
<b>Sunday, 4 December</b> Second Sunday of Advent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Teddy Sammonds, RIP)

### Next Week's Readings - Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I – Isaiah 11:1-10

Reading II – Romans – 15:4-19

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12