



Newsletter

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Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God 1 January 2017

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear.

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Holy Communion

Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

With You Always

The next Sacramental Preparation Family Session is Monday, 30 January 2017. Session times are 4.45pm-5.45pm and 6.00pm-7.00pm in St Andrew's School.

Activities in St Mark's Annexe

In order to update our records, please let the office know if you use the annexe on a regular basis. We require the name of your group, the day and time you require access together with a contact name and number.



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.

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.

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.

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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;
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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.

Mass for the Deaf Community

A Mass for the deaf community is held at Christ the King Church, Queens Drive every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 4.30pm. All welcome.

SVP Foodbank Appeal



The SVP are appealing for non perishable food items to be left at the back of both churches. We are most grateful for your continued support of this important project that helps those in need in our area.

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.

St Mark's Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey,
Telephone 0151 486 4908 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 parishioners make use of this excellent facility.

Christmas In St Mark's Club



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

New Year's Day
 Karaoke & Disco from 5pm

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 539.78
Other Envelopes	£ 103.40
Loose GASDS	£ 972.03
Second Collection	£ 864.56
Total Offertory	£2,479.77
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 33	£ 45.00

Second Collection

Thank you for your generosity which will go towards the work within our Parish. The second collection next weekend is for the Parish Building Fund.

Animate – Lourdes Youth Raffle

Maureen McDonald is the lucky winner of the fabulous hamper which can be collected from St Mark's.

** 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 Rita Margaret McKenna and Harry Mumford and all those who have died and we also remember to pray for their families.

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Question of the Week

Adults: How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?

Children: When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family feel the same way?

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
1 January 2017**

Date – 2016/2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 31 December 2016 Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	5.15 pm – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	
Sunday, 1 January 2017 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Christopher Pritchard)
Monday, 2 January St Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 3 January Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus	10.00 am – Mass (John Carden)	
Wednesday, 4 January USA: St Elizabeth		10.00 am (Francis Cannon)
Thursday, 5 January USA: St John Neumann, Bishop	10.00 am – Mass (Joan & Gerrard Jones)	
Friday, 6 January Christmas Weekday	12.00 – Funeral Service for Harry Mumford	
Saturday, 7 January Christmas Weekday	5.15 pm - Mass (Mike Churchill)	
Sunday, 8 January The Epiphany of the Lord	11.00 am – Mass (Neil Hughes Family)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)



Wishing You The Peace And Blessings of Christmas