



Newsletter

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 January 2017

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus

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will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Parish Mass Books

The Epiphany of the Lord = Page 125
Nicene Creed = Page 11
Preface = Page 67
Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs II
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Baptismal Information



We welcome in to the Parish this weekend at Holy Family through the Sacrament of Baptism Layla May O'Rourke, Sophia O'Rourke,

George Archie Williams and Caitlin Tia Ada Harrocks.

The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on 6 February 2017 at 6.00pm in St Mark's annexe.

Families anticipating a baptism this year are strongly advised to register early as dates and places are filling quickly.

Right of Welcome

This weekend the Right of Welcome will take place for Bella Donna Gwilliams and Kyle Gwilliams at St Mark's and Alesha Marie Colebourn, Oliver Sean Burns, Emilia Dawn Hornby and Raymond Joseph Hornby at Holy Family.

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.

Bereavement Group

We are looking at ways of supporting individuals and families with their loss and coping with grief and are hoping to set up a

Bereavement Group which can support members of our Parish community.

If you would like to get involved there will be a meeting in the Parish Office on Tuesday, 17 January at 10.30am to share and explore ideas.

Nugent Appeal for Volunteers

Nugent's Opening Doors project is looking for volunteers to provide support to isolated older people in our local area. Nugent work with people over the age of 55 supporting them to attend social activities in their local area in order to reduce isolation and loneliness. Out of pocket expenses are paid and free training is provided. If you feel you would like to make a difference to someone's life or would just like more information please contact Leanne Corkery or Emily Nolan at Nugent on 0151 261 2000.

Thank You

Father Power thanks the parishioners for their good wishes and kind gifts and will be offering several masses for your intentions.

Also, the Servant Group is a Christian group who go out onto the streets of Liverpool on a regular basis bringing the love of Jesus to those most vulnerable. Anne and Julie from the group would like to thank all the parishioners for their prayers, love and kindness and donations of warm clothing. A special thanks also to the SVP and Ladies Group for their continued support.

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.

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.

To express an interest or for more information contact Maria Hardacre on 0151 522 1081, email: m.hardacre@rcaol.co.uk or Monica Gannon on 01704 577722 email: heartstoneparish@btconnect.com

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

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.

Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) **A Faith Journey**

For any adult wishing to become a Catholic or to be confirmed, there is a meeting in St Mark's Annexe every Wednesday between 7-8pm. Contact Gerry for further enquiries on 07752 137574.

Vianney's Voice

Our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, 24 January in the meeting room at Holy Family, 7.00-8.30pm.

Christ the King & Our Lady, Queens Drive, Presents **The Wizard of Oz**

Friday, 27 January, 7.00pm
Saturday, 28 January, 7.00pm
Tickets £6 adults, £3 children
Available from CTK office and after all their weekend masses.

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.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 589.00
Other Envelopes	£ 120.00
Loose GASDS	£ 441.69
Total Offertory	£1,150.69
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 10	£ 29.00
Parish Building Fund	£ 114.90

Second Collection

Please note there is no retiring collection this weekend. The scheduled collection for the SVP will take place next week. Envelopes are available for this in both Holy Family and 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 Michael Densmore and Doreen Picken and all those who have died and we also remember to pray for their families.

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.

Padded A5 Mass Intention Cards are available from the repository at only £1 per card with envelope and are suitable for a variety of intentions. They are signed by a priest, ready for use, a mass donation may be added to the payment of the card.

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Question of the Week

Adults: We witness to Christ as John did by living lives full of generosity, forgiveness and mercy towards others. When do you find this most difficult to do this?

Children: Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

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Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 14 January Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 15 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Matt Talbott)	9.15 am – Mass (Terry Cliff)
Monday, 16 January Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 17 January St Anthony, Abbot	9.30 am – Mass (Mrs J Powell)	
Wednesday, 18 January Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (John McHale)
Thursday, 12 January Weekday		12.00 – Funeral Service for Michael Densmore
Friday, 20 January Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Dora Kavanagh)
Saturday, 21 January St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	5.15 pm - Mass (Brenda & Family)	
Sunday, 22 January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Kathleen Grant) 12.30 pm – Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)

Next Week's Readings – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I – Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Reading II – Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23