



# Newsletter

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## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**22 January 2017**

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We

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can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

### **Baptismal Information**



We welcome in to St Mark's this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism Alicia Anne Harvey, Laurie Catherine Cannon, Hollie Elizabeth Williams and Lucie Florence Williams and all those families who have recently celebrated this sacrament.

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.

### **Rite of Welcome**

This weekend the Rite of Welcome will take place for Bella Donna Gwilliams and Kyle Gwilliams at St Mark's.

### **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.

### **Retreat for Men 'Free to Follow Jesus'**

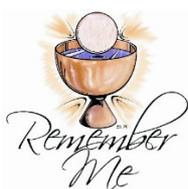
A weekend for men at Irenaeus on 10-12 February led by Fr Chris Thomas. A chance to share and reflect with other men in pleasant surroundings with good food. For more details email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or phone 0151 949 1199.

### **Bereavement Team**

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, we had 17 parishioners attend and several

more promising to support. Maureen Knight from the Pastoral Formation Team led the meeting and offered excellent advice on how to proceed. Ron Smith and Carole Clancy will distribute a list of activities after all masses detailing areas where you may be able to help.

### **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](mailto:m.hardacre@rcaol.co.uk) or Monica Gannon on 01704 577722 email:

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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

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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.

## **Rite 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.

### **Recovering & Moving on After Divorce**

The next series of meetings will start in mid February. For 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. Small confidential groups. No charge but booking is essential. For further information contact Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195.

### **Annual Celebration of Marriage & Family Life**

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday, 12 February 2017 at 11.00am.

### **Why We Need More Deacons**

Tuesday, 2 February  
7.30pm-9.00pm

Holy Name Parish Meeting Room  
Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and priests are also welcome.

### **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	£ 485.86
Other Envelopes	£ 142.75
Loose GASDS	£ 495.94
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1,124.55</b>
Standing Orders	£ 265.00
Bonus Ball 45	£ 29.00

### **Second Collection**

This weekend the second collection is for the SVP. Envelopes are available for this in both Holy Family and St Mark's. There is no second collection next weekend.

### **\* 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 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.

### **Volunteer Pastoral Assistants**

#### **Funeral Lay Ministers**

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Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

**Children:** What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**22 January 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 21 January</b> St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Brenda & Family)	
<b>Sunday, 22 January</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Kathleen Grant)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)
<b>Monday, 23 January</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 24 January</b> St Anthony, Abbot	<b>12.00 Funeral Service for Doreen Picken</b>	
<b>Wednesday, 25 January</b> The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Colin Birkett)
<b>Thursday, 26 January</b> St Timothy and Titus, Bishops	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Tony Doherty)	
<b>Friday, 27 January</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Bernard Hallaway)
<b>Saturday, 28 January</b> St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	<b>5.15 pm - Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 29 January</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Peter Robinson)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Elizabeth Perry)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>

\* Please note mass times are subject to change \*

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**Next Week's Readings – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I – Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Reading II – Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12