



Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 January 2017

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will

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experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Baptismal Information



We welcome in to Holy Family this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism Evan David Jones, Blake William Melvin, Eloise Marie Owen, William Thomas Getty and we keep in our prayers 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

The Rite of Welcome will take place for Ella Amelia Jackson at St Mark's on 5 February.

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.

Vianney's Voice

Next meeting
Wednesday, 15 February
7.00pm – 8.30pm in the meeting room at Holy Family

Vianney's Voice will be hosting a Family Games Night at St Mark's Parish Club on Friday, 24 March with proceeds going towards the Parish Lourdes Fund. Please come along and support our young people and enjoy an evening together in our Club. More details to follow.

Ladies Group Reminder

Please note we are meeting at 7.30pm in St Mark's this Wednesday, 1 February for our Christmas Social! There is no need to bring anything with you ... just yourselves.

Priest's Vestments

We are looking for a parishioner who regularly attends 5.15pm mass at Holy Family to liaise with Matt Talbot in having the priest's vestments dry cleaned. If you are willing to undertake this task, could you let the office know or speak to Matt after mass. Many thanks.

Life and Soul+

An evening of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament. Liverpool Hope University Chapel will hold an evening of praise and worship, music and scripture and reflections before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, 8 February starting at 7.00pm and ending at 8.00pm with Benediction. The evening will be led by Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

12 noon, Saturday, 11 February
Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Liverpool.

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 or phone 0151 949 1199.

Lent Fast Day Briefing

Sunday, 12 February 2.00pm-3.30pm, St Benet's Copy Lane, L30 7PE. A talk by Sr Yvonne Mwalula Mwila who is a CAFOD partner who devotes her time to some of the poorest people in Zambia

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.
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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. 25/26
March 2017.

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

To express an interest or for more
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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 Meehan 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.

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.

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

Bonus Ball 39 £ 120.00
Second Collection £ 527.81

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	£ 420.50
Other Envelopes	£ 139.00
Loose GASDS	£ 392.80
Total Offertory	£ 952.30
Standing Orders	£ 230.00

Second Collection

There is no second collection this 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 all those who have died in our parish and wider community 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: When you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly?
Children: Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 January 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 28 January St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 29 January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Peter Robinson)	9.15 am – Mass (Elizabeth Perry) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 30 January Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 31 January St John Bosco, Priest	10.00 am – Mass (Peter Crompton)	
Wednesday, 1 February Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Adrian Buckley)
Thursday, 2 February The Presentation of the Lord	10.00 am – Mass (John McInemey)	
Friday, 3 February Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Father Barry O’Toole)
Saturday, 4 February Weekday	5.15 pm - Mass (Bernard Bradley)	
Sunday, 5 February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Curtis & Byrne Families)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)

* Please note mass times are subject to change *

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Next Week’s Readings – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I – Isaiah 58:7-10

Reading II – Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel – Matthew 5:13-16