



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5 February 2017

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as “a city set on a mountain” that cannot be hidden!

Baptismal Information



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 Alicia Maria Campbell and Ella Amelia Jackson at St Mark’s on 5 February.

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.

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.

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.

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



Jo Boyce **Children's Liturgy Afternoon**

Due to the lack of bookings, this event has been cancelled which Jo Boyce was due to lead at LACE this weekend. Those who have booked have been notified but if you know of anyone else who was planning to go along, please let them know of the cancellation.

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.

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.

Recovering & Moving on After Divorce

The next series of support meetings for divorced and separated Catholics will start in mid February. We welcome 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. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. To book a place on the South Liverpool course please call Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195. General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044, m.obiren:rcaol.co.uk

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.

Annual Celebration of Marriage & Family Life



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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.

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	£ 435.70
Other Envelopes	£ 127.00
Loose GASDS	£ 371.14
Total Offertory	£ 933.84
Standing Orders	£ 230.00
Bonus Ball 39	£ 77.00

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Education Service and next weekend for Racial Justice.

*** 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 especially Alfred Joseph Cleary and those in the wider community, 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: In what way may you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Children: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

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Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 4 February Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Bernard Bradley)	
Sunday, 5 February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Curtis & Bryne Families)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 7 February Weekday	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 8 February Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 9 February Weekday	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday, 10 February St Scholastica, Virgin		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 11 February Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Candida Ward)	
Sunday, 12 February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Fr Barry O’Toole)

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

Next Week’s Readings – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I – Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Reading II – Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel – Matthew 5:17-37