



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 February 2017

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasises that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because

God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

Parish Office

Please note the office will be closed on Tuesday 21st and Friday 24th February for staff holidays. Any items for the newsletter must be received no later than 10.00am on Thursday 23rd. Many thanks.

Baptismal Information



We welcome into St Mark's this weekend Charlotte Alana Low.

We also keep in our prayers those families who have recently celebrated this sacrament.

The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on 6 March 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 this weekend at Holy Family for Heidi Blossom Hopper Knox and Pheobe Blossom Hopper Knox.

With You Always

Session 3 Catch Up for families to prepare for Reconciliation. Saturday, 25 February, 4.00pm at Holy Family Church Meeting Room.

Family Session 5 for everyone, Monday, 27 February at St Andrew's School, 4.45pm-5.45pm/6.00pm-7.00pm.

Vianney's Voice

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.

Bereavement Group Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you were unable to attend the first meeting but would like to come along and get involved you will be made most welcome.

Knights of St Columba Council 9

St Patrick's Charity Social Evening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Club, High Park Street, Liverpool, L8 8DX, Saturday, 11 March at 8.30pm. Featuring Michael Coyne, bingo, raffles, tickets £5 from Pat McGann on 07825 236064 or pay on the door.

Metropolitan Cathedral Golden Jubilee 3-4 June 2017

This is a very exciting time for the Cathedral who are keen to ensure that their celebrations are inclusive and accessible for parishioners throughout the whole of the Archdiocese. A wide range of events and projects are planned, many of which will be free to attend and participate. Please see the posters at the back of church for a brief outline with a full events brochure available from Easter via www.liverpoolmetropolitancathedral.org

Liverpool Archdiocesan 2017 Pilgrimage to Lourdes



21-28 July by air from Liverpool. Led by The Archbishop of Liverpool, Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP and accompanying clergy. For more details please see the noticeboard or contact the Lourdes Office on 07484 911623. Email lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk

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.

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.

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 information 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

Friends of Nugent Volunteer Fundraising Group

Mother's Day & Easter Fair, Saturday, 18 March, 1.30pm-4.30pm, St Mary's Millennium Centre, Meadow Lane, West Derby.

Quiet Day

Saturday, 25 February, 10.00am – 4.00pm at the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool 15.

Time to be quiet, reflect and pray. Offering £10 pp, bring your own lunch, no booking required. Contact Sister Winifred 722 2271 for further information.

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 to 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	£ 477.18
Other Envelopes	£ 115.00
Loose GASDS	£ 445.60
Total Offertory	£ 1,037.78
Standing Orders	£ 230.00
Bonus Ball 31	£ 77.00
Second Collection	£ 302.41

Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend. Next weekend the second collection will be for the Parish Lourdes Fund.

*** 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 Peggy Ryan together with 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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Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption,
11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton, 11.00am –
11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady of the Annunciation,
Bishop Eton, 4.00pm-5.00pm,
Saturday

Question of the Week

Adults: What is the point of “turning the other cheek” in an argument and why is it so hard to do?

Children: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 February 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 18 February Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Brenda Gerard)	
Sunday, 19 February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Catherine Wafer)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) Baptisms – 12.30pm
Monday, 20 February Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 21 February Weekday	9.30 am – Mass (Robert Cobain)	
Wednesday, 22 February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle		10.00 am – Mass (Frank Pitt)
Thursday, 23 February St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday, 24 February Weekday	10.00 am – Funeral Mass for Peggy Ryan	
Saturday, 25 February Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 26 February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Mary Quirk) Baptisms – 12.30 pm	9.15 am – Mass (Kath Hamilton)

* Please note mass times are subject to change *

Next Week’s Readings – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I – Isaiah 49:14-15
Reading II – Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel – Matthew 6:24-34