

# Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former  
Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark  
St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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## **First Sunday of Lent, 5 March 2017**

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

### **Baptismal Information**



We welcome into St Mark's this weekend Imaan Thomas Akram, Layla Ann Hurst, Aaron Shaun Hurst, Donald James Peter Hurst, Bella Donna Gwilliams and Kyle Gwilliams. 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**

This will take place for Reenie Marie Collins and Harry James Dunne.

### **Rosary Vigil**

There will be a Rosary Vigil at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 8 March at Pearson Collinson, Speke Road, Hunts Cross for the late John Ireland.

### **Vianney's Voice**

We would like to thank Kathy Murphy Malpass for her kind donation to the Lourdes Youth Fund, this included a donation from Eileen Gustafson in respect of the late Peggy Ryan. Many thanks to all, your support is much appreciated.

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 Team**

Thank you to all those who attended the recent meeting. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 March at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you have been unable to attend the meetings so far but would still like to get involved then 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](http://www.liverpoolmetropolitancathedral.org)

### **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.

### **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

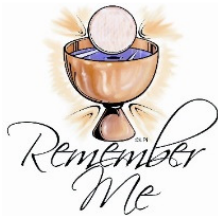
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## **A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

11 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee departing from Manchester 22 May–1 June 2017 with Father John Gorman and Father Tony Reynolds.

For further details please call Father John: 01942 727271 or email: [j.gorman@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:j.gorman@rcaolp.co.uk)

## **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**



The Archdiocese recommends that Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards.

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.

## **News From Our Schools**

**St Andrew the Apostle School** are collecting the green Asda tokens at the checkout in Hunts Cross. Please ask for a green token and pop it in their box as they are hoping to raise funds for a new outside reading area for the children to enjoy. They are also holding an Easter Fair on Thursday, 30 March. If you have any unwanted bottles/gifts they can use as prizes please drop them at the school. Many thanks.

## **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.

### **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 £ 521.05  
Other Envelopes £ 153.12

Loose GASDS £ 354.62  
**Total Offertory £1,028.79**  
Standing Orders £ 230.00  
Bonus Ball 42 £ 51.00  
Second Collection £ 252.88  
(Parish Lourdes Fund)

### **Second Collection**

The second collection this weekend is for CAFOD. The second collection next weekend will be for Easter Flowers.

### **Support Group for People Living With Dementia & Their Carers**

Tuesday, 7 March, 1.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Portico Parish Hall, Prescot, L34 2QT. Tel 07984 735590. Everyone welcome.

### **'Songs We Remember'**

Wednesday, 8 March. A morning of singing and enjoyment for anyone who likes to sing but particularly geared towards those living with dementia and their carers. 11.00am-12.30pm followed by lunch at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo. Tel 0151 949 1199.



## **Is The Lord Calling You To Be A Priest?**

Monthly meetings for those discerning the call on the first Saturday of every month, St Charles Borromeo Presbytery, 10.00am-3.00pm, Vocations Director Father James Preston, email [frjamespreston@gmail.com](mailto:frjamespreston@gmail.com).

## **Activities in St Mark's & Holy Family**

Thank you to those groups who have advised the office when they use any of the 'Parish space'. If you hold regular rehearsals, meetings or craft groups etc and have not informed the office yet, then please do get in touch.

### **\* 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 John Ireland 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.

### **Volunteer Pastoral Assistants**

#### **Funeral Lay Ministers**

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Holy Family: Tel 0151 282 8971  
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St Edmund Arrowsmith:  
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Headteacher: vacant RIP

St Julie's: Tel 0151 428 6421  
Headteacher: Mr Tim Alderman  
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Headteacher: Mr Len Rippon  
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Bellerive FCJ: Tel 0151 727 2064  
Headteacher: Sr Brigid Halligan

### **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 helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?  
**Children:** What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

**First Sunday of Lent  
5 March 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 4 March</b> Saturday after Ash Wednesday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Jim Clancy & Candida Ward)	
<b>Sunday, 5 March</b> First Sunday of Lent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Frank Smith)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)  <b>Baptisms – 12.30 pm</b>
<b>Monday, 6 March</b> Lenten Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7 March</b> Lenten Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Elsie Meylar)	
<b>Wednesday, 8 March</b> Ash Wednesday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Friends of St Mark’s)
<b>Thursday, 9 March</b> Lenten Weekday	<b>9.30 am – Funeral Mass for John Ireland</b>	
<b>Friday, 10 March</b> Lenten Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Millar Family)
<b>Saturday, 11 March</b> Lenten Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 12 March</b> Second Sunday of Lent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Jeffrey Gilkes)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (John Fennell)  <b>Baptisms – 12.30 pm</b>

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

**Next Week’s Readings – Second Sunday of Lent**

Reading I – Genesis 12:1-4  
 Reading II – Timothy 1:8-10  
 Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9