



# 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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## **Fourth Sunday of Lent, 26 March 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 favour 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 favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour 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 experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

**WE WANT YOU!**  
**St John Vianney Choir**



Choir practice takes place in Holy Family Church on a Friday evening from 7.30pm-8.30pm. No auditions, just turn up and sing! It would be wonderful to see our choir grow in strength and be able to produce a sound fitting for our worship.

Please leave your contact details with the musicians (Peter, Maureen or Jim) or a choir member.

**With You Always**

Family Session 6 will be held on Monday, 27 March at St Andrew's School, 4.45pm-5.45pm or 6.00pm-7.00pm.

**Baptismal Information**



The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on 3 April 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 Owen Francis Pownall in St Mark's and Charlie Si Yip Holmes, Thomas Si Yip Holmes and Jack James McGee in Holy Family.

**Vianney's Voice**

The youth will be selling raffle tickets in both churches over the next two weekends for a Chocolate Hamper. Winning tickets will be drawn at masses over the weekend 8/9 April.

There will be a meeting at 10.30am, Thursday, 13 April at Holy Family to prepare for Good Friday.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 April, 7.00pm-8.30pm at Holy Family.

**Pastoral Area  
Reconciliation Service**

Saturday, 8 April, 10.30am, St Ambrose, Speke.

**Called to Serve**

We have a great number of volunteers across our parish community who give of their time, as they are able, to build up the life of our community. From time to time there are roles that need filling. Please take a moment to consider if you might be being called to serve...

**Volunteer/s to Clean the Annexe Meeting Room at St Mark's.** Many groups use our Annexe for meetings – it is a very useful resource for us. It does however need cleaning every now and then. Could you help? Please contact the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) A Faith Journey**

Please keep in your prayers Kate Perry and Alison Nicky who after months of preparation, will be

received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil. Also, for Ann McCann who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please given them your prayerful support as they enter the final weeks of their journey of faith.

**Plants Wanted**

If anybody has any plants/greenery/foliage which can be used in the Garden of Repose could they please leave them by the sink in the sacristy at Holy Family.

**Familias Friends Event 2017**

Father Chris Thomas will offer an introduction to Amoris Laetitia Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and the family as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice through the lens of the home, parish, school partnership. Event runs from 10.00am-3.00pm, 26 April at LACE, booking essential, contact Maureen O'Brien on 0151 522 1044.

**Lenten Evening**

Thursday, 30 March, 7.15pm. 'Give me the heart of stone within

you' led by the Irenaeus Team at St Anthony of Padua, Queens Drive, L18 8AY.

### **Choral Evening Prayer Broadcast**

Broadcast by BBC Radio 3, 3.30pm, Wednesday, 29 March, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

### **Tots Group**

Stay and play for under 5s and their carers. Cherry Tree Centre, Fridays, 9.30am-11.00am, term time only.

### **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).

### **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](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk)

### **St Mark's Club**

### **Mother's Day Sunday, 26 March**

The sensational recording artist Caine will be performing at the club from 7.30pm. Why not treat your special person to a local evening out, free admission.

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey, Telephone 0151 486 4908. 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.

### **Parish Finance**

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 449.40
Other Envelopes	£ 109.83
Loose GASDS	£ 421.08
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 980.31</b>
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 42	£ 74.00
Second Collection	£ 86.43
(Lenten Alms)	

## **Second Collection**

The second collection this weekend is for SVP. 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 all those who have died in our parish 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. **Please complete the small brown envelopes which can be found at the back of church.** Of late, more and more people have been wanting to know exactly what day their intention would be remembered which has led to masses being booked-in sometimes several months ahead. We currently have a large number of mass intentions outstanding. Intentions can be submitted to the office, even with the request for a specific date but without the definitive expectation that this will occur but with the knowledge that it will be celebrated as close to or as near as possible the date. 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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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

## WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHERE IN OUR PARISH

### COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED

Who	What	Where & When
<b>SJV Choir</b> , new members always welcome	Choir rehearsal	Every Friday, 7.30pm, Holy Family Church
<b>SVP</b>	We meet to discuss how we can support the local community	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>Good Companions</b> , new members always welcome	Senior citizens club, 60+, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>RCIA</b>	Adults seeking to become Catholics or receive Confirmation	Every Wednesday from November until Easter, 7.00pm-8.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>Vianney's Voice</b> , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities/fundraising for our young people, Year 7 upwards	Last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm-8.30pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
<b>Ladies Group</b> , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
<b>Chronic Pain Group</b> , new members always welcome	Sharing advice and experiences	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, St Mark's Annexe (next meeting 7 April)

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** Where have you found a source of “living water” for your own faith journey?

**Children:** Names some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
26 March 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 25 March</b> The Annunciation of the Lord	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 26 March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Jeanette Fletcher)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Murphy Family)
<b>Monday, 27 March</b> Lenten Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 28 March</b> Lenten Weekday	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Don Ainger)	
<b>Wednesday, 29 March</b> Lenten Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Betty Flynn)
<b>Thursday, 30 March</b> Lenten Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Smith Family)	
<b>Friday, 31 March</b> Lenten Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Mary & Joseph Murphy)
<b>Saturday, 1 April</b> Lenten Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Frank Smith)	
<b>Sunday, 2 April</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (David Taylor)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

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

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

Reading I – Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II – Romans 8:8-11

Gospel – John 11:1-45