

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, 2 April 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!

Offertory Envelopes

These are now ready for collection. Please collect yours from the back of church this weekend.

With You Always

Family Session 7 will be held on Monday, 24 March at St Andrew’s School, 4.45pm-5.45pm or 6.00pm-7.00pm.

Baptismal Information



We welcome into St Mark’s this weekend Eliza Saxon, Alicia Maria Campbell and Harriet Elizabeth McAleavey. We also keep in our prayers those families who have recently celebrated this sacrament.

The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on Monday, 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 Charlie Si Yip Holmes, Thomas Si Yip Holmes, Thomas Si Wha Holmes, Lucas Terence Coyne, Ethan Michael Buffel, Freddie Welsh, Polly Annabel Frew, Harry Ian Ronald Williams, Isla Lloyd and Tobias Tuzio in Holy Family and in St Mark’s for Isaac Wayne Dowling and Jack James McGee.

Important Notice for Altar Servers & Their Families



All altar servers and their families are invited to take part in the Mass of Chrism (for the blessing of the oils) at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 12 April. Altar servers should arrive at 7.00pm, report to the Gibberd Room and bring their albs with them.

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

Lent Service of Sorrow with Individual Confession and Prayer Stations. Saturday, 8 April, 10.30am, St Ambrose Church, Heathgate Avenue, Speke, Liverpool, L24 7RS.

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/foilage which can be used in the Garden of Repose could they please leave them by the sink in the Sacristy at Holy Family.

Ladies Group

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5 April at 7.00pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room. New members will be made most welcome.

Thank You

Mary Ireland would like to share her appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all family, friends, neighbours and parishioners for their Mass cards, sympathy card and kind words following the loss of her lovely husband, John. It has given her much comfort and will help her greatly in the coming months. God bless you all.

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.

Northern Saints Visiting Lindisfarne, Seahouses and Durham

The Catholic Pic are organising the above visit. Monday, 18

September to Thursday, 21 September 2017 led by Father Ron Johnson. £295 pp. Call 0151 733 5492 for further information.

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

St Mark's Club

Dance Inc



Saturday, 15 April, 8.00pm
£5 per ticket

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	£ 434.75
Other Envelopes	£ 96.00
Loose GASDS	£ 372.98
Total Offertory	£ 903.73
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 39	£ 79.00
Second Collection (SVP)	£ 558.59

Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend or 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.

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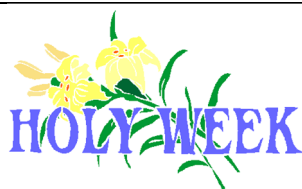
Confessions

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



Wednesday 12 April	Metropolitan Cathedral	7.30pm	Mass of Chrism
Holy Thursday	Holy Family	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.00pm
Good Friday	St Mark's	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord
Good Friday Youth Reflection	Holy Family Meeting Room	7.30pm	Watching by the Tomb
Good Friday	St Mark's Club	3.00pm	Children's Liturgy Service. Parents are invited to drop their children off before they attend the main service in Church.
Good Friday	Hunts Cross Community Garden	12 noon	Churches Together in Hunts Cross & Halewood Joint Act of Worship
Holy Saturday	Holy Family	8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	Mass times as usual		

If you are able to read during Holy Week, please place your name on the list at the back of church.

If you are willing to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday, please place your name on the list at the back of church.

Question of the Week

Adults: Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

Children: How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
2 April 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 1 April Lenten Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Frank Smith)	
Sunday, 2 April Fifth Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (David Taylor)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) Baptisms – 12.30pm
Monday, 3 April Lenten Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 4 April Lenten Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Mrs McKuwan)	
Wednesday, 5 April Lenten Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Parishioners)
Thursday, 6 April Lenten Weekday	9.00 am – Mass (Mary Hill)	
Friday, 7 April Lenten Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Eileen Waugh)
Saturday, 8 April Lenten Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 9 April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	11.00 am – Mass (Mary Burns)	9.15 am – Mass (Rosie McLoghline)

* Please note mass times are subject to change *

Next Week’s Readings – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading I – Isaiah 50:4-7
Reading II – Philippians 2:8-9
Gospel – Matthew 26:14-27:66