



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 Easter, 7 May 2017

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and

the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognise their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognise that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders

follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good

Vianney's Voice

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24 May, 7.00pm-8.30pm at Holy Family.

Baptismal Information



We welcome in to Holy Family this weekend Oliver Robert Griffiths, Jack Francis Jones and Reenie Marie Collins. We also keep in our prayers those families who have recently celebrated this sacrament.

The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on Monday, 8 May 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 Daniel James Kenneth Dreha and Finlay Kevin Dreha at Holy Family and Chloe Roberts and Kaleb James Williams-Moores at St Mark's.

Annual Baptism Service

This will take place on Sunday, 14 May at 3.00pm in Holy Family Church. A wonderful opportunity for families who have celebrated this sacrament from **May 2016-February 2017** to revisit their baptisms. Letters have been sent out inviting families but in case there has been a change of address or someone has been missed out this notice is to advise you that you are most welcome to attend. Could families wishing to attend please leave their child/children's names at the Parish Office (486 9883) or let Chris Myles know (428 9744).

With You Always

The second parent's meeting will take place on Monday, 8 May at 6.00pm in St Andrew's School.

Parish Catechists

If any Catechists are available on Thursday 11 or 18 May at 5.30pm-

6.30pm, the WYA team would really appreciate your help working with the children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion. Please contact Kami if you are available for either or both dates on 07881 817799.

Bereavement Team

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 23 May at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Models Required!



Free shampoo, condition, cut and blow! One of our Altar Servers, Emily, is an apprentice hairdresser with Sassoon and is in need of models to help with her training. Appointments are every Wednesday at 10.00am to 1.30pm at the Sassoon Salon, Metquarter, Liverpool. All cuts are supervised by qualified stylists. If you can help contact Emily on 07399 551 143.

Boiler Update, Holy Family

Tenders for this work are due back very shortly. We anticipate the work being undertaken towards the end of May and should take no longer than one week.

Ladies Group



We are always keen to encourage and welcome new and younger members to attend when you can, no commitment. New members bring fresh ideas and keep our group relevant. A great way to take part in the life of our Parish Community and to meet people from both churches.

Parishes Learning From Each Other

Tuesday, 23 May 2017, 10.00am-3.00pm, St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, 01704 875850, donation £20 to include lunch. Father Tony Sligo will lead participants in reflection on Pope Francis' call for Missionary Parishes. Parishes learning from each other on how to adapt to the

changing mission on the West Coast of the Diocese.

Cathedral – Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Events at a Glance

13 May - Bluecoat present Pierre Henry, The Liverpool Mass

18 May-30 June – Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral

19 May – Light Night

20 May – The Concerts Society presents Time & Tide

29 May – Jubilee Organ Recital

Please see the posters at the back of church for a brief outline with a full events brochure available via www.liverpoolmetropolitancathedral.org

For more information ring
0151 709 9222

St Mark's Club

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

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| Gift Aid and Envelopes | £ 535.00 |
| Other Envelopes | £ 168.10 |
| Loose GASDS | £ 409.64 |
| Total Offertory | £1,112.74 |
| Standing Orders | £ 236.23 |
| Bonus Ball 40 | £ 76.00 |
| Second Collection | £ 181.47 |
| (Parish Lourdes Fund) | |

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Priests' Training Fund. Envelopes for Gift Aid are available in church. The second collection next weekend is for the SVP and envelopes will be in church.

** 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

WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHERE IN OUR PARISH

COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED

| Who | What | Where & When |
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| SJV Choir , new members always welcome | Choir rehearsal | Every Friday, 7.30pm, Holy Family Church |
| SVP | We meet to discuss how we can support the local community | 3 rd Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm, St Mark's Annexe |
| Good Companions , new members always welcome | Senior citizens club, 60+, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship | Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Annexe |
| RCIA | Adults seeking to become Catholics or receive Confirmation | Every Wednesday from November until Easter, 7.00pm-8.00pm, St Mark's Annexe |
| Vianney's Voice , 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 |
| Ladies Group , new members always welcome | Social and spiritual activities | 1 st Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm, Holy Family Meeting Room |
| Chronic Pain Group , new members always welcome | Sharing advice and experiences | 2 nd Friday of the month, 2.00pm, St Mark's Annexe. |

Together
 we make a
Family

Question of the Week

Adults: How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

Children: What will you do this week to show you love those around you?

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2017

| Date – 2017 | Holy Family Church | St. Mark's Church |
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| Saturday, 6 May Easter Weekday | 5.15 pm – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine) | |
| Sunday, 7 May Fourth Sunday of Easter | 11.00 am – Mass (Jean Canning) 12.30 pm - Baptisms | 9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) |
| Monday, 8 May Easter Weekday | | 10.00 am – Service of the Word |
| Tuesday, 9 May Easter Weekday | 10.00 am – Mass (Marie Pauline) | |
| Wednesday, 10 May Easter Weekday | | 10.00 am – Mass (Colin Birkett) |
| Thursday, 11 May Easter Weekday | 9.00 am – Mass (Miren & Joaquim DeEgnia) | |
| Friday, 12 May Easter Weekday | | 10.00 am – Mass (Joan Whitehead) |
| Saturday, 13 May Easter Weekday | 5.15 pm – Mass (Peggy Ryan) | |
| Sunday, 14 May Fifth Sunday of Easter | 11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 3.00 pm Annual Baptism Service | 9.15 am – Mass (Betty Flynn) |

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

Next Week's Readings – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I – Acts 6:1-7

Reading II – Peter 2:4-9

Gospel – John 14:1-12