



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Second Sunday of Easter, 23 April 2017

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognised though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognise that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognise him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognise Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus

also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Vianney's Voice

The next meetings are as follows:
Wednesday, 26 April and

Wednesday, 24 May, 7.00pm-8.30pm at Holy Family.

Mass of Thanksgiving To Mark The Arrival Of Our New Parish Priest



Friday, 5 May, 7.00pm at St Mark's followed by refreshments in the club. An opportunity for us to gather as a Parish Community with Father Matthew to honour the past and look to the future, as we re-commit ourselves to being one in the spirit. All are very welcome.

In order to aid catering, please indicate on the form at the back of church whether you will be able to join us for the Reception.

Baptismal Information



We welcome in to Holy Family this weekend Harry James Dunne.

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.

With You Always

Family Session 7 for parents and children, Monday, 24 April, 4.45pm or 6.00pm at 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.

Plants & Foliage

Thank you to all those parishioners who provided plants and greenery for the Garden of Repose. Your

plants can be collected from the Sacristy at Holy Family.

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



Have you ever considered joining our choir? Our choir is split between the two churches and we come together at special times of the year. We are now looking to increase our numbers so why not pop along.

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.

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.

Volunteer Van Driver Required

Nugent are looking for a Volunteer Van Driver and Volunteer Van Driver's Assistant to help support their Charity Shop with collections of donated items across Merseyside. You will need to commit to a minimum of 2 hours per week. The main collection/delivery day is Thursday. Please see the notice at the back of church for further information.

Cathedral – Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Events at a Glance



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

1 May - Jubilee Organ Recital

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

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

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 503.71
Other Envelopes	£ 114.95
Loose GASDS	£ 599.69
Total Offertory	£1,218.35
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 45	£ 109.00
Second Collection (Holy Places)	£ 230.35

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for Friends of the Holy Land. The second collection next weekend 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 Margaret Woods 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
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, St Mark's Annexe.

** Could a member of the Chronic Pain Group please let the office know what time you meet**

Together
we make a
Family

Question of the Week

Adults: We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty.
What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

Children: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

**Second Sunday of Easter
23 April 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 22 April Saturday within the Octave of Easter	5.15 pm – Mass (Jimmy Mills)	
Sunday, 23 April Second Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass (Don Ainger) Baptism – 1.30 pm	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 24 April Easter Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 25 April St Mark, Evangelist	9.00 am – Mass (Bridie Hannah)	
Wednesday, 26 April Easter Weekday		12.00 – Funeral Service for Margaret Woods
Thursday, 27 April Easter Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (John Ireland)	
Friday, 28 April Easter Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 29 April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	5.15 pm – Mass (Margaret Ryan)	
Sunday, 30 April Third Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Veronica Riley)

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

Next Week’s Readings – Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I – Acts 2:14, 22-33

Reading II – Peter 1:17-21

Gospel – Luke 24:13-35