



# 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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the first instance.*

## **Third Sunday of Easter, 30 April 2017**

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognise him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognised. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified.

Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognise the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the

disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

### **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.

### **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 St Mark's this weekend Freddie Barnes and Eva Mai Ryan. 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.

## **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-May 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.

## **Ladies Group**



Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 May at 7.00pm in the meeting room at Holy Family Church. We are always keen to

encourage new and younger members to attend when you can, no commitment. Younger 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.

### **Holy Family Photocopier**

This will be removed within the next few weeks. Please contact the Parish Office if you require photocopying. Prior notice would be appreciated.

### **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**

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

Please see the posters at the back of church for a brief outline with a full events brochure available via [www.liverpoolmetropolitancathedral.org](http://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**

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 481.74
Other Envelopes	£ 141.26
Loose GASDS	£ 383.40
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1,006.40</b>
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 41	£ 29.00
Second Collection	£ 189.23
(Friends of the Holy Land)	

## **Second Collection**

The second collection this  
weekend is for the Parish Lourdes  
Fund. The second collection next  
weekend will be for the Priests'  
Training 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  
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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#### **Baptism Coordinator**

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#### **With You Always Coordinator**

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St Edmund Arrowsmith:  
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Acting Headteacher: Mrs Scott

St Julie's: Tel 0151 428 6421  
Headteacher: Mr Tim Alderman  
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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

## 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.

\*\* 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:** In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

**Children:** When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

**Third Sunday of Easter  
30 April 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 29 April</b> St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Margaret Ryan)	
<b>Sunday, 30 April</b> Third Sunday of Easter	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Veronica Riley)  <b>Baptisms – 12.30 pm</b>
<b>Monday, 1 May</b> Easter Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 2 May</b> St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Nina Mackrell)	
<b>Wednesday, 3 May</b> Sts Philip & James, Apostles		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (John Nolan)
<b>Thursday, 4 May</b> Easter Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Jackie, Paula & Louise)	
<b>Friday, 5 May</b> Easter Weekday	<b>7.00 pm – Mass of Thanksgiving</b> (Mass at St Mark’s followed by Reception in club)	
<b>Saturday, 6 May</b> Easter Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	
<b>Sunday, 7 May</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Jean Canning)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

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

**Next Week’s Readings – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Reading I – Acts 2:14, 36-41

Reading II – Peter 2:20-25

Gospel – John 10:1-10