



# 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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**Please note the new telephone number for the Parish Office is 0151 486 9885. The old number will be discontinued shortly.**

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## **Ascension Of The Lord, 28 May 2017**

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture the most important events happen on the mountaintop and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop ([Matthew 17:1-8](#)). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf.

[Matthew 28:9-10](#)). They see Jesus and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptise and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. [Matthew 10:1-15](#)). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptise and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptise in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be

Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

### **Invitation to Prayer**



Archbishop Malcolm has asked the priests and people for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area. The priests of the Pastoral Area (which comprises the parishes of St Ambrose and St Christopher's in Speke, Bishop Eton, St Mary's Woolton, Christ the King, St John Vianney, Halewood and Our Lady of the Assumption) met together this week and we believe that our first response must be one of prayer.

We will therefore meet to pray together on Wednesday, 7 June between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel. Tea and coffee will be provided. We invite you to join us. Parking is available at Bishop Eton.

## **Rite of Welcome**

The Rite of Welcome will take place this weekend for Charlie Robert Green at Holy Family.

## **Baptismal Information**



We welcome into Holy Family this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism, Isla Lloyd and Lucas Terence Coyne.

The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on Monday, 5 June 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.

## **St Julie's Catholic High School**

St Julie's would like to invite girls currently in Year 4 and Year 5 and their parents to attend the school's Opening Evening on Thursday, 29 June from 3.00pm-6.00pm. The new school will open in September 2017 and this is an opportunity to

find out what the new school facilities will offer your daughter.

## **Vianney's Voice**

Vianney's Voice have completed a Dementia Friend's Information Session with Moira McLoughlin and have become Dementia Friends. There will be a photo on the website once we have fixed the issues we are currently having with it!

## **Choir Practice**



For the next few weeks, rehearsals will be led by Peter and will take place in the Annexe at St Mark's. If you haven't joined us yet, pop along and give us a try, it's a lovely way to while away an hour or so and meet new people.

## **Thank You So Much**

The Bereavement Team would like to express their sincere thanks to Matt Talbot who has designed and produced beautiful Anniversary Cards for the Team to use. The time you have taken to create these cards is greatly appreciated.

## **Tots Group**

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

## **Nugent Charity Shop**

Nugent Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to their shop. Items can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH. Nugent can collect on Thursday mornings, contact 737 2951.

## **First Holy Communion**



We continue to pray and give thanks for all the children who have been admitted to the gift of Holy Communion this month. May the Lord strengthen them and their families as they hear his call to follow him more closely in our community.

## **Appeal To Eucharistic Ministers**

Do you have a couple of hours to spare? We are currently short of Eucharistic Ministers to visit Arncliffe Court. If you are able to support the present team who visit here we would really appreciate your time. Please contact Ron Smith as soon as possible on 07546 252142.

## **Parish Website**

We are currently experiencing a few problems with our website. Please bear with us as we try to fix the issues.

## **Cathedral – Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Events at a Glance**



To 30 June – Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral. A fascinating audio trail that will take you on a journey along Hope Street.

29 May – Jubilee Organ Recital

2-5 June – Cathedral Flower Festival. The iconic interior will be transformed by a dazzling array

of floral displays themed around Cathedral life.

4 June – Penetcost Jubilee Mass.  
This will officially mark 50 years of our Cathedral.

10 June – Royal Philharmonic Orchestra presents “Gloria!”

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



As part of these celebrations do you know a youngster who may enjoy ‘Being A Chorister for a Day’? Are you a boy in Years 2-4 or a girl in Year 5. Do you enjoy singing and working hard as a team? If so, you are invited to come and meet the choristers at the Cathedral and sing in the largest Catholic church in the country for a day! Boys, Sunday, 18 June and girls, Sunday, 25 June from 10.30am-4.00pm. Application forms and further info on the

Cathedral website and posters at the back of church. Places are limited.

### **St Mark’s Club**

\* Bonkers Bingo \*  
Saturday, 5 August 2017  
Doors Open 7.00pm  
Tickets £5 + £5 bingo book and pen

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	£ 440.60
Other Envelopes	£ 127.90
Loose GASDS	£ 413.88
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 982.38</b>
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 37	£ 82.00

### **Second Collection**

This weekend the second collection will be for World Communications and envelopes are available at the back of church.

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

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** When we are welcoming, forgiving and generous, we may be criticised but how does that connect us to Jesus?

**Children:** Standing up for your faith means doing good even when it is easier not to. When have you experienced this?

**Ascension Of The Lord  
28 May 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 27 May</b> Easter Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 28 May</b> Ascension Of The Lord	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Maureen Lamb)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Danny Fox)
<b>Monday, 29 May</b> Easter Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 30 May</b> Easter Weekday	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Brian Kelly)	
<b>Wednesday, 31 May</b> The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Ann Culshaw)
<b>Thursday, 1 June</b> St Justin, Martyr	<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>	
<b>Friday, 2 June</b> Easter Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Lorna Stewart)
<b>Saturday, 3 June</b> St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Sheila Leonard)	
<b>Sunday, 4 June</b> Pentecost Sunday	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Kathleen Vasile)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

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

**Next Week’s Readings – Pentecost Sunday**

Reading I – Acts 2:1-11  
Reading II – Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
Gospel – John 20:19-23