



Newsletter

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

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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 16 July 2017

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves

in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Parish Office

Over the summer weeks, it may be necessary to alter opening hours and days to accommodate staff holidays.

The office will be closed this Thursday, 20 July and instead will be open on Wednesday, 19 July.

Lourdes Petitions

Some members of Vianney's Voice are going to Lourdes on Thursday, 20 July and are willing

to take your petitions. These can be given to a youth member or leave at the Parish Office by Wednesday, 19 July.

Thank You

For the anonymous donation towards the Lourdes Youth Fund, we thank you so very much.

Children's Liturgy



Due to catechists being on holiday, there will be no Children's Liturgy during August. Sessions will resume weekending 2/3 September.

With You Always

The next registration meeting for parents of children in Year 4 from September 2017 for preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (WYA), will take place on Monday, 18 September at 6.00pm in St Mark's School. Please be aware, children need to have been baptised before they enroll upon this programme. Any queries, please contact Kami Lester on 07881 817799.

Rite of Welcome

John O'Neill, 5.15pm, Holy Family.

Baptismal Information



We welcome into Holy Family this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism, Ethan Christopher Gregory.

The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on Monday, 11 September 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.

Parish Council Membership

St John Vianney Parish Council acts as a focal point for consideration of the many aspects of our Parish life. The members discuss developments of different areas, review key liturgical events and provide feedback from parishioners. Now the Parish

Council needs you! The Council wants to expand its membership and will welcome any volunteers or nominations. The Council meets approximately every 2 months with meetings usually lasting 1-1.5 hours. We are particularly keen to recruit some younger members so if you would like to contribute to the life of the Parish in this way or you want to nominate someone else, please give your/their contact details to the Parish Office or to any current members of the Parish Council.

Parish Council Minutes

Copies of the Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 are available at the back of church. Please take a copy.

The 50+ Club & Good Companions



We are fortunate within our Parish community to be able to offer two social clubs for this age group.

The 50+ Club meet every Wednesday in **St Mark's Club**, 1.00pm-3.00pm.

Good Companions This 60+ group meet every Wednesday in **St Mark's Annexe**, 1.00pm-3.00pm.

Come along and enjoy some company for an hour or so, we chat over tea and coffee, arrange day trips and perhaps have a raffle or game of bingo. All welcome.

Holy Family School

Mass on Tuesday, 18 July will take place at 2.00pm in Holy Family Church when we will give thanks for the hard work and dedication given to our children and their families by Gill Holland who will be retiring from her post as Headteacher at the end of this term. We wish her a long and healthy retirement. All welcome.

Safeguarding

Over the next couple of weeks our 2 safeguarding reps will be contacting some of our volunteers who are due for DBS re-checks and handing out forms for completion. Please complete these forms and return them to our reps as soon as possible.

Cathedral – Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Events at a Glance

24 July – A New Cathedral, 1960. This unique exhibition will bring together for the first time a selection of submissions from the 1960 architectural competition for our Cathedral.

A full events brochure is available via
www.liverpoolmetropolitancathedral.org
or ring 0151 709 9222.

St Mark's Club



St Mark's Kids Summer Party

Disco & Children's Entertainer,
Face Painter, Party Box for Tea

St Mark's Parish Centre
Wednesday, 19 July, 4.00pm-
7.00pm, Children £5, Adults £1.

**All children must be
accompanied by an adult**

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	432.55
Other Envelopes	£	96.00
Loose GASDS	£	333.07
Total Offertory	£	861.62
Standing Orders	£	236.23
Bonus Ball 18	£	85.00

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for SVP. 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 and the wider community especially Teresa Finnigan, we pray also 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	60+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	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, experiences and offering support	2 nd Friday of the month, 2.00pm, St Mark's Annexe.
The 50+ Club , all welcome	50+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Club

Together
we make a
Family

Question of the Week

Adults: How do you provide “good soil” for the faith of others to grow?
Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 July 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 15 July Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Edwin Keating)	
Sunday, 16 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Catherine Mackrell)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 17 July Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 18 July Weekday	2.00 pm – Mass in Holy Family Church (Mrs Gill Holland, Retiring Headteacher) All Welcome	
Wednesday, 19 July Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Martin Davies)
Thursday, 20 July Weekday	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday, 21 July Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Sheila O’Donnell)
Saturday, 22 July	5.15 pm – Mass (Kathleen Vasile)	
Sunday, 23 July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Brenda Gerrard)

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

Next Week – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-30