



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23 July 2017

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realised until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a

mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Parish Office

Over the summer weeks, it may be necessary to change the opening hours and days to allow for staff holidays.

The office will be closed this Thursday, 27 July but will be open

on Friday, 28 July from 9.00am-5.00pm.

Thank You

Once again, for the donations 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.

Gentle Keep Fit

Starting Tuesday, 25 July 11.00am-12.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. Whilst their usual space is being refurbished, the Torrington Drive Community Association Exercise Class will be running their classes in our annexe just for the next few weeks. Why not pop in and have a go?

Baptismal Information



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

Safeguarding - DBS

If anyone has forms to return to the safeguarding reps could they keep hold of them for the next few weeks as both reps are away on holiday for the next week. Many thanks.

The 50+ Club



The 50+ Club meet every Wednesday in **St Mark's Club**, 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 Boiler Update

This work is now complete. Thank you for your patience whilst these essential works have been undertaken and special thanks to Matt Talbot who has made himself available from early morning until mid afternoon to open up and close the church for contractors.

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

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 Envelopes	£ 486.95
Other Envelopes	£ 108.19
Loose GASDS	£ 309.18
Total Offertory	£ 904.32
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 42	£ 76.00
Second Collection (SVP)	£ 478.35

Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend. Next weekend the second collection 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 and the wider community especially Edna Jean Wharton, 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



**LIVERPOOL
LOURDES
PILGRIMAGE**

2017 Pastoral Theme: - “The Almighty has done great things for me!”

In 2017 the Sanctuary of Lourdes invites pilgrims to follow the path opened by the 25th World Day of the Sick celebrated in a special way in Lourdes this year for the anniversary of its first celebration on 11th February 1993.

7 of our young people along with a number of parishioners are currently in Lourdes.
Let us pray for them as they pray for us.

**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: What weakness can the power of the Holy Spirit help you overcome?

Children: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

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23 July 2017

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 22 July St Mary Magdalene	5.15 pm – Mass (Katherine Vasile)	
Sunday, 23 July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Brenda Gerrard)
Monday, 24 July Weekday		11.00 am – Requiem Mass for Teresa Finnigan
Tuesday, 25 July St James, Apostle	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 26 July Sts Joachim and Anne		10.00 am – Mass (Tommy McLoughlin)
Thursday, 27 July Weekday	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday, 28 July Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Mrs Coghlan)
Saturday, 29 July St Martha	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 30 July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Derek Myddleton)	9.15 am – Mass (Eileen Bush)

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

Next Week – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52