



# 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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## **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30 July 2017**

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are

thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

### **Parish Office**

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

### **Gentle Keep Fit**

Just for the next few weeks ... 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. Why not pop in and have a go?

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Holy Family Boiler Update**

This work is now complete and the system fully operational. Please be aware that when the heating system is in use, the radiators will be **very hot** and care must be taken when sitting near them, please be especially careful when children are near them. Warning notices will be put in place in due course.

### **Upcoming Events & Courses**

The following courses and events will be run in the early Autumn when more detailed information about exact dates and any costs will be made available.

A Morning of Reflection for  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
Communion, September

An Afternoon for Families,  
September

Support Meetings for Divorced & Separated, September

Bereavement Team Training Course, October

An Introduction to the Ministry of Catechesis – dates in September and October

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

Until 3 September - 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](http://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	£ 475.02
Other Envelopes	£ 111.00
Loose GASDS	£ 339.01
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 904.32</b>
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 30	£ 107.00

### **Second Collection**

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Lourdes Fund. 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 **Rita Renwick**, we pray also for their families.

Please keep Peter Renwick (choir) and his family in your prayers.

### **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**

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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**

We give thanks for the safe return of our young people and parishioners from Lourdes. We trust they had a prayerful pilgrimage and their faith has been strengthened through the incredible experience that is the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Please check the website for a wonderful photo of Father Matthew alongside some familiar faces!

**WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHERE IN OUR PARISH  
COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where &amp; When</b>
<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	60+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	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, experiences and offering support	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 2.00pm, St Mark's Annexe.
<b>The 50+ Club</b> , 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 would you be willing to “sell” or do without in order to achieve your dreams for yourself and your family?

**Children:** What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
30 July 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 29 July</b> St Martha	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 30 July</b> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Derek Myddleton)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Eileen Bush)
<b>Monday, 31 July</b> St Ignatius		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 1 August</b> St Alphonsus	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Flo Mottram)	
<b>Wednesday, 2 August</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Thursday, 3 August</b> Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>	
<b>Friday, 4 August</b> St John Vianney		<b>9.30 am – Mass</b> (Mary Murphy)
<b>Saturday, 5 August</b> Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 6 August</b> The Transfiguration of the Lord	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Pat & Peter Crompton)

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

**Next Week – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Isaiah 55:1-3  
Romans 8:35, 37-39  
Matthew 14:13-21