

Newsletter

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20 August 2017

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions, what comes out of us, make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for

Gentiles, “dog.” But the woman cleverly turns Jesus’ insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus’ unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus’ ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today’s Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew’s text we can hear this early Christian community’s struggle to understand how God’s selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel’s rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles’ acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today’s second reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God’s

abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Children’s Liturgy



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.

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 in 2018 are strongly advised to register early as dates and places are filling quickly.

Invitation to Prayer



The next Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on Wednesday, 6 September between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we will continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area.

Tea and coffee will be provided. We invite you to join us. Parking is available at Bishop Eton.

Nugent Stock Appeal

Nugent Charity Shop on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of bric-a-brac, clothing, books, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to their

store. These can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH between 9.00am-5.00pm.

Nugent Volunteer Vacancy

Nugent are looking for a Volunteer Van Driver and 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 and the main collection/delivery day is Thursday. See poster at the back of church.



The Ladies Group will be hosting "A Night At The Races" on Friday, 15 September from 7.30pm in St Mark's Club. Tickets priced at £2 will be on sale after all weekend masses over the next few weeks. Please come along and have some fun whilst supporting this Parish event. Feel free to dress up for the occasion or come as you are, we'd love to see you there!

Meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics

The next series of support meetings will start in mid September. Catholics and other Christians who are divorced, separated or are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or long term relationship are welcome. To book a place ring Frances Trotman on 727 2195 or see poster at the back of church.

An Afternoon for Families

Sunday, 17 September, 1.00pm-4.30pm starting with a shared lunch. Liverpool Hope University, Eden Building. Separate programmes for 4-11 and 12-16 year olds with supervised play for babies. See poster at the back of church and contact north@focolare.org.uk for more information.

Archdiocesan Autumn Courses

A Morning of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Saturday, 30 September, 9.30am-1.00pm at LACE.

Initial Training for Bereavement Teams, Wednesdays, 18 & 25

October, 1.30pm-4.30pm at Holy Rosary Parish Centre.

An Introduction to the Ministry of Catechesis for new catechists and those wanting to refresh/reflect on their ministry. There are two courses; one is September and one in October.

For full details see the posters at the back of church and contact the Department for Pastoral Formation at LACE on 522 1040.

Initial Training for Funeral Ministers will be reviewed in September. If current Ministers have any views on the previous training please contact Mrs Maureen Knight on 522 1046 or email m.knight@rcaol.co.uk with your thoughts.

Parking At Holy Family

We have been contacted by residents on Mackets Lane complaining about the parking of cars over driveways or too close to driveways thereby making it difficult for them to safely access/exit their homes when using their own cars. Please use the car park if possible and if parking vehicles on the road, please park considerately and safely.

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	£ 437.10
Other Envelopes	£ 154.00
Loose GASDS	£ 323.23
Total Offertory	£ 914.33
Standing Orders	£ 253.77
Bonus Ball 54	£ 76.00
Second Collection	£ 216.06
(Parish Building Fund)	

Second Collection

There is no second collection this
weekend. The second collection
next weekend will be for the
Cathedral/Assessment 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
Patricia Fitzsimmons and John
Delaney, 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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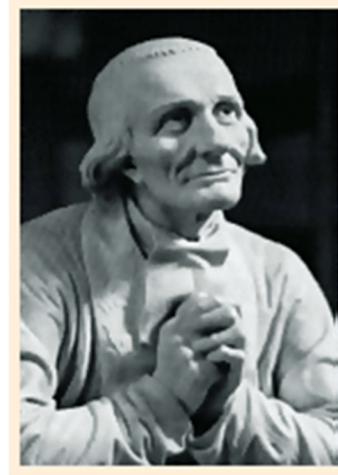
Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption,
Gateacre, 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

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

Question of the Week

Adults: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

Children: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 August 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 19 August Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 20 August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Sister Mary McDaid)	9.15 am – Mass (Steven Worrall)
Monday, 21 August St Pius X, Pope		2.30 pm – Funeral Service for John Delaney
Tuesday, 22 August The Queenship of Mary	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 23 August Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Dora Kavanagh)
Thursday, 24 August St Bartholomew	10.00 am – Mass (Doreen Trainerl)	
Friday, 25 August Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (May McGrath)
Saturday, 26 August Blessed Dominic Barberi	5.15 pm – Mass (Father Matthew)	
Sunday, 27 August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Margaret Woods)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)

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

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20