



Newsletter

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

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 September 2017

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of

the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Louis John Regan and Harper-Mai Aleena Cluff.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Jack Anthony Gordon and Alexa Ella Gordon.

Baptismal Information



We welcome in to Holy Family this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism Alfie Willis Pollard, Holly Louise Spann, Theodore Zachary Spann and John O'Neill.

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.

Children's Liturgy



The Archdiocese recommends that Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards. We would therefore advise parents

with children under the age of 3 to keep their child/children with them.

Please feel free though to use the resources at the back of both churches for younger children and return them after mass. Thank you so much for your understanding.

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.

Important : If you child does not attend our parish schools but will be participating in the above programme, please collect a letter regarding these sessions from the back of church.

Days of Recollection

Days of Recollection including Mass, time for prayer and reflection with Fr Charles Randall

CSsR in St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton.

Readers: 30 September, 10.00am-2.00pm.

Sacristans: Saturday 21 October, 10.00am-2.00pm.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 28 October, 10.00am-2.00pm.

Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Please email St Mary's if you would like to participate as places are limited. stmaryswoolton@btconnect.com

Invitation to Prayer



The next Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on Wednesday, 4 October 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.

Knights of St Columba

The Knights of St Columba Council 9 will be undertaking their annual sponsored walk on Sunday, 24 September and this year are raising funds for the Nugent Crisis Fund who support the homeless and disadvantaged in our city. Members of Council 9 will be distributing envelopes on the weekend of 16/17 September and collecting them in on the weekend of 30 September/1 October.

Parishioners are most welcome to take part in this walk which will leave the front gates of the Albert Dock (opposite the Hilton Hotel) at 2.00pm sharp! The group will walk along the river front and finish at Liverpool Cricket Club where refreshments will be available. Cars will be on hand for anyone who doesn't feel they can undertake the whole walk which will take place rain or shine.

Parish Office

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 11 and Tuesday, 12 September to allow for staff holidays.

Bereavement Team

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 September at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Retreat Morning

Archbishop McMahon will lead a retreat morning at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hedgefield Road on Saturday, 16 September. A talk will begin at 10.00am followed by Holy Hour at 11.00am with Confession and Benediction then Mass at 12 noon followed by lunch. This is an opportunity to take some time out of a busy week to pray, to be still and to be nourished.

SFX Open Evening

St Francis Xavier's College, Woolton Hill Road, Liverpool, L25 6EG Open Evening for Year 6 pupils (for Year 7 intake in 2018) will take place on Tuesday, 12 September at 6.30pm.

CAFOD

Harvest Fast Day Briefing

This will take place on Wednesday, 20 September St Philomena's Church, Russell Room, Sparrow Hall Road,

Liverpool, L9 6BU. A talk will be given by CAFOD colleagues from El Salvador about their experiences.



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!

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

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.

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.

Young Catholic Adult Group

The Redemptorist Young Adult Group encourages young Catholics (18-40 or thereabouts) to grow in their faith. Sessions are informative, fun and diverse. Alternate Tuesdays at 7.30pm, Fisher More Hall, Bishop Eton Church. See poster at the back of church.

Parish Finance

Week Ending 27 August 2017

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 428.60
Other Envelopes	£ 147.50
Loose GASDS	£ 347.13
Total Offertory	£ 923.23
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 38	£ 82.00
Second Collection	£ 149.93
(Cathedral Assessment Fund)	

Finance information for w/e 3 and 10 September will be published when available.

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Education Service. The second collection next weekend will be for Home Mission Sunday.

** 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 Flood and Jesse Gordon Bowler, 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

Question of the Week

Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

Children: How can you help another person do the right thing?

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 September 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 9 September St Peter Claver	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 10 September Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	9.15 am – Mass (Helen Wenham)
Monday, 11 September Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 12 September Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Ronnie Griffiths Jnr)	
Wednesday, 13 September St John Chrysostom		10.00 am – Mass (Brenda Hynes)
Thursday, 14 September The Exhaltation of the Holy Cross	11.00 am – Requiem Mass for Patricia Flood	
Friday, 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows		10.00 am – Requiem Mass for Jesse Gordon Bowler
Saturday, 16 September Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs	5.15 pm – Mass (Sheila Anne Leonard)	
Sunday, 17 September Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Danny Fox)

* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass *

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35