

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 September 2017

Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt, a pittance when compared with the amount that was

owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity, the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Harper-Mai Aleena Cluff, Eleni-Monica Pauline Johnson, William Leslie

Peter Donohue and Roy Alexander McGlynn.

St Mark's, 9.15am: Grace Lynn Hughes, Elise Lily Marion Tagoe and Theo Riley.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Carlo Christopher Raouf, Louis Conor Brady and Lucie Mary Jane Brady.

Baptismal Information



The next Baptism Registration Meeting will take place on Monday, 2 October 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 your 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.

A Seed Of Love

Sunday, 1 October, 3.00pm, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. A celebration mass for

and with people living with a disability. All welcome.

First Holy Communion DVDs 2017

We have a small number of these commemorative DVDs left. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy should pop along to the office, cost £9.00.

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: Saturday, 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.

Faith & Work/Work & Faith

Over half of those who work in Britain say that they believe that their commitment to work has impacted negatively on their relationships and how their personal lives have turned out. Most workers spend 50% of their total waking hours each day at work. If this is your experience you are welcome to explore how the Church can help you in your Monday to Friday life.

Romero Room, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hedgefield Road, Wednesday, 20 September, 7.00pm-8.30pm, all welcome.

St Mary's College, Crosby Open Evenings

Open Evening for College and Prep, Thursday, 28 September, 4.00pm-7.00pm.

Open Morning for College and Prep, Saturday, 30 September, 10.00am-12.00 noon.

Knights of St Columba

The Knights of St Columba Council 9 will be undertaking their annual sponsored walk next 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 this weekend and collecting them on the weekend of 30 September/1October.

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.

Bereavement Team

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

This Weekend! **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 in 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

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

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend will be for Home Mission Sunday. The second collection next weekend will be for SVP.

** 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, 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: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Children: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

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Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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)
Monday, 18 September Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 19 September Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (John Luke Trainer)	
Wednesday, 20 September Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Companion Martyrs		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 21 September St Matthew	10.00 am – Mass (Bobby Atkins)	
Friday, 22 September Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 23 September St Pius	5.15 pm – Mass (Iyla Hampson)	
Sunday, 24 September Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Ann Bradley) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16