

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24 September 2017

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated,

but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Welcome Home & Thank You

Later this week, we look forward to having Father Matthew back home and we give thanks to those clergy who have visited and enabled our parishioners to celebrate Mass within our own Parish.

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 11.00am: Penelope
Nora Bowden-Davies.

Baptismal Information



This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, Roma Reign Unsworth and Oliver George Shortall.

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.

The Ladies Group



The Ladies Group would like to thank all those who supported the recent Race Night. A big thank you to the organiser and host for

the evening, Matt Talbot, the race sponsors and all those who helped out on the night. Your generosity raised a fantastic £976! The Ladies Group will discuss at their next meeting how these funds will be allocated and we will keep you informed. We hope you had a great night and thank you so much for your support.

**St Julie's Catholic High School
Open Evening**

The school would like to invite girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents to take a tour of their brand new, state of the art facilities on Thursday, 5 October from 3.30pm-6.00pm. Find out what it means to be part of the Notre Dame community of schools.

Bellerive Open Evening

Bellerive welcomes students from all areas of Liverpool and beyond. Parents/carers of girls living in our Parish interested in joining Bellerive's Year 7 in September 2018 (all parents are welcome to look around, irrespective of when your daughter is transferring to secondary school), are invited to the Open Evening on Tuesday, 3 October between 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Entrance is via reception at 1 Aigburth Drive, L17 3AA.

**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.

Thank You

Thank you to all those parishioners who donated wool, baby dolls and have also made donations towards our church flowers. Your continued support is really appreciated.

**Archdiocese of Liverpool
2017-2018 Seminarians**

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarians, the names and photos of whom can be seen on the poster at 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

Rosary Sunday Nugent Appeal

Nugent are the social welfare arm of the Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool. Since the launch in March 2017, the Gubay Crisis Fund has supported a large number of families in crisis with requests for financial help towards cookers, washing machines and clothing. The old £1 coins cease to be legal tender from Sunday, 1 October. Please consider donating these old coins to this appeal which can be handed in to the parish office or dropped off at Nugent on Edge Lane. See posters at back of church.

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 this 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 collecting the donation envelopes in 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.

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 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.

Parish Finance

Week Ending 3 September 2017

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 443.10
Other Envelopes	£ 142.22
Loose GASDS	£ 368.11
Total Offertory	£ 953.43
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball	£ 72.00

Week Ending 10 September 2017

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 426.17
Other Envelopes	£ 136.90
Loose GASDS	£ 345.13
Total Offertory	£ 908.20

Standing Orders £ 236.23
Bonus Ball £ 87.00

Week Ending 17 September 2017

Gift Aid and Envelopes £ 378.36
Other Envelopes £ 126.66
Loose GASDS £ 345.90
Total Offertory £ 850.92
Standing Orders £ 236.23
Bonus Ball 45 £ 29.00

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend will be for SVP. 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, 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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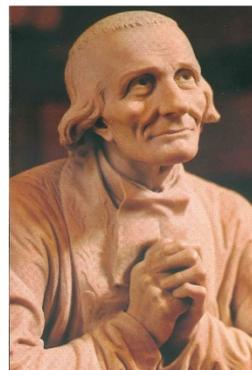
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Confessions

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: What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

Children: Who is generous to you even when you do not always deserve it?

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 September 2017

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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) 12.30pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 25 September Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 26 September Weekday	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 27 September St Vincent de Paul		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 28 September Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Charlie Marsden)	
Friday, 29 September Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael		9.00 am – Mass (Candida Ward)
Saturday, 30 September St Jerome	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 1 October Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Mr & Mrs Parkinson)	9.15 am – Mass (Francis Canon)

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

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32