

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1 October 2017

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly.

They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent, tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Holy Communion



Holy Communion is the most sacred part of the Mass for Catholics. If you are not a Catholic but would like to come forward for a blessing, you are most welcome. Please place your hands across your chest.

Rite of Welcome

St Mark's, 5.15pm: Finley James Teasdale.

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

Baptismal Information



The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 2 October at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

* 2017 is now fully booked * Families anticipating a baptism in 2018 are strongly advised to register early as dates and places are filling quickly.

The Ladies Group



Please note this Wednesday's meeting on 4 October will begin at 7.30pm at Holy Family due to the Invitation to Prayer hour taking place at Hope University Chapel from 6.00pm.

We are always keen to encourage and welcome new and younger members to attend when you can, no commitment. New members bring fresh ideas and keep our group relevant. A great way to take part in the life of our Parish Community and to meet people from both churches.

Vianney's Voice

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 18 October in the Holy Family meeting room, 7.00pm-8.30pm.

This is our parish youth group for young people of secondary school age (11-18 years). Pop along and see what we get up to. New members are always welcome.

St Julie's Catholic High School Open Evening

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

Tuesday, 3 October from 6.00pm-8.00pm. Entrance is via reception at 1 Aigburth Drive, L17 3AA.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

The Catholic charity ACN will be holding an evening of talks on the Persecuted Church on Tuesday, 10 October, 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Learn about their struggles in the face of extreme persecution and their hopes for a better future.

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.

Visitation of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October.

A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days including a special evening Mass at 7.00pm on Friday which Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will preside over.

On Saturday, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, there will be a public recitation of the rosary from 11.00am followed by a Farewell Mass with Bishop Tom Williams at 12 noon.

Devotions are encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation.

Cathedral Concerts Society Presents: "Celebration"



Saturday, 7 October 7.30pm-9.30pm. Continuing the celebrations for the Jubilee year, this concert celebrates British music in the wonderful surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral and will include a performance by the Cathedral Community Choir.

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.

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 would like to thank everyone who took part in the sponsored walk last week. Members of Council 9 will be collecting the donation envelopes in this weekend.

Archdiocesan Autumn Courses

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 is a course running 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.

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.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 490.54
Other Envelopes	£ 136.70
Loose GASDS	£ 330.90
Total Offertory	£ 958.14
Standing Orders	£ 236.23
Bonus Ball 40	£ 105.00
Second Collection (SVP)	£ 269.94

Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend will be for CAFOD.

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. It is vital for the future of the Club and for the support of the work of the Parish, that parishioners make use of this excellent facility.

*** 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 have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Children: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

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1 October 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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 (Francs Canon)
Monday, 2 October Memorial of The Guardian Angels		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 3 October Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Peter Kelly)	
Wednesday, 4 October St Francis of Assisi		10.00 am – Mass (Jean Peate)
Thursday, 5 October Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Jason & Mary Lace)	
Friday, 6 October Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Agnes Youd)
Saturday, 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	5.15 pm – Mass (Murphy Family)	
Sunday, 8 October Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Charlene Tagoe) 12.30 pm - Baptisms

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

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Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43