

# Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former  
Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark  
St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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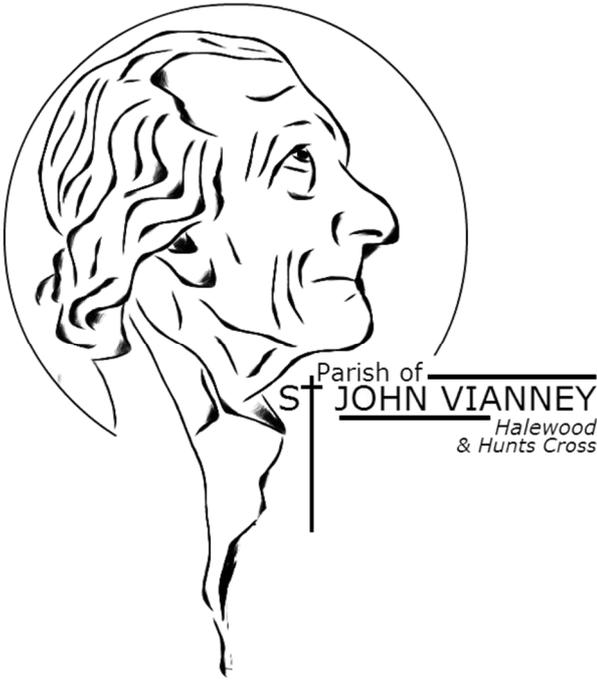
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for a priest, all enquiries should please be  
directed to the Parish Office (0151 486 9885) in  
the first instance.*

## **Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8 October 2017**

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.



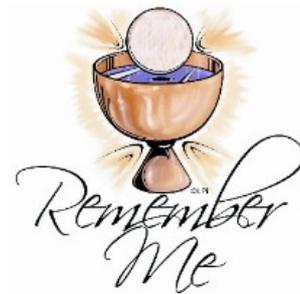
In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus'

death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways, through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

### **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**

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Keira Rose McGlynn, Joseph John James Worrall, Mark Patrick Ming, Louis Connor Brady and Lucie Mary Jane Brady.

St Mark's, 9.15am: Finley James Teasdale and Maggie Rose Patricia Spencer.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Leah May Hogan, Oliver Thomas Hughes, Nico Robert Scullion.

## **Baptismal Information**



This weekend we welcome into St Mark's through the Sacrament of Baptism, Edward Sanders Wright and Noah Finley Coburn.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 6 November 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.



This weekend marks the official beginning of this year's With You Always programme with families being prayed for at each Mass.

WYA Session 1 will take place on Saturday, 14 October at St Mark's Church at 12.00 noon, 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

If there are children in school who have not registered, there will be a final opportunity to do so at the end of 5.15pm Mass at Holy Family Church on Saturday, 7 October. WYA Coordinator Kami Lester 07881 817799.

*Jesus spoke to them... 'and know that I am **with you always**; yes, to the end of time.'* (Matthew 28:20)

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Interested in becoming a Catholic? We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or

been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within the parish community. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested as the course will be starting soon.

### **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.

### **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.

### **The Reader**

The Reader inspires and supports people to read aloud together. Their 'Shared Reading' approach is fun, rewarding, accessible to all and a great way to meet new people, make a difference and give something back. Volunteers are fully trained to be able to deliver a Shared Reading group in their local care home and give isolated older people an opportunity to make real connections. Interested in getting involved? See posters at the back of church, telephone 729 2200 or email [volunteer@thereader.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@thereader.org.uk).

### **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](mailto:stmaryswoolton@btconnect.com)

### **Pastoral Area Mass**

On Wednesday, 1 November there will be a Pastoral Area Mass for the Feast of All Saint's in Hope University Chapel at 7.00pm. This will replace all evening Masses that day in the parishes of our Pastoral Area.

### **Chronic Pain Group**

Please note this group will meet at the earlier time of 1.30pm on Friday, 8 October in St Mark's Annexe. All welcome.

### **Young Catholic Adult Group**

The Redemptorist Young Adult Group encourages young Catholics (18-40 or thereabouts) to grow in their faith through spiritual and social activities. On Tuesday, 10 October, 7.30pm, they will attend Mass together at Bishop Eton Church followed by drinks at the Halfway House on Woolton Road. A great way to meet other young Catholics and make friends locally. For more information email [redemptoristyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:redemptoristyouth@hotmail.com).

### **Knights of St Columba**

Many thanks to all parishioners who have donated so far ... there is still plenty of time to hand in your donation and envelopes can be found at the back of church.

### **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. Course running in October.

Due to popular demand, a further Being a Catechist course is to be held at St Bridget's Church, St Bridget's Close, Warrington, WA2 0EW on 20 & 27 November.

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

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 19 October at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

## Parish Finance

Gift Aid and Envelopes	£ 542.99
Other Envelopes	£ 164.00
Loose GASDS	£ 371.96
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1,078.95</b>
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 5	£ 99.00

## Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for CAFOD. 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 especially Mary O'Brien, 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.

### **Volunteer Pastoral Assistants**

#### **Funeral Lay Ministers**

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Mr K Quigley  
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St Edmund Arrowsmith:  
Tel 0151 477 8770  
Acting Headteacher: Mrs Scott

St Julie's: Tel 0151 428 6421  
Headteacher: Mr Tim Alderman  
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Bellerive FCJ: Tel 0151 727 2064  
Headteacher: Mrs Niamh Howlett  
[contactus@bellerivefcj.org](mailto:contactus@bellerivefcj.org)

### **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 used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

**Children:** What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8 October 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 7 October</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Deceased Members of Murphy Family)	
<b>Sunday, 8 October</b> Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Charlene Tagoe)  <b>12.30pm - Baptisms</b>
<b>Monday, 9 October</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 10 October</b> Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Ronnie Griffiths Snr & Kevin Griffiths)	
<b>Wednesday, 11 October</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Teresa Finnigan)
<b>Thursday, 12 October</b> Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Funeral Service for Mary O’Brien</b>	
<b>Friday, 13 October</b> Weekday		<b>12.00 noon – Mass</b> (Frank Pitt)
<b>Saturday, 14 October</b> Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Barry Hayes)	
<b>Sunday, 15 October</b> Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (George Shaw)  <b>12.30pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 25:6-10  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14