

Newsletter

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

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 15 October 2017

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in [last Sunday's Gospel](#), Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the

invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's

invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Baptismal Information



This weekend we welcome into Holy Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, William Leslie Peter Donohue, Charlie Robert Green, Grace Lynn

Hughes, Louis Connor Brady and
Lucie Mary Jane Brady.

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.

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Joseph John James Worrall.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Leah May Hogan.

Annual Service of Remembrance



This year's Annual Service of Remembrance will take place on Tuesday, 14 November at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church. Those families who have lost a loved one over the past 12 months are invited to attend. Tea and coffee will be served in the annexe after the service.

November Pious List

These can be found at the back of church along with envelopes. Once completed, please hand in via the offertory or pop into the Parish Office.

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.

This course will start on Wednesday, 18 October in St Mark's Annexe, 7.00pm-8.00pm.

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.

Jubilee Celebrations



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

The final concert of the jubilee celebrations takes place on Wednesday, 15 November. The joint choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral & Westminster Cathedral Choir will sing Mozart's Requiem. This will be the first time that Westminster Cathedral Choir have sung in our Cathedral and it promises to be a special performance. See poster at the back of church.

Piety Stalls

Our Piety Stalls are now fully stocked with a wide selection of Christmas cards and Advent Calendars.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory & ORDO Diary 2018

The office is now taking orders for the above. A ring bound directory costs £4.00 and the standard directory costs £3.50. The ORDO Diary costs £5.00. Please place your order with payment as soon as possible.



The SVP would like to thank parishioners for their generosity over the years. They now need help in finding people who are in need within our parish (elderly, sick, lonely, suffering or deprived) and could benefit from a visit from a member of the SVP team. Please leave the details of the person of concern with the Parish Office or a Eucharistic Minister.

This information has been printed on pocketsize cards and are available from the back of church. We would urge everyone to take a card and once again, thank you for your continued support.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided.

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

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.

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	£ 482.45
Other Envelopes	£ 116.10
Loose GASDS	£ 467.48
Total Offertory	£1,066.03
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 13	£ 71.00
Second Collection (CAFOD)	£ 559.36

Second Collection

There is no second collection this weekend. Next weekend the second collection will be for APF World Missions.

*** 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.

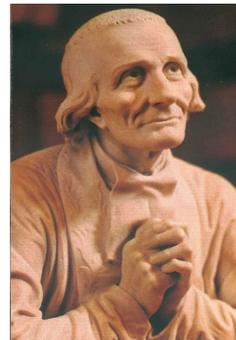
*** Parish Prayers ***

“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: How do you translate your faith into the work of the Reign of God?

Children: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 October 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 14 October Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Barry Hayes)	
Sunday, 15 October Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (George Shaw) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 16 October Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch	10.00 am – Mass (Mary Tasker)	
Wednesday, 18 October St Luke		10.00 am – Mass (Brian Kelly)
Thursday, 19 October Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Joe Ward)	
Friday, 20 October Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 21 October Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 22 October Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Kathleen Horgan)	9.15 am – Mass (Flo Finnegan) 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 *

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21