

# 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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the first instance.*

## **Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5 November 2017**

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew. This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not

have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

## **Parish Office**

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Diocese Missionary Appeal**

This weekend we are pleased to welcome Sister Adelina Tao-ing from The Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit in to our Parish. We thank Sister Adelina for speaking at all our masses and sharing with us news of their mission work and her own personal experiences.

## **Baptismal Information**



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.

## **Bereavement Support Drop-In**

Members of the Bereavement Team will be available on Wednesday, 22 November from 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe for anyone who has been bereaved wishing to pop in for a chat over a cup of tea. The drop-in is informal, welcoming and supportive.

## **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 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.

## **Vianney's Voice**



Vianney's Voice will be hosting a Family Quiz Night on Friday, 24 November at 7.00pm in St Mark's Club. Tickets on sale after Mass or on the door. This promises to be a really enjoyable family evening and all funds raised will go towards the Lourdes Fund. Please support this event if you are able.

The next meeting has been brought forward to Wednesday, 15 November, 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room.

## **Thank You So Much**

Many thanks to the kind person who paid the bill for one of our parishioners in the supermarket last week when they were quite upset. The parishioner did not know the identity of this person but they are so very grateful for their concern and generosity. God bless you.

## **Songs We Remember**

Are you living with dementia or caring for someone who is? Come

and join the sing-a-long at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, 2.00pm-3.30pm on 15, 29 November and 13 December followed by afternoon tea and biscuits.

### **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 has just started but interested individuals are still welcome to join. Please contact Gerry on 0151 486 6376 if you are interested. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 7.00pm-8.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.



Family Session 2, Monday, 6 November, 4.45pm-5.45pm or 6.00pm-7.00pm, St Mark's School.

**Important** The 6.00pm Family Session for Monday evenings (Sessions 2-7) is over full! If you are able to change to the earlier time of 4.45pm it would be an enormous help. Please text Kami on 07881 817799.

### **The Ladies Group**



The Ladies Group have organised a trip to Boundary Mill, Colne, Lancashire on Tuesday, 28 November for some pre-Christmas bargain shopping, cost £16. Contact Chris Myles on 428 9744 to secure your seat.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8 November at 7.00pm in the Holy Family meeting room. New members will be made most welcome, why not pop in and see what we get up to.



**Nugent Hamper Donations** – Help alleviate the pressure of Christmas for people living in poverty and make it special, just as it should be. Last year, with your help, Nugent gave over 300 hampers. They need items such as mince pies, biscuits, chocolate or selection boxes, biscuits for cheese, crisps, jam and donations can be dropped off at Nugent Central Office, 99 Edge Lane or Nugent Charity Shop, 73 Allerton Road. The deadline for donations is 1 December.

### **Why We Need More Deacons**

*“... you will recognise them as disciples of Him who came not to be served, but to serve”*

Friday, 24 November

7.30pm-9.00pm

St John's Church, Fountains Road,  
Kirkdale, Liverpool, L4 1QL

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and priests are also welcome. There

will be two serving deacons and their wives sharing their different experiences. Refreshments from 7.00pm.

### **Lourdes**

It was discussed at the recent Parish Council Meeting the need to form a Lourdes Committee in order to formalise the finances associated with monies raised/donated towards the parish Lourdes Fund. If there are any parishioners who would be willing to sit on such a committee could they please leave their name and contact number with the parish office - we envisage meeting only a couple of times a year. Many thanks.

### **Festive Floristry Demonstration**



Gibberd Room

Metropolitan Cathedral

Saturday, 18 November

1.00pm-5.00pm

A festive floristry demonstration and talk hosted by Muir Simpson. Afternoon tea will also be served. Tickets are £15 which includes the

demonstrations, tea and scones. Get yours by emailing [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

### Hats for the Homeless



The Servant Group go out each month and help the homeless on our city streets. ‘Hats for the Homeless’ is an appeal for each family to donate a warm winter hat (the pound type shops have a great selection). A box will be at the back of church until Christmas if you feel able to support this appeal.

### Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 469.87
Other Envelopes	£ 166.65
Loose GASDS	£ 366.76
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 1,003.28</b>
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 53	£ 74.00

### Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit. There is no second collection next weekend.

### \* 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 especially Josephine Keown 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.

### **Volunteer Pastoral Assistants**

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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:** Is there an area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?  
**Children:** Why is it important for you to live according to how you believe?

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5 November 2017**

<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 4 November</b> St Charles Borromeo	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Gerry Conor)	
<b>Sunday, 5 November</b> Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Michael Talavera)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)
<b>Monday, 6 November</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7 November</b> Weekday	<b>12.00 noon – Mass</b> (Jason Murphy)	
<b>Wednesday, 8 November</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Charlie Sullivan)
<b>Thursday, 9 November</b> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Ann Wordworth)	
<b>Friday, 10 November</b> St Leo The Great		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Saturday, 11 November</b> St Martin of Tours	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (John Delaney)	
<b>Sunday, 12 November</b> Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Francis Wyatt)

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

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 6:12-16  
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 Matthew 25:1-13