

# 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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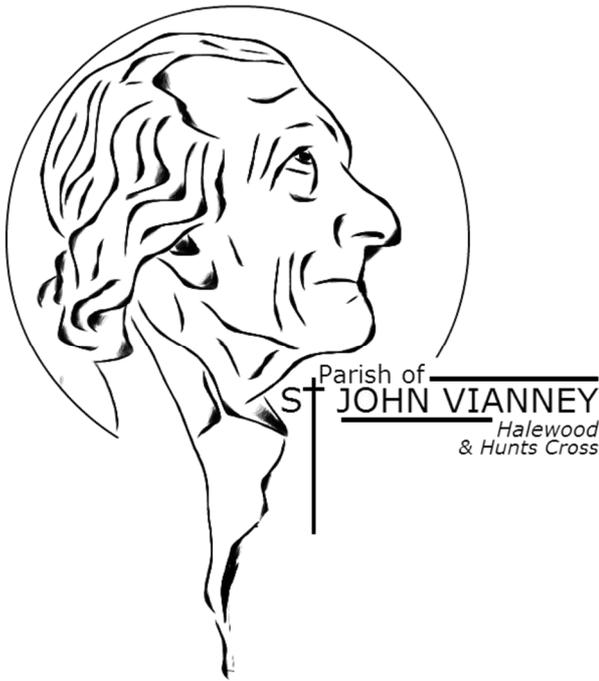
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Remembrance  
Day...



## **Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12 November 2017**

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine.

Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens, friends and family members of the bride, to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In [last week's Gospel](#), we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew

wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realisation that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

### **Rite of Welcome**

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Thomas Daniel McNulty, Lee Edward Hunt and Emilie Mary Eassom.

St Mark's, 9.15am: Cameron Thomas Cullen, Millie Sheila Ann Smith and Mindie Leah Rose Smith.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Brooklynn Lacey Allana Hignett, Riley Thomas Paul Hignett, Jacob John Gilroy and Harper Mary Owen.

### **Baptismal Information**



This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Penelope

Nora Bowden-Davies and Roy Alexander McGlynn.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 27 November 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.

### **Bereavement Support Drop-In**

Members of the Bereavement Team will be available on Tuesday, 21 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. Families are welcome to

bring along their Funeral Order of Service to place before the altar. 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.



### **Annual Mass For The Sick & Housebound**

This will take place in St Mark's Church on Tuesday, 5 December at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Club afterwards and anyone requiring help with transport should contact a member of the SVP.

### **Advent Quiet Day A Journey With Mary**

Led by Donna Worthington, explore this profound mystery through images, guided meditation, liturgy and silence.

10.30am-3.30pm, Wednesday, 13 December, £20 includes lunch, St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, L37 1PH or ring 01704 875850 for more information.

### **Invitation to Prayer**



The next Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on Wednesday, 6 December 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Carers Health Awareness Day**

Monday, 27 November, 11.00am-2.30pm at The Venue, Civic Way, Poplar Bank, Huyton. Transport available from Halewood and Kirkby. Demonstrations, holistic therapies, lunch provided, reserve your place on 549 1412, leaflets at the back of church.

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

This course has now started. Individuals interested in registering their interest for the

next course should contact either Gerry on 0151 486 6376 or the Parish Office for more information.



Family Session 3, Monday, 20 November, 4.45pm-5.45pm or 6.00pm-7.00pm, St Mark's School.

### **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.

### **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, tickets £15, 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**

These figures will be made available next weekend.

### **Retiring Collection**

There is no retiring collection this weekend. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for SVP.

#### **\* 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.

### **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:** We meet Christ sometimes when we least expect it. How can you be ready to see him in all the ways he is present?

**Children:** What are some surprising ways in which you meet Christ in your daily life?

### **Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 November 2017**

| <b>Date – 2017</b>  | <b>Holy Family Church</b>   | <b>St. Mark's Church</b>                       |
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| <b>Saturday, 11 November</b><br>St Martin of Tours                  | <b>5.15 pm – Mass</b><br>(John Delaney)   |  |
| <b>Sunday, 12 November</b><br>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | <b>11.00 am – Mass</b><br>(Pious List)<br><br><b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>          | <b>9.15 am – Mass</b><br>(Francis Wyatt)       |
| <b>Monday, 13 November</b><br>Weekday                               |   | <b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>          |
| <b>Tuesday, 14 November</b><br>Weekday                              | <b>10.00 am – Mass</b><br>(Pious List)  |  |
| <b>Wednesday, 15 November</b><br>Weekday                            |   | <b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>          |
| <b>Thursday, 16 November</b><br>Weekday                             | <b>10.00 am – Mass</b><br>(Our Lady of Lourdes)                                   |  |
| <b>Friday, 17 November</b><br>Weekday                               |   | <b>12.00 noon – Mass</b><br>(Pious List)       |
| <b>Saturday, 18 November</b><br>Weekday                             | <b>5.15 pm – Mass</b><br>(Pious List)   |  |
| <b>Sunday, 19 November</b><br>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  | <b>11.00 am – Mass</b><br>(Jeffrey Peter Gilks)<br><br><b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b> | <b>9.15 am – Mass</b><br>(John & Pat Sammonds) |

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

### Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

