

# 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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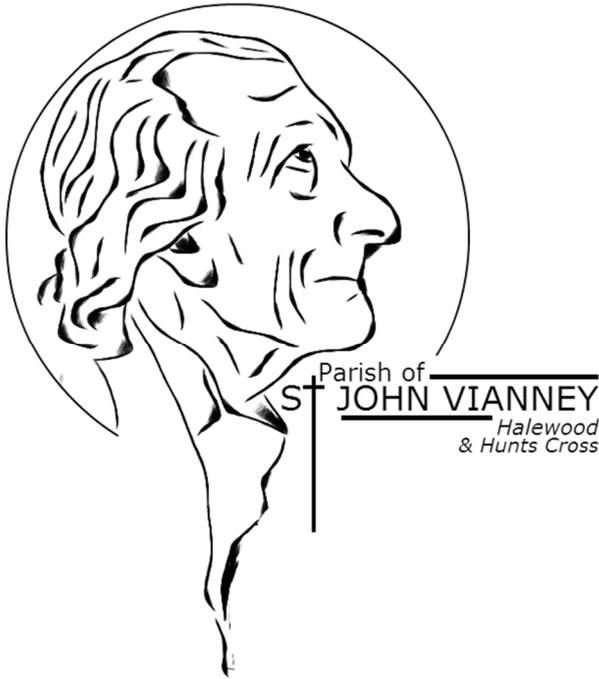
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## **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 November 2017**

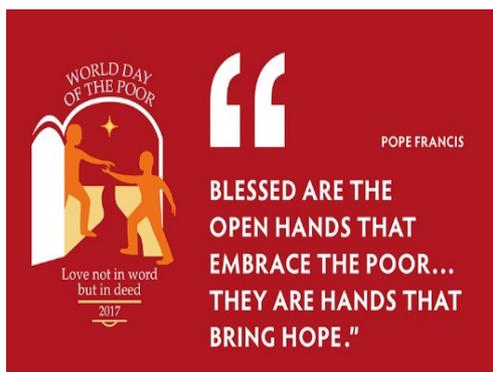
This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of [last week's parable](#) of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render

to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.



The Holy Father recently instituted the "World Day for the Poor" as a new event in the liturgical calendar. This year it will be celebrated on Sunday, 19

November. By placing it at this time of the year, Pope Francis reminds us what sort of kingship we celebrate the following Sunday on the feast of Christ the King.

### **Rite of Welcome**

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

### **Baptismal Information**

This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Carlo Christopher Raouf, James David Wakefield, Jack Anthony Gordon and Alexa Ella Gordon.

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.

### **With You Always**

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

## **Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 23 November at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

## **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.

## **Scripture Mornings At Irenaeus**

Father Chris Thomas will be sharing 'The Lord is my Saviour', a journey through the Book of Exodus. Tea and coffee available. No charge but donation basket is available. 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD. 23 and 30 November, 7 and 14 December, 10.30am-12.00 noon.

## **Torrington Drive Community Association**

TDCA are hosting a Festive Dinner on Christmas Day at the New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre along with providing and delivering Christmas Lunch for folk who are

housebound in our area. If you are a resident of Halewood, live alone or in isolation and would like to attend the Christmas Dinner or know of anyone who would benefit, please contact Tina Pomphrett on 443 2168 by 29 November.

## **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.

## **CAFOD**

### **Liverpool Memorial Mass**

This Mass, for the relatives and friends of deceased supporters of CAFOD will take place as the normal Saturday night vigil Mass on Saturday, 25 November at 5.30pm at Sacred Heart, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 3BP. This is a special occasion when we commemorate the example that those who have gone before us have made in support of our sisters and brothers in difficult circumstances in other parts of the

world. If you would like to include someone you know in the CAFOD Book of Remembrance please contact Ged Edwards on 228 4028.

### **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 29 November and 13 December followed by afternoon tea and biscuits.

### **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.

### **SVP 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.

### **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.

### **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.

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

This course has now started. Individuals interested in registering for the next course should contact either Gerry on 0151 486 6376 or the Parish Office for more information.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Christmas Carol Service**

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to the Metropolitan Cathedral on Wednesday, 20 December at 2.00pm for this carol service featuring children from local schools plus the "Songs We Remember" choir. Posters/flyers are available at the back of church should Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick wish to take a copy to display on nursing home noticeboards.

## **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.

### Parish Finance

Sunday, 5 November 2017

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 565.01
Other Envelopes	£ 122.60
Loose GASDS	£ 296.03
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 983.64</b>
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 4	£ 102.00
Retiring Collection (Diocese Mission Appeal)	£ 673.62

Sunday, 12 November 2017

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 492.44
Other Envelopes	£ 138.70

Loose GASDS	£ 416.83
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1,047.97</b>
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 7	£ 74.00

### Retiring Collection

This weekend the retiring collection is for SVP and envelopes are available. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for Animate Youth Services.

### Keep In Your Prayers

All those who have died in our parish and wider community especially Norah Carmel Miranda, Norah Gryba and Anne Marie Maloney. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for those who have no one to mourn for them.

### Important Notice Regarding Mass Intentions

During November, the Pious List takes priority.

Mass intentions submitted to the office will be celebrated at the nearest available date. **Please complete the NEW WHITE 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:** What gift have you not yet developed as you had hoped?  
What could you still do?

**Children:** What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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<b>Date – 2017</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 18 November</b> Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Pious List)	
<b>Sunday, 19 November</b> Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Jeffrey Peter Gilks) <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (John & Pat Sammonds)
<b>Monday, 20 November</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 21 November</b> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Pious List)	
<b>Wednesday, 22 November</b> St Cecilia		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Thursday, 23 November</b> Weekday	<b>9.00 am – Requiem Mass for Norah Gryba</b>	
<b>Friday, 24 November</b> St Andrew Dung-Lac	<b>10.00 am – Requiem Mass for Norah Carmel Miranda</b>  <b>12.30 pm – Funeral Service for Anne Marie Maloney</b>	
<b>Saturday, 25 November</b> Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Pious List)	
<b>Sunday, 26 November</b> Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Pious List)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Pious List)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>

**\* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass - The Pious List takes priority during November. \***

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46