

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King 26 November 2017



Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as

a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones. Recall that [last week's parable](#) of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that

follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Baptismal Information



This weekend we welcome in to St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Leah May Hogan, Louis John Regan and Maggie Rose Patricia Spencer. 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.

Christmas Poinsettias



As in previous years, parishioners are invited to leave poinsettias at the back of both churches over the Christmas period along with your intention to be prayed for.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

7 night pilgrimage departing 7 May 2018 on a half board basis, flights included from Manchester. Early bird offer of £485 available until 1 December 2017. Contact Aglow Pilgrimages on 0800 6894792 or visit aglowpilgrimages.com for more information.

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. 30 November, 7 and 14 December, 10.30am-12.00 noon.

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.

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.

Advent Reflections

29 November, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Our Cathedral Dean, Canon Anthony O'Brien hosts a series of informal evenings aimed at sharing thoughts and reflections on the weekly Sunday Advent readings.

The group will meet each Wednesday leading up to Christmas and will offer a warm and friendly forum in which to contribute to group discussions.

Sessions will take place on 29 November, 6 December, 13 December, 20 December. All are welcome to attend either single sessions or the whole series. Sessions will take place in the Chapel located in the Student House next door to Cathedral House. For more information contact enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk or call 0151 709 9222.

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.

Parish Council

On behalf of our Parish community, the Parish Council offer their congratulations to Mr Kevin Quigley who has been appointed Headteacher at Holy Family School. We wish him well in his new appointment and know that the school is in safe hands.



Christmas Angels

All year, people from the churches of St Nicholas and St Mary have been busy knitting angels as part of their community angels project. These angels accompanied by a short poem carry details of Christmas masses and services across Halewood. The angels can be found at the back of church over the weekend 2/3 December and you are invited to take one and perhaps pass one to a friend or neighbour. Any remaining angels will be given out on Saturday, 9 December at the Ravenscroft Shopping Centre and if you would like to help out on that day please contact Maureen on 288 2100.

Hats for the Homeless

Your response to this appeal has been incredible, thank you so much.

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.

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.

CAFOD Fun Run

This is the perfect way to burn off the Christmas calories so please come along with family and friends to run, walk or toddle (from 2-8kms) to raise money for those who need it most. Wednesday, 27 December at Wavertree Park & Athletics Centre, Wellington Road,

L15 4LE at 1.00pm (please arrive by 12.00 noon). Prizes for best fancy dress. For further details please contact Ged or Colette at CAFOD on 228 4028, liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 468.00
Other Envelopes	£ 126.29
Loose GASDS	£ 396.67
Total Offertory	£ 990.96
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 42	£ 81.00
Retiring Collection (SVP)	£ 543.57

Retiring Collection

This weekend the retiring collection is for Animate Youth Services and envelopes are available at the back of church. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for Christmas Flowers.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who have died in our parish and wider community especially Herbert John Anderson and Sarah Catherine Chippendale. 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.

St Mark's Club - What's On



Sunday, 24 December
Disco Karaoke, 5.00pm-10.00pm

Tuesday, 26 December
Disco Karaoke, 7.00pm-Midnight

Sunday, 31 December
Female Vocalist Marie Lowry
+ DJ + Disco
Tickets £6, Doors Open 7.00pm

Monday, 1 January
Disco Karaoke, 5.00pm-9.00pm

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: Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care?
Whom are those who you ignore?

Children: To which person did you especially try to show the love and care of Jesus?

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26 November 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 25 November Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Pious List)	
Sunday, 26 November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	11.00 am – Mass (Pious List)	9.15 am – Mass (Pious List) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 27 November Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 28 November Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Pious List)	
Wednesday, 29 November Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Pious List)
Thursday, 30 November St Andrew	12.00 noon – Funeral Service for Herbert John Anderson	
Friday, 1 December Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 2 December Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (John & Alice Fleming)	
Sunday, 3 December First Sunday of Advent	11.00 am – Mass (Tony Doherty) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (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 - The Pious List takes priority during November. ***

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37