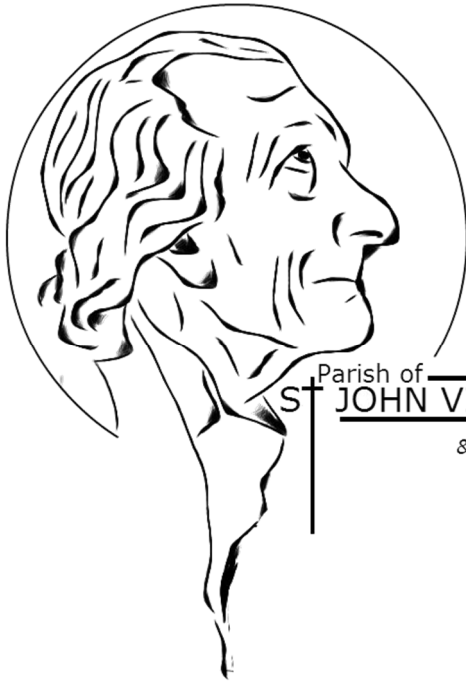


Newsletter

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



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Prayer in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.



Second Sunday of Advent, 10 December 2017

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him

to be baptised. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptising and they each emphasise the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptised with water, but that the one who is to come will

baptise with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We too are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

Rite of Welcome

St Mark's, 9.15am: Hudson Lee Dever and Jenson Lee Dever.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome in to St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Mark Patrick Ming, Joseph John James Worrall and Oliver Thomas Hughes.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 8 January 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.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. Minutes from the meeting held on 19 October can be found at the back of church, please take a copy.

Parish Office

The office will be closed on Thursday, 14 and Friday, 15 December for staff holidays.

Pro Life Novena

Every Monday, 1.30pm-2.30pm, Holy Family Prayer Room.

Good Companions Club

This Club has now closed for the holidays. The next meeting will be Wednesday, 3 January 2018.

Little Church Christmas Eve Mass

The Little Churches of the Parish of St John Vianney are coming together to celebrate Mass at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve in St Mark's Church and we will be

having a practice of our Christmas mime on Sunday, 17 December at 1.00pm in St Mark's Church and Annexe.

All readers will be given the opportunity to practice and we will select the children to take part in the mime on that day.

Altar Servers wishing to serve at the Mass are welcome - they must bring their own couters and remember to return them to their own church.

Children taking part in the Service need to be at St Mark's Annexe at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve to prepare. Don't forget the rehearsal will take place on Sunday, 17 December at 1.00pm in St Mark's Church & Annexe.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Irenaeus Project are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 11 and 20 June 2018. For the first part, staying in the Old City of Jerusalem and visiting all the Holy Places, then moving to Galilee and the areas associated with Jesus' ministry. There are a few places left. The cost will be in the region of £1800 with a single room supplement. For further

details contact Jenny on 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk.

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.

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.

St Ambrose & St Christopher Parish Invite You To ...

The Irenaeus Project for spirituality and growth, help people recognise the presence of God in their lives and to move to a deeper awareness of that presence by providing opportunities for prayer and reflection. The Project will be visiting the Parish of St Ambrose & St Christopher on 11, 18 & 25 January 2018 at 7.15pm,

St Ambrose Parish Club,
refreshments available, contact
Terry for more info on 486 4852 or
email t.nelson978@btinternet.com



Pastoral Area
Services of Reconciliation

St Mary's
Monday, 11 December, 7.30pm

Bishop Eton
Tuesday, 12 December, 7.30pm

St Ambrose
Monday, 18 December, 7.00pm

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who have died in our parish and wider community especially Elizabeth Gillies and Ann O'Brien. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for those who have no one to mourn for them.

There will be a Funeral Service for Ann O'Brien held at Springwood Crematorium on Friday, 15 December at 12.00 noon.

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.

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

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

Christmas Performances In Our Schools – All Welcome

St Mark's

KS1, Thursday, 14 & Friday,
15 December, 2.00pm
KS2, Wednesday, 13 December,
2.00pm and 6.00pm
Monday, 18 December, 6.00pm
Carol Concert in St Mark's
Church

St Andrew's

Nursery, Tuesday, 12 December,
10.30am & 2.15pm
Reception, Wednesday,
13 December, 2.15pm
Years 1 & 2, Friday,

15 December, 2.15pm
KS2, Tuesday,
19 December, 2.00pm

Holy Family

Nursery, Wednesday,
13 December, 9.30am & 1.15pm
Reception, Wednesday,
13 December, 2.00pm
Years 1 & 2, Monday,
18 December, 2.00pm
Years 3-6, 19 & 20 December,
9.30am

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 492.77
Other Envelopes	£ 128.13
Loose GASDS	£ 317.75
Total Offertory	£ 938.65
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 16	£ 82.00
Retiring Collection (Christmas Flowers)	£ 264.79

Retiring Collection

There is no retiring collection this weekend. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for the Parish Lourdes Fund.

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 do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Children: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

**Second Sunday of Advent
10 December 2017**

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 9 December Advent Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Frs Gaskell, McGee, Murphy & Thomas)	
Sunday, 10 December Second Sunday of Advent	11.00 am – Mass (Agnes & James McNulty)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 11 December Advent Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 12 December Advent Weekday	9.30 am – Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Gillies	
Wednesday, 13 December St Lucy		10.00 am – Mass (Nancy Keown)
Thursday, 14 December St John of the Cross	9.00 am – Mass (John Jeffers)	
Friday, 15 December Advent Weekday		12.00 noon – Mass (Peter Robinson)
Saturday, 16 December Advent Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Devine Family)	
Sunday, 17 December Third Sunday of Advent	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Luke McGuinness Senior)

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28