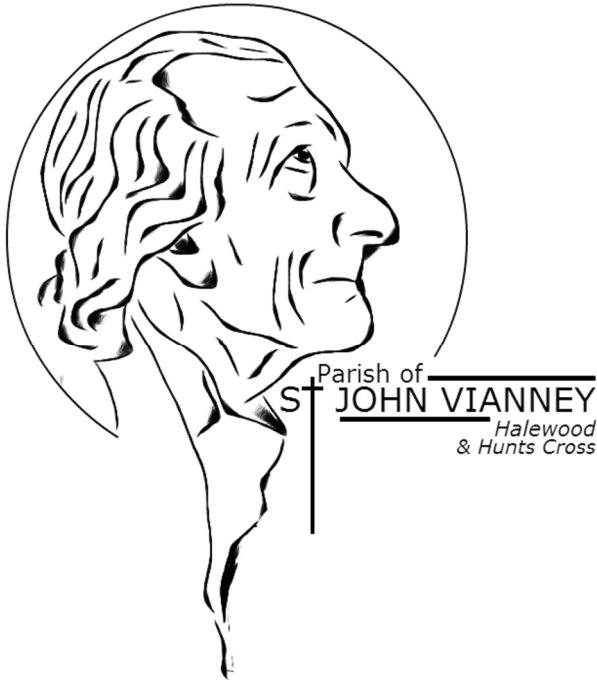


Newsletter

*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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent, 24 December 2017

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Saviour was among us, although not yet recognised. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our

celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary,

already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognise God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

Baptismal Information

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.

Red Mission Boxes

If you have one of these in your home, these can now be brought in to church and left with the Piety Shop.

Catholic Pic

We now have a greater number of Catholic Pics being delivered. These are free and can be found at the back of both churches.

Hats for the Homeless

Once again, many thanks for all your donations of not just hats but gloves, scarves and socks, your response has been amazing! A Mass will be offered for your intentions in the New Year.

Pastoral Area Forum

Our Pastoral Area is setting up a Pastoral Area Forum to assist parishes to travel through the next 3 years of Archdiocesan developments. Each parish in the Pastoral Area may contribute 5 members to the Forum. We are looking for volunteers for this important role. Interested? Want to know more? Come along to a meeting to be held on Thursday, 18 January 2018 in St Mark's Annexe, 7.00pm-8.30pm.

Church Heating

The heating in both churches has been set on automatic timings. Please do not interfere with these

settings or alter radiators unless permitted to do so by Father Matthew. Many thanks.

**St Joseph's Prayer Centre
Freshfield, Formby**

A cook is required for the above Centre. 25-30 hours per week. For further information please contact Sister Nora on 01704 875850 or 07712 178670 or email theprayercentre.stj@gmail.com

**Forthcoming Archdiocesan
Training Course**

The next training course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on 27 January 2018 at the Irenaeus Centre, St Thomas's, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

**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

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who have died in our parish and wider community especially James Joseph Murphy and David Newnes. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for those who have no one to mourn for them.



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

Parish Finance

Sunday, 10 December 2017

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	446.64
Other Envelopes	£	135.55
Loose GASDS	£	343.50
Total Offertory	£	925.69
Standing Orders	£	230.23
Bonus Ball 16	£	70.00

Sunday, 17 December 2017

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	501.00
Other Envelopes	£	219.67
Loose GASDS	£	305.47
Total Offertory	£	1,026.14
Standing Orders	£	230.23
Bonus Ball 40	£	106.00
Retiring Collection	£	140.08

(Parish Lourdes Fund)

Retiring Collection

There is no retiring collection this weekend. The main collection on Christmas Day will be for Nugent Care and there will be no retiring collection.

** 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”.



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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: How do you open your heart to what God wants for you?

How do you follow the pathway that leads you to happiness?

Children: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 December 2017

Date – 2017	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 23 December Advent Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 24 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	11.00 am – Mass (Maureen Welch) 8.30 pm – Carol Service 9.00 pm – Vigil Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Frank Fitzpatrick) 6.00 pm - Children’s Mass (Fr Vin McShane)
Monday, 25 December Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Tuesday, 26 December St Stephen	Mass at St Mary’s, Woolton, 10.00 am Mass at OLA, Gateacre, 12.00 noon Mass at St Christopher’s, Speke, 12.00 noon	
Wednesday, 27 December St John		10.00 am – Mass (Colin Birkett)
Thursday, 28 December Holy Innocents	9.30 am – Requiem Mass for James Joseph Murphy	
Friday, 29 December St Thomas of Canterbury		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 30 December Sixth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity	5.15 pm – Mass (George Marsh)	
Sunday, 31 December Feast Of The Holy Family	11.00 am – Mass (John Carden)	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. *

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40



*Father Matthew, Maureen and Jacqui
thank you for all your cards and kind gestures.*

Wishing You The Peace And Blessings of Christmas.