

Newsletter

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St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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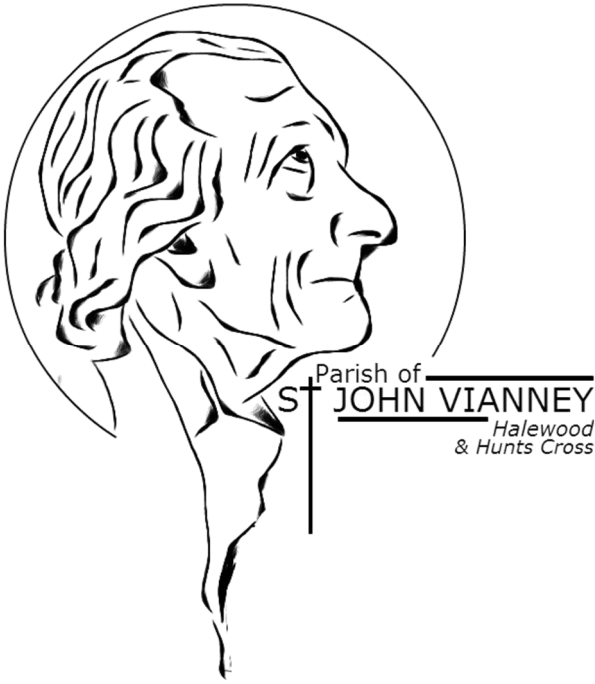
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Feast Of The Holy Family, 31 December 2017

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.



Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna,

who recognise the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

Parish Office

Please note, the office will be closed on Thursday, 4 and Friday, 5 January but will be open from 9.00am-5.00pm on Wednesday, 3 January instead. All items for inclusion in the newsletter should be received no later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 3rd, many thanks.

Thank You

Father Des Power wishes to convey his heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners of St John Vianney for their warmth, kind support and prayers during 2017 and he sends his best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2018.

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.



Family Session 4, Monday, 29 January, 4.45pm-5.45pm or 6.00pm-7.00pm, St Mark's School.

Epiphany Carol Service

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Sunday, 7 January, 3.00pm-4.00pm. Come along to the Cathedral to celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany in words, music and movement. The Epiphany Carol Service will begin at the Crib before choir and congregation process around the Cathedral. Through the scripture readings and choir motets, we will reflect on the visit of the Magi and early period of Jesus's ministry. The service will include carols for all to sing. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 25 January 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.

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 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.

Forthcoming Archdiocesan Training Course

The next training course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on 27 January 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 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 Michael Fontaine and David Newnes. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for those who have no one to mourn for them.

St Mark's Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey, Telephone 0151 486 4908. Please note that the Club has a large function room available for hire for all family occasions for £55.00 plus returnable security fee and they do not make a charge for Funeral Receptions. It is vital for the future of the Club and for the support of the work of the Parish, that parishioners make use of this excellent facility.



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

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 597.83
Other Envelopes	£ 147.82
Loose GASDS	£ 413.96
Total Offertory	£1,159.61
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 50	£ 77.00
Retiring Collection (Nugent Care)	£1,084.69

Retiring Collection

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

Important Notice Regarding Mass Intentions

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 12 months ahead. We continue to 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.

** School's Prayer **

St John Vianney, give us strength so we'll do our best. Help us, guide us and look after us in work, fun and rest. Make us patient, kind and loving and always willing to try. And let us see for ourselves that we are unique in God's love.

** 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 your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

Children: What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

**Feast Of The Holy Family
31 December 2017**

Date – 2017/2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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 (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (John Carden)
Monday, 1 January 2018 Solemnity Of Mary Mother Of God		10.00 am – Mass (Mary Baker)
Tuesday, 2 January St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 3 January Weekday Of Christmas Time	12.00 noon – Requiem Mass for David Newnes	9.45 am – Funeral Service for Michael Fontaine
Thursday, 4 January Weekday Of Christmas Time	10.00 am – Mass (Monica Healey)	
Friday, 5 January Weekday Of Christmas Time		10.00 am – Mass (John Walsh)
Saturday, 6 January Weekday Of Christmas Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	
Sunday, 7 January Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord	11.00 am – Mass (Curtis/Byrne Family)	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. *

Epiphany Of The Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mark 1:7-11



Wishing You All A Very Happy And Peaceful 2018