

# 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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## **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 7 January 2018**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological.

Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John and his first miracle at Cana.



### **Rite of Welcome**

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

### **Baptismal Information**

This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Thomas Daniel McNulty, Lee Edward Hunt and Jacob John Gilroy.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 8 January at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Families anticipating a baptism this year 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.

### **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.

### **Catholic Pic**

These are free so please do take a copy of the Catholic Pic which can be found at the back of both churches.

### **Support for Divorced and Separated Catholics**

The next series of support meetings starts in February. This course is for those who are separated, those who are currently going through a divorce or those who are already divorced whether recent or at any time in the past. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. To book a place on the South Liverpool course please contact Frances Trotman on 727 2195.

### **Forthcoming Archdiocesan Training Courses**

Training for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Saturday, 17 February, 10.00am-12.30pm at LACE. The main focus will be different ways of opening up the Gospel and exploring all the different liturgical elements and ways of engaging the children. To book a place please contact Maureen Knight on 522 1046. £10 per person.

The next course for the Initial Training of Funeral Ministers will take place on Wednesday, 21 and Thursday, 22 February, 9.30am-4.00pm at LACE. Participants

need to attend both days, cost £150 including lunch on both days.

### **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. 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.

### **Parish Finance**

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 399.97
Other Envelopes	£ 141.50
Loose GASDS	£ 354.10
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 895.57</b>
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball ?	£ 73.00

As the newsletter went to print before the midweek Lotto draw took place, no winning number was available.

### **Retiring Collection**

This weekend the retiring collection is for the Parish Building Fund. There is no retiring collection next weekend.

### **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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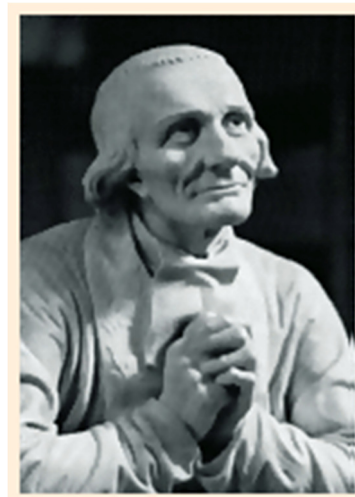
Confessions

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





## WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHERE IN OUR PARISH

### COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED

Who	What	Where & When
<b>Bereavement Care Team</b>	Support and a listening ear over a cuppa	St Mark's Annexe, as advertised in the newsletter
<b>SJV Choir</b> , new members always welcome	Choir rehearsal	Every Friday, 7.30pm, Holy Family Church
<b>SVP</b>	We meet to discuss how we can support the local community	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>Good Companions</b> , new members always welcome	Senior citizens club, 60+, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>RCIA</b>	Adults seeking to become Catholics or receive Confirmation	Every Wednesday from November until Easter, 7.00pm-8.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>Vianney's Voice</b> , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities/fundraising for our young people, Year 7 upwards	Last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm-8.30pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
<b>Ladies Group</b> , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
<b>Chronic Pain Group</b> , new members always welcome	Sharing advice and experiences	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, St Mark's Annexe, 2.00pm

*Together*  
we make a  
*Family*

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

**Children:** Where and in whom, will you look for Jesus this week?

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
7 January 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark’s Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 6 January</b> Weekday of Christmas Time	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	
<b>Sunday, 7 January</b> Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Curtis/Byrne Family)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)
<b>Monday, 8 January</b> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9 January</b> Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Mary Oakes)	
<b>Wednesday, 10 January</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Alice Reilly)
<b>Thursday, 11 January</b> Weekday	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Lorna Stevenson & Son)	
<b>Friday, 12 January</b> Weekday		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Brian & Bernie Kelly)
<b>Saturday, 13 January</b> Weekday	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 14 January</b> Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Catherine Wafer)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Irene Turner)

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

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Samuel 3:3-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42