

Newsletter

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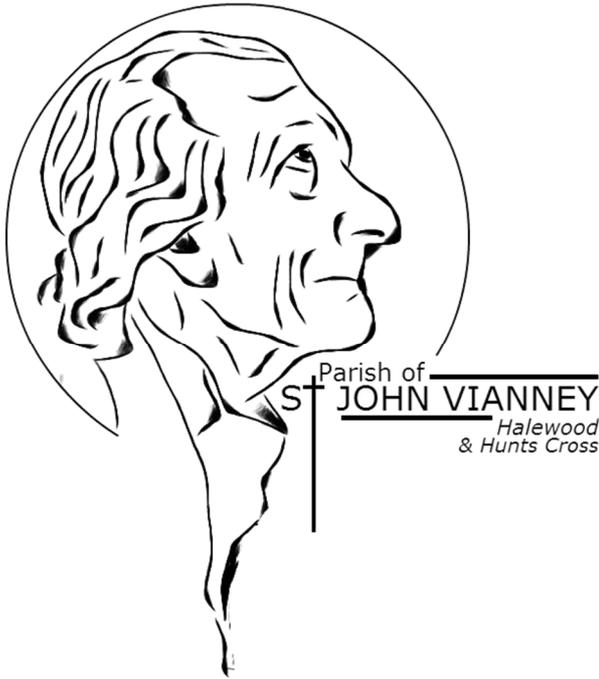
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14 January 2018

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptised by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus, the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospel.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question and

one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Ada Maria Riley, Shea Conor Luca Youds, Nancy Georgie Record and Anais Stevie Record.

St Mark's, 9.15am: Michael Hunter Hughes and Matilda Grace Simpson.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Brooklyn Lacey Allana Hignett, Riley Thomas Paul Hignett, Millie Sheila Ann Smith and Mindie Leah Rose Smith.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 5 February 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.

**A Word of Thanks From
Knowsley Foodbank
At St Mary's and St Nicholas**

“Knowsley Foodbank which is operated by the Big Help Project now based in Huyton, has a distribution centre at St Mary's which is open every Saturday alongside the Coffee Shop from 11.00am-2.00pm. People in need visit the centre with a voucher issued by local agencies.

The Foodbank is totally reliant on donations and we are grateful to church congregations and the local community who contribute so generously. Donations are sent to the warehouse to be allocated to the ten distribution centres across the borough. Between April and December, the Parish of St John Vianney and St Vincent de Paul

Society donated 600kgs and £100 in cash donations. We are grateful for our volunteers from churches and the local community who give up their time to staff the centre each Saturday, co-ordinate the donations and support the regular supermarket collections. Without this support Knowsley Foodbank would not have fed so many people in need across the borough during the last year.”

**Preparation
for the Rite of Election**

Wednesday, 31 January, 7.00pm, Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Altway, Aintree Village, Liverpool, L10 2LG. This is an opportunity for all involved in the RCIA journey to come along and find out what will happen, meet others making the same journey and become familiar with the music and readings. Contact Gerry for further information on 486 6376.

**St Mark's Church
Toilet Refurbishment**



Please note, the toilets are **CLOSED AND OUT OF USE** until further notice as work has

begun on the refurbishment of these facilities.

Appeal for Wool

St Mary's are appealing for dark wool to make hats and scarves for the homeless (for Christmas 2018!). Wool donations can be left at the back of church.

Can You Sew?



We are in need of some new linen cloths to purify the chalices etc. We have a large piece of white linen but are appealing for a parishioner with sewing skills, a machine and the time to make up some new cloths from this. If you are able to help please contact the office or speak to Pat Sammonds. Thank you so very much.

Walsingham

Parrs Executive Coach Travel are organising trips to Walsingham in April and August. Please see the notice at the back of church if you are interested.

Pastoral Area Forum

Our Pastoral Area is setting up a Pastoral Area Forum to assist parishes 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.

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 Course

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.

Keep In Your Prayers

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

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 458.96
Other Envelopes	£ 149.50
Loose GASDS	£ 419.10
Total Offertory	£1,027.56
Standing Orders	£ 230.23
Bonus Ball 45	£ 70.00

Wednesday, 3 January Bonus Ball Winning Number 44.

Retiring Collection

There is no retiring collection this weekend. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for SVP.

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



Question of the Week

Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognise you as a disciple of Jesus?

Children: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 January 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 13 January Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 14 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Catherine Wafer) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (Irene Turner)
Monday, 15 January Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 16 January Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Robert Key)	
Wednesday, 17 January St Anthony		12.00 noon – Mass (Alan Carroll)
Thursday, 18 January Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Ronnie Griffiths Jnr)	
Friday, 19 January Weekday		10.00 am – Mass (Thomas Williamson)
Saturday, 20 January Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Stephen Harrington)	
Sunday, 21 January Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Helen Royale)	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. *

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20