

Newsletter

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21 January 2018

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time

of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel.

Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

Letter to Catholics in Pastoral Area 3

Please ensure you have your copy of this important letter. Additional copies are available at the back of church.

Baptismal Information



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.

Vianney's Voice

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24 January, 7.00pm-8.30pm at Holy Family Church Meeting Room. This is an opportunity for our young people, Year 7 and above, to meet up and take part in fundraising and spiritual activities in a more informal setting. If you've not been along yet, why not pop in and see what we get up to? New faces are always welcome!

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards. We would therefore advise parents with children under the age of 3 to keep their child/children with them. Please feel free though to

use the resources at the back of both churches for younger children and return them after mass. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Halewood Tots Group

Unfortunately Halewood Tots is no longer continuing at this time.

Appeal for Wool

St Mary's are appealing for dark wool to make hats and scarves for the homeless (for Christmas 2018!). They would also appreciate wool donations of any colour for their talented crew of knitters to knit a selection of figures from the Christmas story.

Wool donations can be left at the back of church.

The Ladies Group

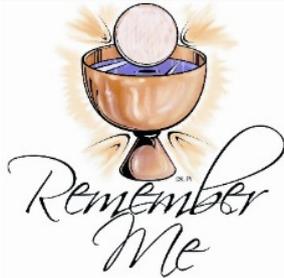


Just a reminder to those who are joining us for our Christmas meal on Wednesday, 24 January. We will be meeting at Hunts Cross Station at 12.00 noon in order to catch the 12.06 train - our meal is booked for 1.00pm.

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.

Holy Communion



Holy Communion is the most
sacred part of the Mass for
Catholics. If you are not a Catholic
but would like to come forward for
a blessing, you are most welcome.
Please place your hands across
your chest.

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.

WE WANT YOU! St John Vianney Choir



Have you ever considered joining
our choir? The choir is a great way
to meet others from our parish as it
is split between our two churches.
We would really like to increase
our numbers so why not start the
new year with a new interest.

Choir practice takes place in Holy
Family Church on Friday evening
from 7.30pm-8.30pm, no
auditions, just turn up. Speak with
a choir member if you are
interested.

Former Parishioner Alice Riley Deceased

The Requiem Mass for Alice will
take place on Wednesday, 24
January, 12.00 noon at Bishop
Eton.

Can You Sew?

Our thanks go to the kind and gifted parishioner who has offered to run up some new linen cloths, we are most grateful.

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.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who have died in our parish and wider community especially Alice Riley. 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	£ 488.16
Other Envelopes	£ 104.30
Loose GASDS	£ 376.52

Total Offertory	£ 968.98
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 46	£ 75.00

Retiring Collection

The retiring collection this weekend is for SVP. 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 at short notice,

events such as funerals, operations and special intentions take priority.

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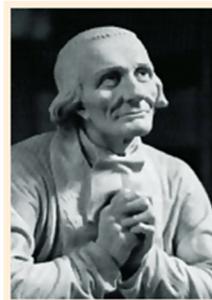
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Confessions

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

Together
we make a
Family

Question of the Week

Adults: What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?
Children: In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 21 January 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 20 January Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Stephen Harrington)	
Sunday, 21 January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Helen Royale)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 22 January Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 23 January Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Joan Walsh)	
Wednesday, 24 January St Francis de Sales		10.00 am- Mass (Claire Cliff & Agnes Woodward)
Thursday, 25 January Feast Of The Conversion Of St Paul		12.00 noon – Requiem Mass for Kenneth William Murphy
Friday, 26 January Sts Timothy and Titus		10.00 am –Mass (Gavin Froggatt)
Saturday, 27 January Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Garry Fong)	
Sunday, 28 January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (Bernadette Kelly)

* 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 in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Mark 1:21-28