

Newsletter

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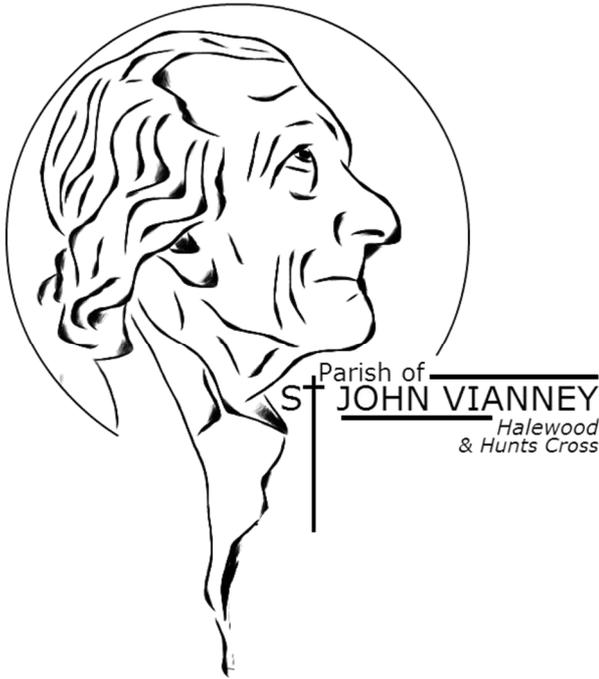
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28 January 2018

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Baptismal Information



This weekend we welcome into Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Harper Mary Owen.

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

Vianney's Voice would like to thank Kathy Murphy-Malpas for her continued support for the Lourdes Youth Fund and her kind

donation. Our thanks also go to the anonymous donor to the same fund, we are most grateful.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2018



Every year Women's World Day of Prayer is held at one of the Christian Churches in Halewood and Hunts Cross. This year we are hosting the service which will take place on Friday, 2 March at 1.00pm in St Mark's Church.. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Club after the service. If any parishioners would like to bake cakes/biscuits for this event, these would be really appreciated. Gentlemen are most welcome to attend. If you would like any further information please contact Margaret Campbell on 486 5068.

Nugent & 'The Priests'

Nugent are working alongside the Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral to bring a concert by 'The Priests' to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Friday, 1 June, 7.30pm. All funds raised will be split between Nugent and support the work and upkeep of the

Cathedral. Tickets are priced from £16 and can be purchased from the Philharmonic box office or Cathedral shop.

Mass In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

This will be held at Christ the King Church on Queens Drive on Saturday, 10 February at 12.00 noon. The main celebrant will be Bishop Tom Williams. Everyone is welcome.

New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre

We have received a letter from the above Centre thanking all those who supported their Christmas Day Meal & Activities Project. Over 50 people attended the Christmas Day Lunch and over 22 meals were delivered across this area to the housebound. Thank you so much.

Children's Liturgy



The purpose of Children's Liturgy is to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a manner related to the lives and experiences of young

people. Here at the Parish of St John Vianney, we seek to reach the minds and hearts of our Parish children bringing them the Word of God to their level of understanding.

Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards who work with trained catechists and helpers in small groups. 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. Parents/carers who wish to remain with their child on a regular basis must apply for a DBS clearance in accordance with Archdiocesan safeguarding procedures. Thank you so much for your understanding.



What's On

The Concerts Society Presents: Symphonies and Concertantes

Saturday, 3 February, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Sinfonia Concertante is

one of Mozart's most sublime works and is complemented by the spirited symphony by his friend Haydn. Tickets are priced £10, £7, £3 and are available from www.cathedralconcerts.org.uk.

The Concerts Society, which is run on a voluntary basis independently of the Metropolitan Cathedral, produce a vibrant year-round programme of concerts and events with the sole aim of providing 'Music for All'.

Annual Civic Mass

Sunday, 11 February, 11.00am-12.00pm. The Annual Civic Mass celebrates community leadership and civic life across Merseyside. There will be representatives from all walks of life in the City including the universities, the Armed Services, Police & Fire Services, Catholic societies and Schools.

Members of the public are most warmly welcome to attend this special Mass, which includes a colourful procession and wonderful music sung by the Cathedral Choir. The service is followed by a reception in the Gibberd Room.

**St Mark's Church
Holy Family Church
Toilet Refurbishment**

The work in St Mark's is almost complete. The toilets remain out of use but we hope to have them open next weekend. Work on the refurbishment of the toilets at Holy Family should start this week and take no more than 2 weeks to complete. Thank you for your patience.

**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.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who have died in our parish and wider community especially Louisa Quayle who was an incredible 102 years young. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 407.54
Other Envelopes	£ 135.30
Loose GASDS	£ 383.04
Total Offertory	£ 925.88
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 5	£ 69.00
Second Collection (SVP)	£ 510.95

Retiring Collection

This weekend and next, there is no retiring collection.

**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.

*** 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”.

St Mark's Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey, Telephone 0151 486 4908. Please note that the Club has a large function room available to hire for all family occasions for £55.00 plus returnable security fee. We do not make a charge for Funeral Receptions.

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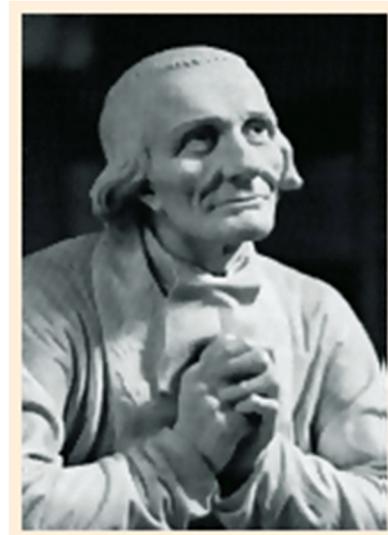
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Confessions

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

Question of the Week

Adults: What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

Children: What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus?
How will you show or tell them?

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 January 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
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)
Monday, 29 January Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 30 January Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Bob Boles)	
Wednesday, 31 January St John Bosco		10.00 am – Mass (Joseph Moran)
Thursday, 1 February Weekday		9.30 am – Funeral Service for Louisa Quayle
Friday, 2 February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord		10.00 am – Mass (Mary Pitt)
Saturday, 3 February Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 4 February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Mrs Burke)	9.15 am – Mass (Frank Pitt) 12.30 pm - Baptisms

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39