

Newsletter

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11 February 2018

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873 the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests and if leprosy was identified the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of

leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly

impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing

Baptismal Information

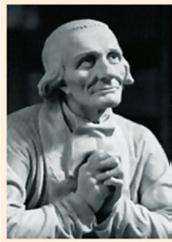
This weekend we welcome into St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Hudson Lee Dever, Jenson Lee Dever, Shea Conor Luca Youds and Maggie Rose Patricia Spencer.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on

Monday, 5 March 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.

John Vianney 200th Anniversary



Our parish is named after St John Marie Vianney, a French priest who lived in the 19th Century. He transformed his small country parish in such a way that he is recognised today as the Patron Saint of Priests. 13th February 2018 is the 200th Anniversary of John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, the Patron of Confessions and of Priests.

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.

Redemptorist Young Adult Group

The Redemptorist young adult group is for Catholics age 18-40 (ish) who want to deepen their faith and meet other young Catholics. We are meeting for a talk and discussion about the Sacrament of Confession on Tuesday, 20 February at 7.30pm at Bishop Eton Church, L16 followed by some social time. All are welcome to join our friendly group! Email redemptoristyouth@hotmail.com for more information.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes

20-27 July. Please see the posters and leaflets at the back of church which we hope will give greater clarity and understanding of the make-up of the pilgrimage as well as highlighting the need for more volunteers to enable the pilgrimage

to take place. For further information ring 07484 911623.

Pilgrimage To Walsingham

The National Shrine are arranging two regional residential pilgrimages to Walsingham from Liverpool as follows: 6-9 April and 17-20 August. The cost of the pilgrimage will be £185pp (standard room) and £225pp (en-suite room) and will include travel via executive coach, accommodation and evening meals plus an afternoon trip to a place of interest. For further information contact Tony or Marc from Parrs on 01514 277669.

Pilgrimage To Krakow, Poland

29 April-4 May. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Frs Michael Fitzsimons and Bill Murphy from St Wilfrid's Parish, Widnes, departing from Liverpool, price £650, single room supplement £135, contact St Wilfrid's if you are interested on 422 1772.

Celebrating Marriage & Family Life

The Marriage and Family Life Mass takes place in the Cathedral

on Sunday, 11 March at 11.00am and is always a wonderful and uplifting celebration presided over by Archbishop Malcolm. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the great blessings that flow from marriage and from loving relationships and after Mass, refreshments will be available in the Gibberd Room.

Lenten Reflection Days

These will take place at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH. Donations welcome. Lunch included.

Saturday, 17 February, 10.30am-3.30pm. Led by Sr Annie Lunney the day will reflect upon 'The Poetry of the Psalms Leading us Deeper into the Mystery of Easter'.

Thursday, 22 February, 10.30am-3.30pm. 'How to be a Catholic in the 21st Century' led by Fr Chris Thomas.

St Mary's, Woolton

Canal Luncheon Cruise, Wednesday, 16 May. Anyone interested should contact St Mary's on 428 2256.

Annual Civic Mass

Sunday, 11 February, 11.00am.
The Annual Civic Mass celebrates community leadership and civic life across Merseyside. 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.

The Orchard Residential Home

Located on Woolton Road, L25 7UL, this is home to 27 disabled adults and is part of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Charity. They are looking for volunteers to support their clients and this could be anything from spending an hour a week having a chat or helping staff out on social trips. If you are interested contact John on 421 2707 or 07793 803659.

Parking At Holy Family

We have been contacted by residents on Mackets Lane complaining about the parking of cars over driveways or too close to driveways thereby making it difficult for them to safely access/exit their homes. Please use

the car park if possible and if parking vehicles on the road, please park considerately and safely.

St Mark's Church, Heating Holy Family Church, Toilets

The toilets at Holy Family are **CLOSED AND OUT OF USE** until further notice whilst refurbishment works are undertaken. Please continue to take care around the heating equipment in St Mark's ensuring children are closely supervised. Thank you for your patience.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who are sick and who have died in our parish and wider community especially Marjorie Ross. 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	£ 483.47
Other Envelopes	£ 126.43
Loose GASDS	£ 401.39
Total Offertory	£ 1,011.29
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 57	£ 73.00

Retiring Collection

This weekend the retiring collection is for Racial Justice. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for Lenten Alms.

Invitation to Prayer

The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we will continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area. Tea and coffee will be provided. We invite you to join us. Parking is available at Bishop Eton.

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.

Prayer in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become
the Church
that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new
waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in
our hearts
be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.
We ask this in faith
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

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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



**Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday**

Question of the Week

Adults: Would you have the courage to tell others to do as I do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?

Children: What can you do this week to be an example to others?

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 February 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 10 February St Scholastica	5.15 pm – Mass (Christine Ford)	
Sunday, 11 February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Edward McTigue)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 12 February Weekday		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 13 February Weekday	10.00 am – Mass (Pat & Peter Bebbington)	
Wednesday, 14 February Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm – Mass (Mary Rigby)	9.00 am – Mass (Bridie Sinnott)
Thursday, 15 February Thursday After Ash Wednesday	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday, 16 February Friday After Ash Wednesday		9.30 am – Funeral Service for Marjorie Ross
Saturday, 17 February Saturday After Ash Wednesday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 18 February First Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (Catherine Wafer)	9.15 am – Mass (Marion Hawkins)

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

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1::12-15