

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Third Sunday of Lent, 4 March 2018

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater

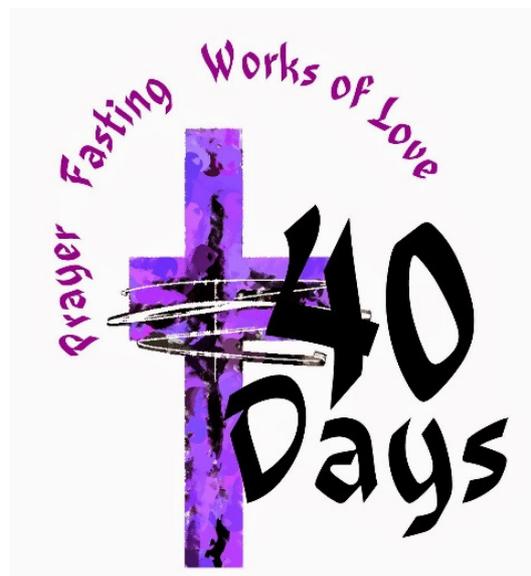
tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection.

Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.



Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome in to St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Michael Hunter Hughes and Jaxon Mack Aziz.

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.

Lourdes



2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 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.

Sarah Beatty, Team Leader at Animate Youth Ministries has advised that there are still places remaining on Coach 1 and Coach 2 for this summer's pilgrimage. If you are in Year 10 and up to 21 years of age and would like more info please contact her on 01744 740463.

Furthermore, our Parish has established a Lourdes Committee to discuss nominations for this annual pilgrimage. The Committee consists of Maureen Conley, Paula Joynson, Catherine Atkin, Emily Crompton and Charlotte Powell. Emily and Charlotte are members of Vianney's Voice. If anyone is interested in going on the pilgrimage or would like to nominate someone then please contact the Parish Office asap.

* Can the individual who expressed an interest before Christmas please contact the office again. *

Easter Triduum

Sign up sheets are available at the back of both churches if you are available to read, serve on the alter, minister at Holy Communion or would like to volunteer for 'washing of the feet'.

Catholic Pic Magazine & Retreat

This magazine is free so please take a copy of the latest edition from the back of church.

Father Peter Morgan of St Anne's, Overbury Street will lead a Catholic Pic retreat to York/Lindisfarne, 24-27 April, £325. For more information ring 733 5492.

The Ladies Group

Unfortunately, this week's meeting has had to be cancelled. Our next meeting will take place on 4 April. Details will follow.

Lenten Choral Evening Prayer

Taking place at our Cathedral on 4, 11 & 18 March, 3.00pm-4.00pm, the choir will be presenting a special programme of music during Sunday Choral Evening

Prayer. Each week, they will offer music specially appropriate for the penitential season. All are welcome.

Lenten Talks

'How living the mystery of Christ's Passion and Death changes our lives and our faith', Wednesday, 7 March at 7.00pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Church Road, Seaforth.

Lenten Night Prayer

This will take place at St Mary's, Woolton on Friday, 9 March at 8.45pm.

Bereavement Care Team Meeting & Drop In Session



Bereavement Support

The next team meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6 March at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Our next drop in session for those in need of support or a chat over a cuppa will take place on Monday,

26 March at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Songs We Remember

Singing and enjoyment for anyone who likes to sing but particularly geared toward those living with dementia and their carers. Wednesday, 7 March, 1.30pm-3.30pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo. Contact Jenny at Irenaeus for more information on 949 1199.

Our Parish Website

The office have been busy bringing our website up to date and into 2018! It's far from complete so bear with us but can those Parish Groups that use the church facilities for their meetings, rehearsals e.g. SVP, The Ladies & Music Groups etc, please drop the office a line on your history, what you do, when you meet, your purpose, social events, contact name and number etc so we can include this on the site. A handwritten note or email is fine.

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.

Knights of St Columba Council 9

Late St Patrick's night charity social at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Club, High Park Street, Liverpool 8 on Saturday, 24 March. Tickets £5 or pay on the door, contact Pat McGann for more information on 07825 236064.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who are sick and who have died in our parish and wider community especially Kathleen Kenealy and Brenda Stopforth. 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	£ 498.03
Other Envelopes	£ 133.00
Loose GASDS	£ 417.98
Total Offertory	£1,049.01
Standing Orders	£ 247.77

Bonus Ball 29 £ 73.00
Retiring Collection £ 260.07
(Parish Lourdes Fund)

Retiring Collection & Other Finance Information

This weekend CAFOD and envelopes are available at the back of church. Next weekend Easter Flowers.

Lenten Alms is a continuous collection throughout Lent. Gift Aid envelopes and cash offerings may be handed in at any time during or shortly after Lent.

Discontinued notes and coins are still acceptable in the weekly collections i.e. old £10/5 notes and £1 coins.

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.

Weekday Mass Availability In Our Pastoral Area

As Mass times are subject to change, it is always advisable to ring ahead. The information below can also be found on our church noticeboards and website.

Bishop Eton, 0151 737 4110
Mon-Fri 7.00am and 12.00 noon

Christ the King & Our Lady
0151 722 2231
Mon, Tues 9.10am
Thurs 9.30am, Fri 12.00 noon

OLA, 0151 486 9372
Mon, Wed 9.15am,
Tue, Fri 12.00 noon, Thur 9.00am

St Ambrose, 0151 425 2289
Mon 9.15am, Wed 12.00 noon

St Christopher, 0151 425 2289
Tue, Thur, Fri 9.15am

St Mary's, 0151 428 2256
Mon, Thur, Fri 9.00am
Tue, Wed 12.00 noon

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants

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With You Always Coordinator

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St Mark's: 0151 288 8910
Headteacher: Mr Richard Coakley

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Headteacher: Mr K Quigley

St Edmund Arrowsmith:
0151 477 8770

St Julie's: 0151 428 6421

SFX: 0151 288 1000

Bellerive FCJ: 0151 727 2064

Parish Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey
0151 486 4908

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

Blessed Sacrament Shrine, City Centre
Mon-Sat 11.00am-12 noon

Parking At Holy Family

Please use the car park if possible and if parking vehicles on the road, please park safely and with consideration for local residents. Thank you.

Question of the Week

Adults: How do you witness to others that you and your family believe Sunday is a holy day?

Children: What do you and your family do to honour God on a Sunday?

**Third Sunday of Lent
4 March 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 3 March Weekday of Lent	5.15 pm – Mass (Jim Clancy & Candida Ward)	
Sunday, 4 March Third Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (Con & Cath O’Byrne)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 5 March Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, 6 March Weekday of Lent	10.00 am – Mass (Alan Hampson)	
Wednesday, 7 March Weekday of Lent		9.00 am – Mass (Peggy Bayon)
Thursday, 8 March Weekday of Lent	9.00 am – Mass (Eddie Duggin)	
Friday, 9 March Weekday of Lent	1.00 pm – Funeral Service for Brenda Stopforth	9.00 am – Mass (Mary Kelly)
Saturday, 10 March Weekday of Lent	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 11 March Fourth Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (Christopher Marsh)	9.15 am – Mass (Ann Forshaw) 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 or Funeral Service.

Guidelines for the submission of Mass Intentions can be found on our website. *

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21