

Newsletter

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, 11 March 2018

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

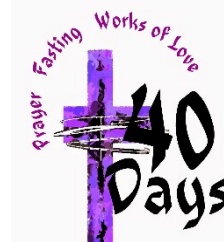
Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus. In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God

sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our

rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.



Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Sofia Lilly Stewart.

St Mark's, 9.15am: Elliana Mei Woolhouse, Amilyn Belle Woolhouse, Michaela Nneka Asiwe and Joelle Nnenna Asiwe.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Maisie Anne Eccleston, Hayden James Martin, Layla Rose O'Neill and Harry James Lewzey.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Anais Stevie Record and Nancy Georgie Record.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 9 April at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

With You Always

Family Session 6 will take place on Monday, 19 March at 4.45pm & 6.00pm in St Mark's School.

A Belated Thank You



We would like to thank all the parishioners so much for helping our family through what was such a difficult time. Your kindness and concern for us meant a great deal and we appreciated all the love and support extended to us. A Mass is being offered this week for you all. Mary McCormick & Family.

Congratulations!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Katerina Johnson-Thompson who has recently won a Gold Medal in the pentathlon at the Indoor Athletics Championships. Hopefully she will follow that with a medal at the Commonwealth Games to be held in Australia from 4 April. Katerina was a pupil at St Mark's School and her family worship at St Mark's. How proud you must be!

Altar Servers

Archbishop Malcolm Mahon would like to see as many Altar Servers attend the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, 28 March. This invitation is for all Altar Servers whether you are enrolled into The Guild of St Stephen or not. Please bring your albs, cassocks and cotta

and all servers to be vested by 7.00pm. See notice at the back of church.

Pastoral Area Service of Reconciliation

This will take place on Wednesday, 21 March at 7.00pm at Hope University Chapel.

RCIA Retreat Day

There will be a Retreat Day for all those on the RCIA programme with Archbishop Malcolm Mahon on Saturday, 17 March, 10.30am-3.30pm at Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH. Lunch included, donations welcome. For more info ring 01704 875850.

Easter Triduum

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

Lenten Reflections

Wednesday, 14 March, 6.30pm. James Timpson, Chief Executive of Timpson a family retail business, will talk on their groundbreaking commitment to

train and recruit staff from challenging backgrounds, many from within the prison service.

Wednesday, 21 March, 6.30pm. Dr Paula Powell is a Consultant in Palliative Medicine and Clinical Lead at Willowbrook Hospice. This talk will consider issues relating to dignity in end-of-life care and will offer an opportunity to contribute to discussion and debate.

Lenten Choral Evening Prayer

Taking place at our Cathedral on 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.

Walk of Witness

There will be a Walk of Witness on Holy Saturday, 31 March beginning at 2.00pm from the Metropolitan Cathedral to the city centre led by the Bishop of Liverpool and the Archbishop of Liverpool. This will finish with prayers and refreshments at Liverpool Parish Church.

Bereavement Care Team **Drop In Session**



Bereavement Support

Our next drop in session for those in need of support or a chat over a cuppa will take place on Tuesday, 20 March at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you require assistance with transport then please contact Carole on 07855 769863 or Ron on 07546 252142.

Ladies Day At Our Cathedral

A day with a difference will take place in the Gibberd Room at our Cathedral on Sunday, 24 June at 1.00pm. Tickets £30 to include 3 course lunch, ballet performance, fashion show, raffles, singer. Contact Clare at the Cathedral for more info via c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Our Parish Website

The office have been busy bringing our website up to date and into 2018 - it's a work in progress. 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.

Former Parishioner

The office has received the sad news this week that Joan Cole, a former parishioner of St Andrew's has died.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who are sick and who have died in our parish and wider community especially Winnie O'Neill and Joan Cole. 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	£ 539.50
Other Envelopes	£ 115.00
Loose GASDS	£ 375.28
Total Offertory	£1,029.78
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 29	£ 73.00
Retiring Collection (CAFOD)	£ 533.23

Retiring Collection & Other Finance Information

This weekend Easter Flowers.
Next weekend none.

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

Funeral Lay Ministers

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Baptism Coordinator

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07443 018816

With You Always Coordinator

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Cunningham

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Headteacher: Mr Richard Coakley

Holy Family: 0151 282 8971
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

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, thank you for mums
and the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving
because they have no mother; be
close to those who are struggling
because they have no children; be
near to those who are sad because
they are far apart from those they
love.

Let your love be present in every
home and help your church to
have eyes to see and ears to hear
the needs of all who come.



*Let's Hope All Our Mum's
Have A Restful Day*

Question of the Week

Adults: Do you see the world as basically evil or as good?

What difference does this make in the way you live?

Children: Where do you see goodness in God's world?

Fourth Sunday of Lent

11 March 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (Ann Forshaw)
Monday, 12 March Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, 13 March Weekday of Lent	10.00 am – Mass (Parishioners of SJV)	
Wednesday, 14 March Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 15 March Weekday of Lent	10.00 am – Mass (Colin Birkett)	
Friday, 16 March Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 17 March Feast of St Patrick	5.15 pm – Mass (Ann Culshaw & Teresa Fox)	
Sunday, 18 March Fifth Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Patsy Murphy) 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers:

11 March – Bernie, Maria, Maureen Cl, Paul, Rosemarie

18 March – Edyta, Teresa, Maria, Stephanie, Paul