

# Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former  
Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark  
St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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## **Fifth Sunday of Lent, 18 March 2018**

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead, an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus

washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration, events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel, affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but

the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

### **Baptismal Information**

This weekend we welcome in to St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Matilda Grace Simpson.

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.

### **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'.

### **Good Friday Children's Liturgy**

The service will take place at 3.00pm in St Mark's Club. Parents and carers are invited to drop their children at the club and pick them up after the main service in church.

## **Garden of Repose**

If there are any parishioners who have any plants or greenery that could be used in the Garden of Repose on Maundy Thursday evening, could they leave them in the Sacristy by the sink in Holy Family over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

## **Cathedral Lenten Reflection**

Wednesday, 21 March, 6.30pm at our Cathedral. 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 18 March, 3.00pm-4.00pm, the choir will be presenting a special programme of music during Sunday Choral Evening Prayer. 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.

## **Pastoral Area Service of Reconciliation**

This will take place on Wednesday, 21 March at 6.30pm at Hope University Chapel.

## **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.

## **Boy & Girl Choristers Wanted For Cathedral Choir**



The annual recruitment cycle for new members of the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir is now open.

The Choir offers boys and girls an outstanding musical education along with unique opportunities to take part in numerous liturgies, concerts, tours and broadcasts on radio and TV.

They are looking for boys and girls who have a passion for singing, enjoy working as part of a team and who will be ambassadors for both the Cathedral and the city. The Cathedral are inviting boys in year 2 or 3, and girls in year 5 to come along to their *Be a Chorister for a Day* events on Sunday 6 May (boys) and Sunday 24 June (girls).

They are also hosting a three week taster course for prospective boy choristers called *Boys Make Noise* beginning in April. These sessions are specially designed to build confidence ahead of the *Be a Chorister for a Day* events and are a great way for boys to learn about our Choir in an informal and fun way.

Boys voice trials will take place on 19 May and you can register in advance. Girls voice trials will take place on 27, 28 and 30 June and you can also register in advance.

Please see the notices at the back of church for more details.

## **Thank You So Much**

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the recent World Women's Day of Prayer celebration which our Parish hosted in St Mark's. £324.94 was raised and is being sent to WWDP to be distributed amongst various charities. Special thanks to Emma in the Club for looking after us despite being run off her feet with another booking. Next year the service will be hosted by St Nicholas', Halewood.

## **Job Opportunity**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool is seeking to recruit an exceptional candidate as their first Chief Operating Officer. An emotionally intelligent leader with a passion for the church and a strategic thinker, this is an exciting opportunity for someone with vision and outstanding communication skills. See notice at the back of church or email [recruitment@kinharvie.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kinharvie.org.uk) for further information.

## **Bereavement Care Team Drop In Session**

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.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

All those who are sick and who have died in our Parish and wider community especially Mary Riding. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Let us also pray for Teresa and Tommy Wakefield who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Many congratulations!

### **Our CAFOD Contact**

Ann Roach has kindly volunteered to be the contact person in our Parish for dealings with CAFOD. Ann can be contacted on 280 4615.

### **Weekday Mass Availability In Our Pastoral Area**

This information can be found on the noticeboards at the back of church and also on our website. As Mass times are subject to change, it is always advisable to ring ahead.

### **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.

### **St Patrick**

Patrick was born in AD 387 just south of Hadrian's Wall in Britain - he actually wasn't Irish!. He was captured by Irish pagans in his early teens and taken to Ireland where he was enslaved for six

years and during that time, he grew to like the spirit of the Irish. When he escaped and returned to his family, he vowed to one day return to Ireland.

He studied at monasteries on the continent and was eventually ordained a priest and then a bishop. Pope Celestine I commissioned Patrick to be an apostle to Ireland.

Today, St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, of many dioceses throughout the English speaking world and of engineers.



### Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 463.80
Other Envelopes	£ 129.20
Loose GASDS	£ 406.77
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 999.77</b>
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 15	£ 71.00
Retiring Collection (Easter Flowers)	£ 166.60

### Retiring Collection & Other Finance Information

This weekend none. Next weekend SVP.

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.

### SJV Bonus Ball



This game is run at the back of church each week. Numbers from 1-59 are sold at £1 per number. If your number is selected as the bonus ball on the National Lottery Wednesday Night Draw then you win £30! We currently have a few numbers left unsold each week and it would be great if we could regularly sell all the numbers as any profits go towards the work of our Parish. Please consider buying a number – it's just a bit of fun.

## **Volunteer Pastoral Assistants**

### **Funeral Lay Ministers**

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### **With You Always Coordinator**

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## **School's Information**

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Mrs Jan Cunningham

St Mark's: 0151 288 8910  
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

## **Reminder for Parish Groups**

If you have not already done so, please provide the office with the information about your group that can be popped on to our website.



### **Question of the Week**

**Adults:** When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

**Children:** When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent 18 March 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 17 March</b> Feast of St Patrick	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Ann Culshaw & Teresa Fox)	
<b>Sunday, 18 March</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Patsy Murphy)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>
<b>Monday, 19 March</b> Solemnity of St Joseph		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word followed by Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Tuesday, 20 March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (May McGrath & Family)	
<b>Wednesday, 21 March</b> Weekday of Lent		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Father Colbert)
<b>Thursday, 22 March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (James Graham)	
<b>Friday, 23 March</b> Weekday of Lent		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Mary Kelly)
<b>Saturday, 24 March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Molly Roche)	
<b>Sunday, 25 March</b> Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Frank & Mollie Sinnott)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)

\* 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.**

### **Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:8-9

Mark 14:1-15:47

#### **St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

25 March – Maria, Ken, Gerry, Terry, George