

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, 25 March 2018

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when

Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin, the council of Jewish priests, scribes and elders, he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate

while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from

the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please keep in your prayers

Catherine Campbell
Amanda Jones
Andrew Cross
Helen Reynolds
Joseph Gilroy

from our own Parish who, after months of preparation will be received into full communion and confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to give them your prayerful support as they enter this important stage and we thank Mary

and Gerry for preparing our candidates so well.

Baptismal Information

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

Good Friday Children's Liturgy

The service will take place at 3.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. Parents and carers are invited to drop their children at the annexe 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. Thank you.

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.

What's On At Our Cathedral

Service of Tenebrae, Sunday, 25 March, 7.30pm-8.30pm. The word Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" and refers to the gradual extinguishing of candles and lights as this service proceeds. The choir will sing. All are welcome to attend this service.

Chrism Mass, Wednesday, 28 March, 7.30pm-8.30pm. Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese gather together to celebrate the Mass of Chrism and renew their commitment to Priestly Service in the presence of the congregation. Holy oils used for the administration of the sacraments are blessed at this service.

Altar Servers - Archbishop Malcolm Mahon would like to see as many Altar Servers attend the Chrism Mass on Wednesday and 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.



The Ladies Group



Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 April at 7.30pm in the meeting room at Holy Family Church. We are always keen to encourage new and younger members to attend when you can, no commitment. New and younger members bring fresh ideas and keep our group relevant. A great way to take part in the life of our Parish Community and to meet people from both churches.

Barn Dance/Ceili

Sunday, 8 April, 2.00pm-5.30pm, St Michael's Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, L6 5JG, adults £6, children £3, contact Sr Catherine for tickets on 07486 131930.

St James, Woolton Harmony Cafe

Sunday, 25 March, 6.00pm-8.00pm, come along for tea, coffee, cake, singing and more cake.



Is The Lord Calling You To Be A Priest?

Monthly meetings for those discerning the call on the first Saturday of every month, St Charles Borromeo Presbytery, 10.00am-3.00pm, Vocation Director Father James Preston, email frjamespreston@gmail.com

Keep In Your Prayers

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

We pray for Margaret and Norman Buckley who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. Your Parish Community wish you many congratulations!

Please pray for Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mugan who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, 11 July.

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.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 456.27
Other Envelopes	£ 98.83
Loose GASDS	£ 325.39
Total Offertory	£ 880.49
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 45	£ 79.00

Retiring Collection

This weekend SVP. Next weekend none.

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

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Parish Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey
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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

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.

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.

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

25 March:

Maria, Ken, Gerry, Terry, George

1 April:

Paul, Terry, Bernie, Teresa, Ken

Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalms 117

Colossians 3:1-4

Mark 16:1-8





Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

25 March 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 24 March Lenten Weekday	5.15 pm – Mass (Molly Roche)	
Sunday, 25 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	11.00 am – Mass (Frank & Mollie Sinnott)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 26 March Monday of Holy Week		10.00 am – Service of the Word followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, 27 March Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00 am – Mass (Violet Freeman)	
Wednesday, 28 March Wednesday of Holy Week	7.30 pm – Mass of Chrism Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King	
The Easter Triduum		
Thursday, 29 March Thursday of Holy Week	7.30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper With Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.00 pm at Holy Family	
Friday, 30 March Friday of the Passion of the Lord	12.00 noon – Churches Together in Hunts Cross & Halewood Joint Act of Worship Hunts Cross Community Garden	
	7.30 pm Youth Reflection Watching by the Tomb Holy Family Meeting Room	3.00 pm Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm Children's Liturgy Service St Mark's Annexe
Saturday, 31 March Holy Saturday	8.30 pm – Easter Vigil	
Sunday, 1 April Easter Day	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Miren & Joaqim De Eguia)

* 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.