

# 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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## **Second Sunday of Easter, 8 April 2018**

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognise him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognise Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus

was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

### **Celebrating God's Merciful Love**

In the Jubilee Year 2000, [Pope John Paul II](#) proclaimed that from

that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonisation Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

### **Baptismal Information**

This weekend we welcome into St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Imogen

Violet Ehlen and Jaxson Kenneth Connor.

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

### **Pastoral Area Holy Hour**

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and the Synod, the Archbishop is holding a Holy Hour in each Pastoral Area. Our Holy Hour will be shared with the Aigburth PA and will take place on Thursday, 12 April, 7.30pm-8.30pm in St Anthony of Padua, Queens Drive, Mossley Hill.

### **Parish Council**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 April at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

### **Vianney's Voice**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25 April, 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Holy Family meeting room.

### **With You Always**

Family Session 7 will take place on Monday, 23 April at 4.45pm & 6.00pm in St Mark's School.

### **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.

### **Job Opportunity**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool is seeking to recruit an exceptional candidate as their first Chief Operating Officer. The successful candidate will lead the work of all lay personnel who work at the Archdiocesan Offices to ensure they provide the most effective and responsive support to the parishes. See notice at the back of church or email [recruitment@kinharvie.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@kinharvie.org.uk) for further information.

### **Thank You**

Thank you so much for your generous donations either through collections or privately, for Easter flowers and of course, for contributing towards flowers throughout the year. Also, any parishioners who donated poinsettias during the Advent season, your plant pots can now be collected from Pat at St Mark's. Finally, we have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for your generous donation of £653.23.

## **Inspiring Primary School Pupils**

We have been contacted by **Future First**, an education charity helping state schools and colleges to build thriving alumni communities. Alumni and local role models are crucial in giving every student the opportunity to do well, regardless of their background. If today's students see 'people like me' have succeeded, they're more likely to believe they can too.

Future First are working with a number of schools in the Knowsley area following the Easter break to bring former students back to meet the current pupils sitting in their old seats. They want pupils to be inspired by the future possibilities open to them and understand the skills they're going to need for the world of work. Meeting alumni and local role models can help raise their aspirations, boost their confidence and motivate them to build a successful future. Future First need you. If you are a former student of one of the primary schools in Knowsley listed below, or know someone else that is, please sign up to support them. Equally, if you live or work nearby one of these schools and would also like to support them please contact FF. There will be opportunities to volunteer at events in these schools throughout the

spring and summer and FF will get in touch to let you know more.

Plantation Primary School, St Mark's Catholic Primary School, Halewood, St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Huyton, St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School, Huyton, Prescott Primary School, Prescott, Stockbridge Village Primary School, Stockbridge, Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, Kirkby, St Michael and All Angels Primary School, Kirkby.

Contact Alex Kiami of Future First at [alexandra.kiami@futurefirst.org.uk](mailto:alexandra.kiami@futurefirst.org.uk), mobile 07397 381131.

## **Discernment & Decision Making Workshop**

A non-residential workshop on the above for adults 18-40 is taking place on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 April, 10.00am-5.00pm. More information is available at the back of church.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

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

## **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	£	514.80
Other Envelopes	£	114.90
Loose GASDS	£	526.28
<b>Total Offertory</b>		<b>£1,155.98</b>
Standing Orders	£	247.77
Bonus Ball 14	£	77.00
Retiring Collection (Holy Places)	£	202.16

## **Retiring Collection**

This weekend Friends of the Holy Land. Next weekend none.

## **Gift Aid**

If you donate by Gift Aid, please collect your new Gift Aid envelopes from the back of church and start using them this weekend. Please do not use the old envelopes after this date.

Anyone wishing to make their weekly donations through Gift Aid, whether by envelopes or standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

## **SJV Bonus Ball**



Don't forget to select your Bonus Ball number for a chance to win £30.



## **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

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## **Parish Club**

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey  
0151 486 4908

## **Confessions**

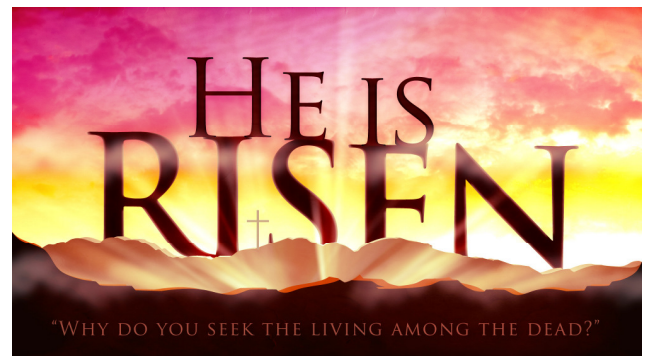
Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

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



**WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHERE IN OUR PARISH  
COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where &amp; When</b>
<b>SJV Choir</b> , new members always welcome	Choir rehearsal	Every Friday, 7.30pm, Holy Family Church
<b>SVP</b>	We meet to discuss how we can support the local community	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>Good Companions</b> , new members always welcome	60+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>RCIA</b>	Adults seeking to become Catholics or receive Confirmation	Every Wednesday from November until Easter, 7.00pm-8.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
<b>Vianney's Voice</b> , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities/fundraising for our young people, Year 7 upwards	Last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm-8.30pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
<b>Ladies Group</b> , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
<b>Chronic Pain Group</b> , new members always welcome	Sharing advice, experiences and offering support	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 2.00pm, St Mark's Annexe.
<b>The 50+ Club</b> , all welcome	50+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Club

*Together*  
we make a  
*Family*

**Question of the Week**

Adults: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

Children: What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**8 April 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 7 April</b> Saturday of Easter Octave	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 8 April</b> Second Sunday of Easter Day of Divine Mercy	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Bill Shreenan)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Chris, Dick & John Cavanagh)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>
<b>Monday, 9 April</b> Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord		<b>10.45 am – Funeral Service</b> <b>for Joseph William Bryan</b>
<b>Tuesday, 10 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Mary Brennan)	
<b>Wednesday, 11 April</b> Memorial of St Stanislaus		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Dora Kavanagh)
<b>Thursday, 12 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Gerard & Joan Jones)	
<b>Friday, 13 April</b> Weekday of Easter		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Bernadette & Brian Kelly)
<b>Saturday, 14 April</b> Weekday of Easter	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Jim & Sally Moore)	
<b>Sunday, 15 April</b> Third Sunday of Easter	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Vinny McCann)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<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.**

**Readings for Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

**St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers**

8 April - Rosemarie, Paul, Gerry, Bernie, Edyta

15 April – Ken, Stephanie, Maria, Teresa, Bernie