

Newsletter

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, 29 April 2018

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with

Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Oscar George McKeown and Laila Olivia Rochford-Connor.

Baptismal Information

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 30 April at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Bereavement Care Team

There will be a meeting for the above team on Tuesday, 8 May at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

The Ladies Group



Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9 May at 7.00pm in the Holy Family meeting room. New members will be made most welcome, why not pop in and see what we get up to.

Pastoral Area Mass & Invitation to Prayer



The next Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on Wednesday, 2 May and this time will be held at the Parish of Christ the King & Our Lady with Mass at 7.00pm as the Parish will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the church. We invite you to join us. Parking is available.



The National Youth Congress will take place on Saturday, 8 September at the Echo Arena Auditorium. Join 1,000 young people aged 13-20 in a unique experience of being the young church. Contributions from Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, Cafod, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon and much more. Cost £10 and

booking forms available at www.adoremusyouth.co.uk.

Bookmark Prayer Cards – Archbishop Malcolm requests that all parishes pray this prayer at each Mass between Ascension and Pentecost (Thursday, 10-Sunday, 20 May). This period is the origin of the novena or prayer so it will be important that the whole Archdiocese is united in one great act of prayer at this time. Additional bookmarks can be found in the porch and for those Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the sick and housebound, please hand a prayer card out. Thankyou.

Also, the Carmelites have offered to host a series of talks in preparation for the National Pilgrimage & Congress once a month until September. The first talk takes place this Sunday, 29 April, 3.30pm-5.00pm at the Carmelite Convent, Maryton Grange, Allerton Road, L18 3NU and will focus on the Eucharist and praying for the sick. All are welcome, refreshments available.

Archdiocesan Vacancy Synod 2020 Co-ordinator

This is a 3-year Project role, required for 1 September 2018, 35 hours per week (to include

evenings and weekends.) Salary £24,000 - £26,000 pa with 5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme. Applicants must have pastoral experience in a Church context, experience of encouraging and mentoring others, ability to manage and deliver projects, good standard of education to degree level or equivalent and be a committed member of the Catholic Church. A qualification in theology and experience of working collaboratively would be advantageous. The closing date is Wednesday, 9 May with an interview date of Wednesday, 30 May. To apply please visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs.

Red Mission Boxes



Many thanks to all our Red Box supporters and donators for their continuing care of our Church family. In the last year, members of the Red Box family in the Parish of St John Vianney raised a fantastic £3,222.19. Our brothers and sisters around the world continue to need our support.

If you don't already have a Red Box at home and would like to take one please ask Ann Farrell at St

Mark's or Teresa Griffiths at Holy Family.

Finally, Teresa has taken responsibility for collecting, counting and banking the Red Box donations for Holy Family for over 30 years. If you are willing to assist Teresa in this role, she'd really appreciate it, just let her know.

What's On At Our Cathedral

Choral Evening Prayer, 70th Anniversary of the NHS, Wednesday, 2 May, 5.45pm-6.30pm. A special service to celebrate 70 years of the NHS.

“A Song of Thanksgiving” Concert, Saturday, 5 May, 7.30pm-9.30pm. The Cathedral Concerts Society present a creative mix of music and poetry to reflect, broadly, on the end of WW1. Tickets are priced at £10, (concessions £7, under 25s £3). Tickets are unreserved and available on the door, from the Cathedral gift shop and from Music Notes, 4 North John Street, Liverpool. They can also be purchased online at cathedralconcerts.org.uk.

May Bank Holiday Organ Recitals, two afternoons of beautiful music, performed on the magnificent

Walker and Sons organ. Monday, 7 May, 3.00pm & Monday, 28 May, 3.00pm. Tickets are priced at £5 per event. Please email music@metcathedral.org.uk to book your place.

Feasts This Week

2 May - St Athanasius was bishop of Alexandria and attended the first Council of Nicea. Athanasius was the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known and in his lifetime earned the characteristic title of "Father of Orthodoxy".

3 May – Philip, an apostle, came from Bethsaida and after following John the Baptist became an early follower of Jesus. He persuaded Nathaniel to follow Jesus too. When the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus they approached Philip first. Tradition has him preaching the Gospel in Phrygia and dying in Hierapolis. James, son of Alphaeus is sometimes identified with the James whose mother stood by Jesus on the cross. Also he is often called the first bishop of Jerusalem and identified with the author of the Epistle of James, otherwise nothing is known with certainty about him.

4 May – In the New Calendar for English Saints the 40 canonised martyrs have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for today's Feast with other martyrs from 16th/17th century. It was on 4 May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. The martyrs are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

Get Involved

Our Parish has a number of clubs that meet regularly and present us with opportunities to come together outside the more formal setting of Mass to socialise, fundraise, share news of events going on in our local area, find out the number of a reliable handyperson or gardener. These are occasions to meet parishioners from both of our churches and get out for an hour or to enjoy a cup of tea. If you have never been to one of the groups, pop along and see what goes on in our Parish during the week, you will be made most welcome.

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.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 391.00
Other Envelopes	£ 84.79
Loose GASDS	£ 406.16
Total Offertory	£ 881.95
Standing Orders	£ 219.15
Bonus Ball 12	£ 103.00
Retiring Collection	£ 411.18
(Priests' Training Fund)	

Retiring Collection

This weekend Parish Lourdes Fund. Next weekend none.

Gift Aid

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 support our Bonus Ball game for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it!

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.

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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

And Finally



Congratulations to Marion & Vincent Hawkins who celebrated their 60th (diamond) wedding anniversary on 19 April; both were amongst the original parishioners of St Mark's. Vincent opened St Mark's Club and held the licence for many years. They now attend St Mary's, Woolton but often attend St Mark's for daily Mass.

Remember, if you have something you feel may be of interest to our Parish community please let the office know and space allowing, we'll pop it in the newsletter.

Question of the Week

Adults: When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

Children: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

Fifth Sunday of Easter 29 April 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 28 April Weekday of Easter	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 29 April Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass (William Warnock)	9.15 am – Mass (Danny Fox)
Monday, 30 April Weekday of Easter		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 1 May Weekday of Easter	10.00 am – Mass (Mary Tyrer)	
Wednesday, 2 May Memorial of St Athanasius	7.00 pm – Pastoral Area Mass And Invitation to Prayer AT Christ the King & Our Lady	
Thursday, 3 May Feast of Sts Philip & James	9.00 am – Mass (Harry & Teresa Mumford)	
Friday, 4 May Feast of the English Martyrs		10.00 am – Mass (Betty Flynn)
Saturday, 5 May Weekday of Easter	5.15 pm – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	
Sunday, 6 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.00 am – Mass (David Newnes) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

St Mark’s Eucharistic Ministers

29 April – Stephanie, Paul, Rosemarie, Edyta, Bernie

6 May – Terry, Teresa, Bernie, Ken, Gerry