

Newsletter

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

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Pentecost Sunday, 20 May 2018

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the

forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.



Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Niamh Grace Kirwan-Coyne.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Paisley Louise Sye.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome into Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Harry James Lewzey, Oscar George McKeown and Sean Ronald McGowan.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 11 June at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.



We continue to pray for the children in our Parish community who celebrated this Sacrament this weekend and for those children who received this Sacrament last weekend. We pray for their families and our Catechists who have guided them along this journey and prepared them so well for this occasion.

Celebrating Our First Holy Communion Children

Holy Family School will be having their May Procession, Thursday, 24 May at 10.30am. The First Holy Communion children will be leading the procession dressed in

their 'finery'. All the children from Year 2 upwards will be processing to Church via Arncliffe Road and Camberley Drive carrying flowers. It would be lovely to see any parishioners out waving our children along the way and joining them for Mass at Holy Family Church at 11.00am.

Please note, there is also Mass at St Andrew's School at 9.30am and St Mark's Church at 1.30pm with our school children. All welcome.

Vianney's Voice

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 23 May at 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room. This is our Parish Youth Group so if you've never been, why not make this your first visit?

Important Notice For All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are in the process of updating our records of all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the details of those to whom you take Holy Communion.

It is important that our records are accurate so your completion of these forms which can be found at

the back of church and their return, would be appreciated.

Choir Rehearsals

Please note, there will be no choir rehearsals for the next few weeks due to holidays.

Annual Family Celebration Mass

'Let the children come to me!'
Mark 10:13-14

Save the date! Sunday, 1 July, 3.00pm at Notre Dame Catholic College, Great Homer Street, Liverpool, L5 5AF, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon followed by afternoon tea. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds.

In-Service Opportunity For ...

All funeral ministers, bereavement care teams and dementia champions. Wednesday, 11 July, 2.00pm-4.00pm at LACE, 'Strawberry Cream Tea Afternoon'. The topic this year is mental health. Kathy Devlin from Beacon Counselling Trust is the speaker and will speak once people have enjoyed their cream tea and had the opportunity to walk around the market place of stalls to do with mental health. There will also be a time of prayer and reflection. To

book a place or for further information please contact Maureen Knight on 522 1046.

Adoremus Youth Congress

This youth day is running alongside the Eucharistic Congress on 8 September. The aims of the Youth Congress are to give young people whatever their church background, a positive experience of being a young Catholic today and to help enable them to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet. This is the first time a national youth event has happened in Liverpool for some time and it is a great opportunity for any young people in our parishes to participate in. Young people need to be part of a group to take part. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

SVP Day Trip

The SVP are running their annual trip to Holywell and Pantasaph on Tuesday, 19 June. The coach will leave Holy Family Church at 9.15am and St Mark's Church at 9.30am. Please sign up at the back of church if you are interested.

The Dowry Tour

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be taking the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on a tour of every Catholic Cathedral in England and Wales in preparation of the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will be the first destination for Our Lady and this will be on 21, 22 and 23 June.

Songs We Remember

Afternoon tea and sing-a-long for those who would like some company and for those living with or caring for someone with dementia. St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton, Friday, 25 May, 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Feasts This Week

Bede was born near [St Peter](#) and [St Paul](#) monastery at Wearmouth-Jarrow, England. He was sent there when he was three and educated by Abbots Benedict Biscop and Ceolfrid. He became a [monk](#) at the monastery, was ordained when thirty and except for a few brief visits elsewhere, spent all of his [life](#) in the monastery devoting himself to the study of [Scripture](#) and to teaching and writing. He is considered one of the most learned

men of his **time** and a major influence on English literature.

St Philip Neri was a Christian missionary and founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, a community of Catholic priests and lay brothers. He was born in Florence on July 21, 1515.

In 1535, Philip began studying theology and philosophy at the Sapienza and at St Augustine's monastery. Losing no time in converting good conversation to good actions, Philip would lead his followers to hospitals to wait on the sick or to the Church to pray to and encounter Jesus Christ.

In short, Philip was an evangelist. He loved to share the Gospel and help people to find or rediscover their faith in Jesus Christ. In 1544, on the eve of Pentecost, Philip saw what appeared to be a globe of fire. It is said the fire entered his mouth, causing Philip to feel his heart dilate. Philip was filled with such divine love that caused him to scream out, "Enough, enough, Lord, I can bear no more." In 1548, with the help of his confessor, Father Persiano Rossa, Philip founded a confraternity for poor laymen to meet for spiritual exercises and service of the poor, the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Taking Exams?

This powerful prayer is very effective and should be said before the examination. During this exam season, may all our students be rewarded for their hardwork and commitment to their studies.

O Great St Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

Through Christ our Lord.
St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us. Amen.

What's On At Our Cathedral

Hope in Harmony, Pentecost Sunday, 20 May, 3.00pm-5.00pm.

An afternoon of music and unity as we celebrate the strong links between Liverpool's two Cathedrals. Starting at Liverpool Cathedral with a short act of worship, followed by a procession along Hope Street. During the procession different choirs from our two cathedrals will fill Hope Street with music and celebration. The proceedings will culminate in

a mass choral performance and singing of the Halleluiah chorus on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Join for the whole procession or any part along Hope Street where you will also find the Makers Market.

May Bank Holiday Organ Recital, an afternoon of beautiful music, performed on the magnificent Walker and Sons organ. Monday, Monday, 28 May, 3.00pm. Tickets are priced at £5 per event. Please email music@metcathedral.org.uk to book your place.

Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, housebound and those in our hospitals and care homes. We pray also for anyone who has 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	£	390.70
Other Envelopes	£	114.90
Loose GASDS	£	370.44
Total Offertory	£	876.04
Standing Orders	£	246.38
Bonus Ball 57	£	87.00
Retiring Collection	£	235.21

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This weekend none. Next weekend SVP.

Novena Of Prayer For The Coming Of The Holy Spirit In Preparation For The Eucharistic Congress and Synod 2020

Come Holy Spirit,
Fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage. Make us more like Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church.
Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our parish.
Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.

Deepen our love for the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Synod 2020 to become the Church you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Important Notice Regarding Mass Intentions

Mass intentions submitted to the office will be celebrated at the nearest available date. Please complete the white envelopes which can be found at the back of church. Of late, more and more people have been wanting to know exactly what day their intention would be remembered which has led to masses being booked-in sometimes 12 months ahead. We continue to have a large number of mass intentions outstanding. Intentions can be submitted to the office, even with the request for a specific date but without the definitive expectation that this will occur but with the knowledge that it will be celebrated as close to or as near as possible the date. Multiple mass intentions for the same individual may be sent to other parishes in our Pastoral Area or our local retired clergy. Thank you for your understanding.

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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

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 has the Holy Spirit given you the strength to act with courage?

Children: When and where do you need the Holy Spirit's help to speak out?

Pentecost Sunday

20 May 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 19 May Weekday of Easter	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.30 am & 11.00 am First Holy Communions
Sunday, 20 May Pentecost Sunday	11.00 am – Mass (Father Vin) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (Father Vin)
Monday, 21 May Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon – Requiem Mass for Richard Nunes	
Tuesday, 22 May Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am – Mass (Pat Carroll)	
Wednesday, 23 May Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 24 May Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am – Mass in St Andrew's School (Maria Moran) 11.00 am – Mass in Holy Family Church (Agnes Carden) 1.30 pm – Mass in St Mark's Church (Pat Pye)	
Friday, 25 May Memorial of St Bede		10.00 am – Mass (Peter Smith)
Saturday, 26 May Memorial of St Philip Neri	5.15 pm – Mass (Anthony Scallan)	
Sunday, 27 May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	11.00 am – Mass (Frank Hyland) 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 Solemnity of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

20 May – Ken, Stephanie, Teresa, Terry, Edyta
27 May – Gerry, Terry, George, Maria, Maureen Cl