

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Seventh Sunday of Easter, 13 May 2018

On the seventh Sunday of Easter we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who preexisted with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness. In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from

Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one. We can't help but note here the echoes of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

We also see in this chapter the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme that salvation is worked out through the cosmic battle between light and darkness. The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus and that his

name, "God saves", announces his mission on our behalf.

A Word From Father Matthew

As you know, for the last 7 weeks my father, Richard, has been in the Royal Hospital. During this time he has received some wonderful care from very dedicated staff as they at first tried to diagnose what was wrong and then sought to relieve his discomfort as he moved towards his final journey last weekend. On Monday evening he died peacefully. May he rest in peace.

As anyone who has had to accompany a loved one towards their final days knows, it is quite an exhausting time and these last weeks have been particularly difficult for my 2 brothers and my sister who all live in far flung places. The support and prayers that you have offered has meant an awful lot to me and my family in the midst of all of this. I am so glad that at the end of his journey I will be able to celebrate his Funeral Mass here in Halewood with my parish community and so anyone who might be able to join me will be most welcome for his funeral at 12.00 noon on Monday, 21 May at Holy Family.

God bless, Fr Matthew

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Rory Joseph O'Brien, Paisley Louise Sye, Isobel Ivy Fitzsimmons.

St Mark's, 9.15am: Jaxon John Ahmad.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Arlo Terry Gorevin, Alannah Iris Griffin, Lacey-May Griffiths, Ruben Kurtis Trotman.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome into St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Elliana Mei Woolhouse and Amilyn Belle Woolhouse.

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



Please keep in your prayers our children who celebrated this most significant Sacrament this weekend and for those children receiving this Sacrament next weekend. We pray for their families and our Catechists who have guided them along this

journey and prepared them so well for this occasion.

At Mass, Jesus Christ is present with us because he told us he would be. His presence shows the truth of his words when he told us to know he is with us always. Jesus is present but that presence demands something of us too; our presence.

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?

Requiem Mass

On Wednesday, 16 May the Requiem Mass for George Riley will take place in Holy Family Church at 12.00 noon. The family of George who was a former parishioner of St Andrew's, would be pleased to see any parishioners who knew him at the Mass.

The Rosary will be held on Tuesday, 15 May at 6.00pm in George's home at 3 Foxglove Avenue. All welcome with support by attendance of

Bereavement Team members in particular appreciated.

This Week's Feast

Monday, 14 May is the Feast of St Matthias. After Christ's ascension Matthias was chosen by lot to fill the place of Judas Iscariot among the Apostles. Tradition associates Matthias with spreading the gospel in Cappadocia and provinces bordering the Caspian Sea and also Ethiopia where, according to tradition, he was martyred.

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.

National Shrine of St Pio

The Shrine are holding St Pio Prayer Days with Mass, rosary, talks and an opportunity to be blessed with the St Pio relic. Pre booking is essential for these days being held on Sunday, 10 June, Sunday, 12 August and Sunday, 23 September. This Shrine is open to visitors throughout the year where they also have a café and shop. Telephone 01352 711053 for more info or see poster at the back of church.

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.

Dementia Friendly Mass

Everyone is invited to celebrate Dementia Action Week (21-27 May) at this Mass taking place on Pentecost Sunday, 20 May at 3.00pm at Holy Rosary Parish Church, Aintree followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. Further info available on 522 1040.

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.

Missio – APF Mill Hill

This year the annual APF Red Box Summer Mass for their supporters will take place in St Helen's Church, Crosby on Saturday, 16 June at 12.00 noon. All welcome.

What's On At Our Cathedral

LightNight, Friday, 18 May, 5.45pm-10.30pm. Join us as we celebrate with a jam-packed programme of wonderful free events.

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, we will process 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. You can join us 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.

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be Sunday, 3 June where once again they will meet at 12.30pm at the Cathedral car park. Details of the walk to be confirmed. You don't have to have been on the previous walks to join in, bring family, friends and the dog.

A little known area of our Cathedral is the Art Studio where volunteers meet three times a week to make and repair hangings, banners, vestments and stoles. New volunteers are always welcome. Anyone wishing to visit the Studio should contact the Cathedral House to make an appointment and groups are most welcome. Telephone 709 9222.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to two Governors from St Mark's, Vivien Anwanya-Jones and Sara Wilson. They both passed the Online Module Level 1 (Foundation) of the Church School Governance Training Programme – Improving Church School Governance.

This was a three month course with hours of reading and collaborative and interactive learning and all completed in their own time. They will also have access to a full day conference in June. They have found the training very valuable and have shared their learning with the rest of the Governing Body. Once again congratulations and thank you.

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

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 467.52 |
| Other Envelopes | £ 140.04 |

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| Loose GASDS | £ 473.37 |
| Total Offertory | £1,080.93 |
| Standing Orders | £ 246.38 |
| Bonus Ball 5 | £ 73.00 |

Retiring Collection

This weekend World Communications. Next weekend none.

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.

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.



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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: Who needs you to pray for them this week as Jesus prayed for his disciples?
Children: Who will you pray for this week?

Seventh Sunday of Easter

13 May 2018

| Date – 2018 | Holy Family Church | St. Mark's Church |
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| Saturday, 12 May Weekday of Easter | 9.30 am & 11.00 am First Holy Communions 5.15 pm – Mass (Sharma Family) | |
| Sunday, 13 May Seventh Sunday of Easter | 11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish) | 9.15 am – Mass (Mr & Mrs Whittle) 12.30 pm - Baptisms |
| Monday, 14 May Feast of St Matthias | | 10.00 am – Service of the Word |
| Tuesday, 15 May Weekday of Easter | 9.00 am – Mass (Mary Pitt) | |
| Wednesday, 16 May Weekday of Easter | 9.00 am – Requiem Mass for George Joseph Riley | |
| Thursday, 17 May Weekday of Easter | 10.00 am – Mass (Philomena Mary Murphy) | |
| Friday, 18 May Weekday of Easter | | 10.00 am – Mass (Dolly McLoughlin) |
| 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) |

* 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 Pentecost Sunday

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

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

13 May – Maria, Maureen Cl, Paul, Rosemarie, George
20 May – Ken, Stephanie, Teresa, Terry, Edyta