

Newsletter

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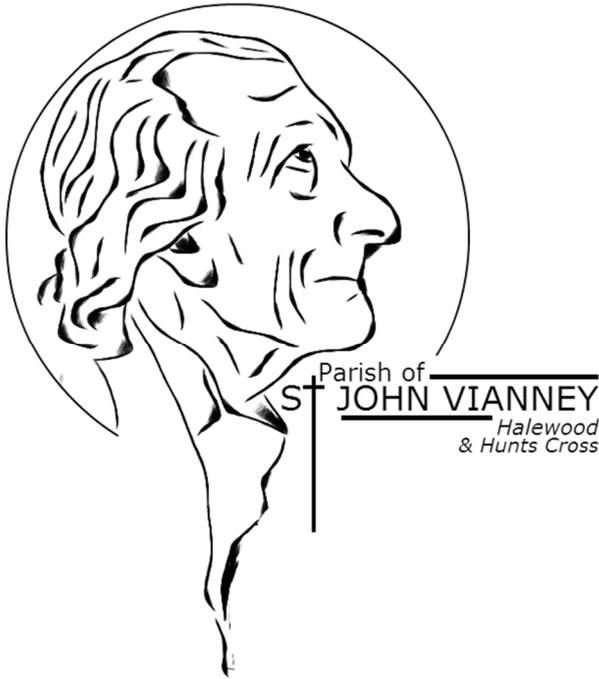
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Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

We welcome Archbishop Malcolm this weekend as he celebrates the Masses for us as part of his visitation of the Parish.

The Nativity of St John the Baptist, 24 June 2018

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel alternate between stories of two births. One is the annunciation and birth of John the Baptist who was, for Luke, the last great prophet of the Old Testament and who prepared the way for someone greater than any prophet, Jesus the Messiah. The annunciation and birth of Jesus is the other story. The story of John sets the very Jewish environment into which Jesus and John were born. Jesus' annunciation and birth begins to move the Gospel into the environment of the Roman empire. In the verses before those read today, the birth of John the Baptist has been announced by the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, who was performing his duties as a priest in the Jerusalem Temple. Gabriel then announced the birth of Jesus to Mary in her home in Nazareth. Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, are an

old couple who have never had children. Mary is engaged to Joseph but they have not yet come to live together.

We read today that Elizabeth's neighbours and relatives rejoice with her because God has shown her mercy in the birth of a son. But they are confused when she tells them that his name is to be John which means "God has been gracious." Zechariah has been unable to speak since Gabriel appeared because, unlike Mary, he doubted the angel's word. But when he writes on a tablet "John is his name" all are amazed and a great fear comes upon everyone. Fear, along with joy and praise, is for Luke the appropriate response to God's mercy. People ask, "What then, will this child be?" But this question has already been answered by the angel. "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Zechariah responds with praise in his famous canticle, the Benedictus. But that is not read today. Instead we jump to the last verses of the chapter which explain that John will become strong in spirit living in the desert until it is time to show himself to the people of Israel. When John appears again at the beginning of Chapter 3 after

the stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus, he will prepare those people for the ministry of Jesus by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome in to St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Blossom-Love Mary Sarah Sherlock, Lilah Fogarty and Corey James Patrick Rowan-Johnson.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 2 July at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers

These rotas are prepared by volunteers and displayed clearly at the back of church for you to refer to. Please do check these to make sure you are aware when you have ministering duty.

As we approach the holiday season, we appreciate not everyone will be available on the weekends they have been allocated. Please remember, it is your responsibility to secure cover in the event you are unable to undertake your ministry.

Meeting For WYA & Children's Liturgy Catechists

There will be a meeting for all WYA and Children's Liturgy Catechists with Father Matthew to reflect on sacramental preparation within the Parish on Thursday, 5 July at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Vianney's Voice

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27 June, 7.00pm-8.30pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Bereavement Team Meeting & Drop In Session

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

There will be a meeting for the team on Tuesday, 3 July, 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe followed by a Drop-In Session for those who would benefit from a confidential chat and a listening ear over a hot drink.

SVP

At the recent meeting this group discussed the Whitechapel Centre and the local foodbank and both

organisations have asked for some additional help.

At the Whitechapel Centre, homeless people are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. However, a lot of the time their underwear, socks and trainers have to be thrown away. The Whitechapel Centre would be very grateful for any donations of men's and women's underwear (smaller sizes), socks and trainers (especially size 5/6 women or size 9 men).

Also, the local foodbank are very appreciative for all the items we donate. They currently have a shortage of UHT milk, cereals, sugar, tinned fruit, orange juice and deodorant.

If you can support either of these causes, please leave your donations at the back of church and the SVP will ensure they are delivered.

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone, too numerous to mention or thank individually for the messages, cards and Masses and mostly, the continued support you are giving to our family at this very difficult time. God bless you all. The Hawkins Family.

The Ladies Group

There are 4 tickets priced £19.50 available for Wednesday, 11 July for a trip to the World of Wedgewood, Stoke. The coach leaves St Mark's at 10.00am and the price includes entrance to the museum. For further details contact Chris Myles on 428 9744 or Anne Marie Facenfield on 487 8520.

National Catholic Safeguarding Commission

It is recommended that all parish volunteers complete an E-Learning Safeguarding Awareness online programme. A poster explaining the programme is available at the back of church but basically it's a case of getting in touch with LACE via email who will provide you with a password to access the online training which can be done at home.

Recovery From Divorce & Separation

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday, 19 September. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced,

either recently or in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371 or Jacqui Selleck on 07793 825815. Posters on display at the back of church.

Invitation to Prayer

The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer continues to take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area.

Songs We Remember

After the success of their first afternoon tea and sing-a-long, St Mary's, Woolton will be hosting this event on the last Friday of every month, the next one taking place on Friday, 29 June, 2.00pm-4.00pm in their Parish Hall. All welcome.

Feasts This Week

Friday, 29 June, Sts Peter & Paul. Both Peter and Paul followed Jesus. Peter was one of the first disciples Jesus called but Paul followed in a different way. He

was called by the risen Lord and never referred to himself as a disciple but as an apostle. Each of these apostles face a violent end reminiscent of Jesus's own death. Paul, by virtue of being a Roman citizen, is said to have been spared crucifixion and was beheaded. Peter, claiming that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord, was crucified upside down. These apostles were sent into the world and each made mistakes. Peter denied Jesus and Paul persecuted Jesus's followers. But Peter and Paul were ultimately true to their respective mission, despite heated arguments between them.

Our own call to discipleship, one of following Jesus, or perhaps even apostleship, being sent into the world, might be punctuated with setbacks, difficulties or even disagreements with other fellow disciples. We might not face a violent end like Peter and Paul but we are called to face the paschal mystery of dying to self daily, so that we might rise as disciples renewed in spirit.

What's On At Our Cathedral

Ordination To The Priesthood Mass, Saturday, 7 July, 1.00pm-3.00pm. All welcome. Please come along to witness Philip Carr,

Anthony Kelly and Carl Mugan be ordained, this is an event for the entire Archdiocesan family.

Prayerful Reflections From Pope Francis

“Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth” (Amoris Laetitia 30)

The Holy Family is a model for families because whilst the Holy Family was a family with special grace it was also a family with trials and despite their many trials, the family remained faithful, loving and united. Every family has particular graces and blessings and every family also has difficulties and crosses. The story of the Holy Family is full of encouragement for those who struggle in life, especially in their family life and it enables us to see that true riches lie within our relationships and not in our abilities and possessions. This week, pray to the Holy Family asking them to help your family persevere through their trials and to thank God for all the graces and blessings your family enjoys.

Mersey Wave Music Summer Concert

This choir is performing at St Ambrose Church, Speke on Friday,

6 July at 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £7, concessions £5 payable on the door or contact 558 1233. The Parish Office have been given 4 complimentary tickets if anyone is interested. 'First come, first served'.

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.

Going Into Hospital?

If you go into hospital please make sure you contact the Chaplaincy on the numbers below, to let them know that you are there; they will provide Holy Communion and a priest as necessary.

Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen
Hospitals - 706 2828

Whiston Hospital – 430 1657

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 420.02
Other Envelopes	£ 109.58
Loose GASDS	£ 360.62

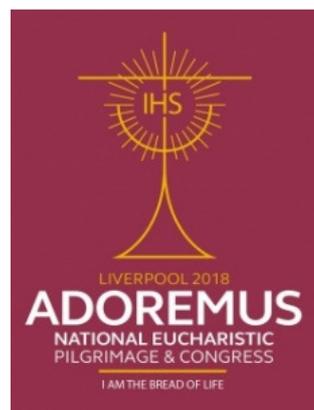
Total Offertory	£ 890.22
Standing Orders	£ 219.15
Bonus Ball 1	£ 81.00
Retiring Collection (Day for Life)	£ 168.18

** Parishioners who donate by Gift Aid either by using the Gift Aid envelopes or by Standing Order, please collect your letters from the back of church. Any problems, please contact Maureen in the Parish Office.

Retiring Collection

This weekend Peter's Pence. Next weekend none.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress 7-9 September 2018



Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

'Reflections at the Carmelite'

Sunday, 24 June, 3.30pm-5.30pm,
'The Unexpected Gift – Spiritual
Journey of a Deaf Person'.

Sunday, 29 July, 3.30pm-5.30pm,
'Towards a Living Eucharist'.

Sunday, 26 August, 3.30pm-
5.30pm, 'Mary and the Eucharist'.

All include Adoration and Evening
Prayer followed by refreshments,
Carmelite Convent, Allerton
Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU, posters
at the back of church.

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.

And Finally

Polite Reminder - Children must be
accompanied by an adult when using the
church toilet facilities.

Also, I'm sure we'll all agree, our toilet
facilities are much improved. Please
help us to keep them this way by
disposing of paper hand towels and
baby toiletries etc in the pedal bins
provided. Should you find they have
been left in an unhygienic condition,
please advise someone immediately.

Does this belong in your family? A
framed Papal Blessing on the marriage
of Bernard McDonough and Sarah
Monaghan, 12 February 1955. This
frame was found in Holy Family Church
recently and is being kept in the Parish
Office.

Found – 4 keys on 2 rings with a family
photo. Collect from Holy Family.

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 Lord calmed the stormy seas of your life?
Children: What fear would you like the Lord to help you overcome?

Nativity of St John the Baptist 24 June 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 23 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 24 June Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist	11.00 am – Mass (Robert Cobain)	9.15 am – Mass (Bernie & Brian Kelly) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 25 June Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 26 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am – Mass (Derek Bailey)	
Wednesday, 27 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am – Requiem Mass for William McGiveron	
Thursday, 28 June Memorial of St Irenaeus	9.00 am – Mass (Paul Moran)	
Friday, 29 June Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul		10.00 am – Mass (Maureen Savage)
Saturday, 30 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (SJV Parishioners)	
Sunday, 1 July Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (Vera & John Leonard)

* 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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

24 June – George, Maria, Ken, Gerry, Terry
1 July – Ken, Paul, Terry, Bernie, Teresa