

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 1 July 2018

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasise the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome in to Holy Family Church through the

Sacrament of Baptism Nell Teresa McAndrew, Alannah Iris Griffin, Arlow Terry Gorevin and Jaxon John Ahmad.

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.

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.

Rosary Vigil

A Rosary Vigil will be held for Paul Clegg at 7.00pm on Monday, 2 July at 120 Mackets Lane. Attendance by members of the Bereavement Team would be really appreciated and anyone who knows the family would be most welcome.

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.

The Ladies Group

Please note our meeting this week on Wednesday, 4 July will take place at 7.30pm in the Holy Family meeting room. This change of time is due to the Invitation to Prayer taking place at Hope University Chapel. New faces bring fresh ideas and are always made welcome.

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.

Once Again, Thank You

Our thanks to the anonymous donor for your most generous donation towards our Parish Lourdes Fund and to the two ladies who continually bring toys, clothing and other items for our charity corner. The support our parishioners give to those in need within our immediate community is overwhelming.

Holy Family Toilets

The Parish Office has been advised that these toilets are being left in an unhygienic and unsafe condition. Paper towels left on the floor and puddles of water are hazardous and can cause slips and falls. Please be considerate to other parishioners and the volunteers who clean these toilets for your comfort and remember, **all children must be accompanied by an adult when using the toilets.**

Parish Council

The Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 April 2018 are now available on our website. Please contact the Parish Office if you would prefer a hard copy.

Family Celebration Mass

Sunday, 1 July, 3.00pm at Notre Dame Catholic College, L5 5AF. Bring a picnic.

Did You Win The Drinks Hamper?

The winning numbers are displayed at the back of St Mark's Church. To everyone who bought a ticket, thank you so much, the money raised will go towards the Lourdes Youth Fund. Congratulations to the winner!

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.

Feasts This Week

Tuesday, 3 July, St Thomas. Thomas called Didymus (meaning the twin) offered to die with Jesus on the way to Bethany but dubious both about where Christ was going and the way there. He is remembered as the apostle who refused to believe in the risen Lord; an attitude for which the ancient Fathers both blamed him for his lack of faith and thanked him for his scepticism which was the occasion for reassuring future generations. Tradition places his missionary work after Pentecost in India where he is said to have been martyred with a spear near Madras.

Bishop Eton Young Adult Group (18-40 ish)

This active group are very welcoming, why not pop along?

Tuesday, 3 July, 7.30pm, Fisher More Hall, "I am a child of God": exploring the value and dignity of the human being, followed by the pub.

Tuesday, 17 July, 7.30pm, Fisher More Hall, Pope Francis, exploring his life, spirituality and praying for him and ourselves. Weather permitting, picnic in Calderstones.

Tuesday, 31 July, 7.30pm, Fisher More Hall, a session going deeper into the origins and meanings of two of the most well-known and used prayers in the world ... the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. Followed by end of year party in the Halfway House.

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.

Mersey Wave Music **Summer Concert**

See July Catholic Pic, page 10. St Ambrose Church, Speke on Friday, 6 July at 7.00pm. Tickets priced at £7, concessions £5 payable on door or contact 558 1233. **The Parish Office have been given 4 complimentary tickets if anyone is interested. 'First come, first served'.**

Prayerful Reflections **From Pope Francis**

"Families who lovingly accept the difficult trial of a child with special needs are greatly to be admired. They render the Church and society an invaluable witness of faithfulness to the gift of life. In these situations, the family can discover, together with the Christian community new approaches, new ways of acting, a different way of understanding and identifying with others, by welcoming and caring for the mystery of the frailty of human life." (Amoris Laetitia 47)

This week as a family share what life may be like for someone you may know or in your family/school/parish who has a disability or learning difficulty and what you as a family can do to make a difference. You might like to reflect upon how as parents we enable our children to see a person's abilities rather than disabilities?

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 especially Shaun Gerard Mira and Paul Clegg. 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	£ 502.02
Other Envelopes	£ 97.20
Loose GASDS	£ 384.31
Total Offertory	£ 983.53
Standing Orders	£ 219.15
Bonus Ball 26	£ 77.00
Retiring Collection	£ 19.80
(Peter's Pence)	

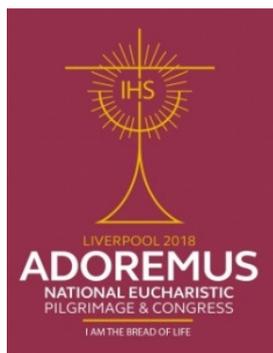
** Parishioners who donate by Gift Aid either by using the Gift Aid envelopes or by Standing Order, please collect your letters from the back of church.

Retiring Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend Apostleship of the Sea. The Apostleship of the Sea serves seafarers from across the world, regardless of belief, nationality or race. In all the main ports in Great Britain their team of chaplains and volunteer ship visitors, visit thousands of seafarers each year,

meeting their needs through the provision of help, support and advice.

**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.

Eucharist is ...Personal Vocation

Our sending out from Mass reminds us that we were changed too by our Baptism in which we received a call from God that is both universal and personal. That is our call to holiness and we are nourished in the Eucharist so that we can respond to that universal vocation by living in the way our personal vocation demands of us. With Blessed John Henry Newman, we can pray at Mass that many people will be open to the call of God in their lives.

**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

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 have you felt enriched by a sacrifice you made for another?
Children: Whom could you help by your acts of kindness this week?

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 1 July 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
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)
Monday, 2 July Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 3 July Feast of St Thomas	9.30 am – Requiem Mass for Paul Clegg	
Wednesday, 4 July Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.00 am – Mass (Bernard Carlin)
Thursday, 5 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Mass (Michael O’Gorman)	
Friday, 6 July Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.00 am – Requiem Mass for Shaun Gerard Mira
Saturday, 7 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Ronnie Griffiths Senior)	
Sunday, 8 July Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Wyn Knight) 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 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezek 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

1 July – Ken, Paul, Terry, Bernie, Teresa
8 July – Edyta, Rosemarie, Paul, Gerry, Bernie