

# Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former  
Parishes of St Andrew, Holy Family & St Mark  
St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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## **Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 29 July 2018**

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist, the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass,

we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange and we too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

### **Parish Office**

Please note the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday, 1 August, 9.00am-1.00pm and closed on Friday, 3 August. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday open as normal.

### **Baptismal Information**

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 10 September at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

### **Invitation to Prayer**

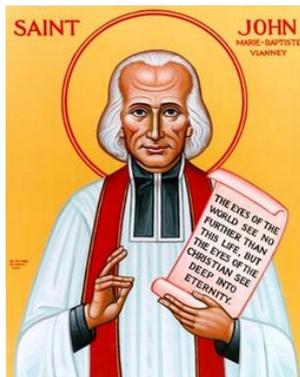


The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer continues to take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area.

## **\*\*Important Gift Aid Message\*\***

Reminder - Parishioners who donate by Gift Aid by either using the envelopes or by standing order, please collect your letters from the back of church.

### **Feasts This Week**



Saturday, 4 August, St John Vianney. Born near Lyons, the son of a farmer, he was a shepherd on his father's farm with little schooling. Aged 20 he began his studies for the priesthood. Finding studies difficult (especially Latin) he was nevertheless admitted to orders because he was said to be the most devout if also the most unlearned of the students. In 1817 he became parish priest of Ars-en-Dombe, a remote and unimportant village of about 250 inhabitants. He spent the rest of his life there living mainly on potatoes. He excelled at preaching and counselling. His insight into personal difficulties seems to have been helped by supernatural gifts of reading the secrets of hearts. Every day John preached at 11.00am. Just before his death, when visitors were

reputed to number about 20,000 a year, he sometimes spent 16 hours a day hearing confessions. He is patron of all the priests of the world.

### **Divorced/Separated Support**

Support from the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department. The course is for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown. People can be at any stage in the process, they may have been recently separated or divorced for many years, the course is designed for anyone whose committed relationship has ended. For further details see the poster on the parish notice board or contact Maureen 07967753371 or Jacqui 07793825815.

### **Redemptorist Youth Ministry**

There will be a prayer vigil for all of those who are about to receive A Level or GCSE exam results and their parents and grandparents at St Mary's Church, Woolton, Wednesday, 15 August, 7.00pm. This will be a time of simple prayer, reflection and quiet. All are welcome!

### **National Shrine of St Pio**

Every year, Pantasaph welcomes hundreds of pilgrims who come on non-residential St Pio Days. This year these days are being held on 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. Pre-booking is essential.

### **SFX Open Evening**

2019 Admissions – Tuesday, 11 September, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

### **Archdiocesan Training Courses**

Eucharistic Minister Training, 6 October.

Bereavement Care Team/The Ministry of Consolation Training 17 & 18 October.

Lay Funeral Minister Training. Do you feel called to be a Lay Funeral Minister? 21 & 22 November.

Please register your interest for any of the above with the Parish Office.

### **What's On At Our Cathedral**

Organ Recital by Andrew Sharples, Saturday, 28 July, 2.00pm-3.00pm.

Classical Guitar Concert by John O'Connell, Thursday, 2 August, 1.00pm-2.00pm. Entrance is free.

Biennial Artists Talk, Lutyens Crypt, Saturday, 4 August, 11.00am-12.30pm.

### **'Reflections at the Carmelite'**

Sunday, 29 July, 3.30pm-5.30pm, 'Towards a Living Eucharist'. Includes Adoration and Evening Prayer followed by refreshments.

### **Ordo/Diary/Directory Orders**

Ordo/Diary	£5.00
Ring Bound Directory	£4.00
Standard Directory	£3.50

Please place your order with the Parish Office by end August.

### **Job Opportunity**

Mission in the Economy, Merseyside, are looking for a Director of Operations, £28,500. MitE is an Ecumenical charitable company which works alongside local businesses. Closing date 10 August. For an informal conversation and application pack contact Jean Wynne, Liverpool Parish Church, 0151 236 5287, jeanwynne@livpc.co.uk

### **Prayerful Reflections From Pope Francis**

*"Patience takes root when I recognise that other people also have a right to live in this world just as*

*they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like.”*  
(Amoris Laetitia 92)

Deep down, if we are being honest, we may expect everyone else to think like we do or if they don't, they should. This week, take the time to consciously appreciate one or two things that your spouse, children or other family members do better than you and recognise that they put up with your imperfections just as much as you put up with theirs.

### **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 Margaret Ann Lewis. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

### **Parish Finance**

Due to staff holidays these figures will be made available in due course.

Bonus Ball Wednesday, 18 July 33  
Bonus Ball Wednesday, 25 July 06

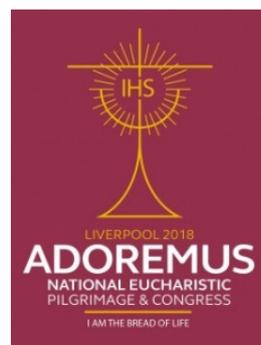
### **Retiring Collection**

This weekend Parish Lourdes Fund.  
Next weekend none.

### **SJV Bonus Ball**

This game is run at the back of church each week. Numbers from 1-59 are sold at £1 per number. If your number is selected as the bonus ball on the National Lottery Wednesday Night Draw then you win £30! Please consider buying a number – it's just for fun.

### **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress 7-9 September 2018**



*Eucharist is ... Food for the Journey*

We might do well to take a moment to thank God for all that we have received materially and in prayer. All that we have faced in our lives we did not face alone. Always God's strength and God's love were at work in our

hearts even when and perhaps especially when, we did not know it at all. We can pray for those for whom the journey is hard. But we can pray too that God's strength and love will be at work in our hearts to make us bread broken for others, bringing the nourishment of God's love to the weary and downcast.

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.

There are so many events supporting Adoremus including talks, discussions, workshops, prayer and cultural events within the city and most are free so do try and attend as many as you can.

For anyone interested, it is now possible to book directly to be a delegate at the Eucharistic Congress. Tickets are still available until the end of July to the Saturday Echo Arena event at £43.50.

Please go to the website:

<http://www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018/>

Leaflets have been distributed and you can check out the website

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus)



### **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.



## **Weekday Mass Availability In Our Pastoral Area**

**As Mass times are subject to  
change, it is always advisable to  
ring ahead**

Bishop Eton, 0151 737 4110  
7.00am and 12 noon

Christ the King & Our Lady  
0151 722 2231  
Mon, Tues 9.10am  
Thurs 9.30am, Fri 12 noon

OLA, 0151 486 9372  
Mon, Wed 9.15am,  
Tue, Fri 12 noon, Thur 9.00am

St Ambrose, 0151 425 2289  
Mon 9.15am, Wed 12 noon

St Christopher, 0151 425 2289  
Tue, Thur, Fri 9.15am

St Mary's, 0151 428 2256  
Mon, Thur, Fri 9.00am  
Tue, Wed 12 noon

### **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

### **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

### **Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend**

5.15pm  
J Roach, P McGuinness, R O'Neill,  
C Morris, A Stubbs

9.15am  
Gerry, Stephanie, Paul, Rosemarie, Edyta

### Question of the Week

Adults: When has the generous gift of another offered you hope?  
Children: What loving gift could you give to another person this week?

### **Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 29 July 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St. Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 28 July</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Robert Key)	
<b>Sunday, 29 July</b> Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Ann Nicholson)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)
<b>Monday, 30 July</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time		<b>10.00 – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 31 July</b> Memorial of St Ignatius	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Margaret Dempsey)	
<b>Wednesday, 1 August</b> Memorial of St Alphonsus		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Dolly McLoughlin)
<b>Thursday, 2 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Irene Beattie)	
<b>Friday, 3 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Teresa & Bill)
<b>Saturday, 4 August</b> Memorial of St John Vianney	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 5 August</b> Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Bill Harold)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)

\* 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 Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exod 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35