

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 5 August 2018

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true

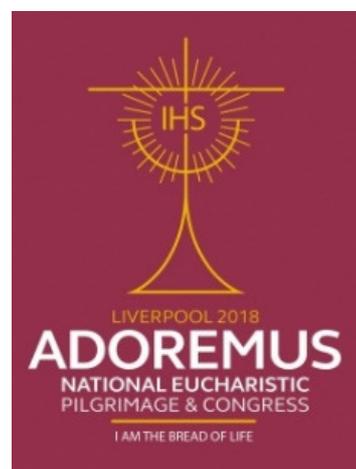
identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realising that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such

statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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



When the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales announced that a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage would take place in September 2018, they proposed a potential watershed moment.

Big events encourage a feeling of identity and belonging. The Congress, whilst encouraging a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist, also offers people an experience of strength and solidarity in their willingness to "put God first" in their lives.

The Eucharist is not a one-off event. As Pope Francis said, “The Eucharist communicates the Lord’s love for us: a love so great that it nourishes us with himself; a freely given love, always available to every person who hungers and needs to regenerate his or her own strength.”

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.

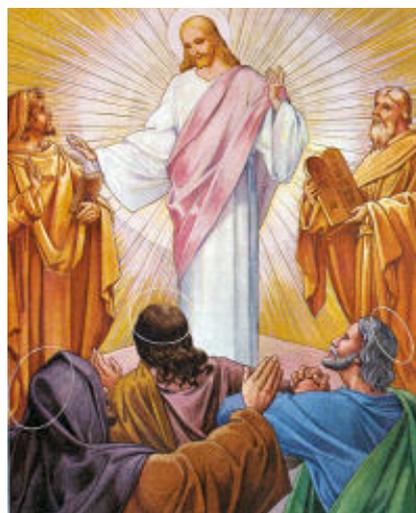
Event leaflets have been distributed and you can check out the website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus

Feasts This Week

The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face.

In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while, that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendour of His inward Divinity

overflowed on His body and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: The Cross and glory, that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.



Liverpool Catholic Ramblers Association

50th Anniversary of Plane Crash

Friday, 9 August 2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of a plane crash in Bavaria which killed 13 from Merseyside, 6 belonging to the same extended family from Halewood. All will be remembered at a special Mass held in Langenbruck near Munich where there is a memorial to those who lost their lives in the tragedy and at the Clubs Annual Mass at the

Cathedral Crypt on Sunday, 23 September at 11.30am. For more info log on to www.lcra-remembered.co.uk/bavaria2.htm

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 families 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!

SFX Open Evening

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

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.

Our Parish Groups



Our Parish Groups provide us with opportunities to come together outside

of the more formal setting of Mass and spend time with each other to perhaps share news, tips, advice but more importantly offer each other friendship, companionship and the chance to get out for a couple of hours. Some of the groups arrange coach day trips and group lunches so do consider popping along, you will be made most welcome.

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

*“True love values the other persons achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy. It recognises that everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life. So it strives to discover its own road to happiness, while allowing others to find theirs.”
(Amoris Laetitia 95)*

It is always difficult not to compare ourselves to other people, but that

inevitably is not fulfilling and does not bring us happiness. This week, reflect upon the unique path that you have been on so far and entrust yourself to God in confidence. Plan something fun with your family for next weekend so that you can appreciate your families particular gifts and uniqueness.

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 Mary Josephine Jackson. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Parish Finance

Sunday, 22 July 2018

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	379.60
Other Envelopes	£	129.80
Loose GASDS	£	417.66
Total Offertory	£	927.06
Standing Orders	£	219.15
Retiring Collection (SVP)	£	433.93

Sunday, 29 July 2018

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	428.60
Other Envelopes	£	81.98
Loose GASDS	£	327.93

Total Offertory	£	838.51
Standing Orders	£	219.15
Retiring Collection (Parish Lourdes Fund)	£	292.92

Retiring Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend Parish Building Fund.

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.



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, BE
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
C Morris, R O'Neill, P McGuinness,
Mignonne, M Talbot

9.15am
Teresa, Terry, Bernie, Ken, Gerry

What's Going On And Where In Our Parish Come Along & Get Involved

Who	What	Where & When
SJV Choir , new members always welcome	Choir rehearsal	Every Friday, 7.30pm, Holy Family Church
SVP	We meet to discuss how we can support the local community	3 rd Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
Good Companions , new members always welcome	60+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
RCIA	Adults seeking to become Catholics or receive Confirmation	Every Wednesday from November until Easter, 7.00pm-8.00pm, St Mark's Annexe
Vianney's Voice , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities/fundraising for our young people, Year 7 upwards	Last Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm-8.30pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
Ladies Group , new members always welcome	Social and spiritual activities	1 st Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm, Holy Family Meeting Room
Chronic Pain Group , new members always welcome	Sharing advice, experiences and offering support	2 nd Friday of the month, 2.00pm, St Mark's Annexe.
The 50+ Club , all welcome	50+ club, chat, quiz, bingo, trips out, friendship and support	Every Wednesday, 1.00pm-3.00pm, St Mark's Club

Together
 we make a
Family

Question of the Week

Adults: When has your faith helped you believe without “seeing signs” from God?
Children: Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 5 August 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 4 August Memorial of St John Vianney	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 5 August Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Bill Harold)	9.15 am – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)
Monday, 6 August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord		11.30 – Requiem Mass for Margaret Ann Lewis
Tuesday, 7 August Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am – Mass (Ron Irving)	
Wednesday, 8 August Memorial of St Dominic		10.00 am – Mass (Pauline Donegan)
Thursday, 9 August Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Friday, 10 August Feast of St Lawrence		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 11 August Memorial of St Clare	5.15 pm – Mass (Maisie Quirk)	
Sunday, 12 August Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Cathy Hooper)

* 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 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8
Eph 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51