

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

Parishioners who donate by Gift Aid by either using the envelopes or by standing order, please collect your letters from the back of church. There are still a large number of envelopes that have not been collected. Please check and if possible, deliver any that are close by to you. Many thanks.

**Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 12 August 2018**

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who

are chosen by God will recognise him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognise that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

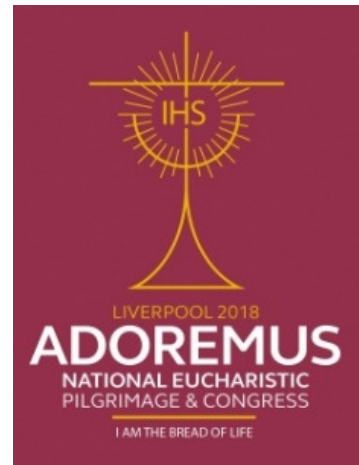
In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

### **Thank You**

Father Oliver Keenan who celebrated the Requiem Mass recently of Margaret Lewis wishes to pass on his sincere thanks to all those parishioners

who assisted him and the family on the day. He and the family were truly grateful for your support.

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



### *Eucharist is ... pilgrimage*

The culmination of a pilgrimage may be a Mass, but the source and summit of any week as a Catholic Christian is the Eucharist. We don't have to journey with passport and suitcase to find the healing that we need, the healing of forgiveness and inclusion in God's family. We just have to journey to church for Mass.

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

### **Mary and the Eucharist**

Sunday, 26 August, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Carmelite Convent, L18 3NU. A reflection about the Blessed Sacrament and Mary from a priest of the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, City Centre, in preparation for the forthcoming Congress, includes Adoration and Evening Prayer with hospitality following.

### **'Blessed are the Peacemakers' Day of Prayer and Reflection**

Led by Fr Gerry McFlynn of Pax Christi, Saturday, 1 September, 10.00am-4.00pm, venue Cenacle Retreat House, Tithebarn Grove off Lance Lane, Liverpool, L15 6TW, cost £10 (subsidies available), enquiries Jan 07746 919 915  
[janharper1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janharper1@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Nugent & Adoremus**

Nugent are involved with several events over this extraordinary weekend including a free concert on Friday 7, a family fun day and a 'Welcome the Stranger' initiative on

Saturday 8. Please see the poster at the back of church for times and venues. Everyone is welcome.

### **Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela**

The pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain is one of the oldest pilgrimages in Europe. The Camino is in honour of St James whose remains are interred in the Cathedral. On 16 September, 32 pilgrims from the Merseyside area will be flying to Bilbao in Spain to walk the last portion of the Camino including one of our parishioners Jim Farrell who will be walking as part of the group from the Metropolitan Cathedral. In an effort to encourage parishioners to join the Camino spiritually, a number of activities will be ongoing over the next couple of weeks. These will include a programme of daily prayers, opportunities for almsgiving in support of the Parish Lourdes Fund and Halewood Food Bank (through the SVP), map display to follow progress, Facebook and What'sApp pages to access some 'live' media materials and possibly post-Camino talks to groups to raise awareness of what walking the Camino entails. Jim hopes that members of the parish will try to get involved in some, if not all, of these activities as much as possible, so that the benefits and blessings of the Camino will be available to the

whole of our parish and perhaps others will want to take up the challenge in the future!

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

We know it's far too early to be thinking about it, but this will be very popular so do book if you are interested.



#### **'Creative at Christmas' Workshops with Muir Simpson**

Following the success of last year's Christmas Flower Arranging day a course will run from November. These fun, informal afternoons will offer a chance to make new friends and create some beautiful and unique gifts in the run up to Christmas.

Workshops will run every Tuesday between 1.00pm–4.00pm in the Gibberd Room.

- 6 November, 'Get it Framed'
- 13 November, 'Heavenly Angels'
- 20 November, 'Can be Altered'
- 27 November, 'Woolley Wreath'
- 4 December, 'Three Kings'
- 11 December, 'Christmas Wreath'

For more details and to reserve your space please email

[c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

Price £60 pp, fee covers the full 6 weeks and payment is required in advance.

### **Feasts This Week**

Tuesday, 14 August, St Maximillian Kolbe's act of volunteering to die for another in Auschwitz is well known but his rise to heroic holiness was not a sudden thing, had there been no concentration camps he would still have been an extraordinarily holy man. He was a member of the Order of Friars Minor, Conventual and his life was built on a vigorous devotion to Our Blessed Lady and a determination to use every modern means to win the world for Christ.

Wednesday, 15 August, The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven is the dogmatically revealed truth of the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.



## **SVP Young Vincentians** **Job Opportunities**

The SVP is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of their youth programme. Young Vincentians Programme Manager, £30k pa, full time permanent contract, closing date Thursday, 23 August. Start date asap.

Mini Vinnies Officer, £23k pro rata, 2 days/wk, one year contract, closing date Monday, 20 August. Start date asap.

Both roles based in London. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

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

*“Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything ‘for our enjoyment’ (1 Tim 6:17). As a result, I feel a deep sense of happiness and peace.”*

*(Amoris Laetitia 96)*

This week, compliment members of your family and try to choose something meaningful/sincere that

you may never have said to them before. Think about what it means to see someone with “the eyes of God.”

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

### **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.

### **Parish Finance**

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	375.00
Other Envelopes	£	99.16
Loose GASDS	£	373.61
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>847.77</b>
Standing Orders	£	219.15
Bonus Ball 7	£	75.00

### **Retiring Collection**

This weekend Parish Building Fund.  
Next weekend none.

**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.

**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  
R O'Neill, A Stubbs, P McGuinness,  
L Parry, P Crompton

9.15am  
George, Maria, Maureen Cl,  
Paul, Rosemary

**\*\* If you are unable to fulfil your  
ministry, please do remember it is  
your responsibility to secure a  
replacement \*\***

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

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

### 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.

### **Question of the Week**

Adults: When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

Children: What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

### **Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 12 August 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 11 August</b> Memorial of St Clare	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Maisie Quirk)	
<b>Sunday, 12 August</b> Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Cathy Hooper)
<b>Monday, 13 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 14 August</b> Memorial of St Maximillian	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (John, Dot & Tom Ireland)	
<b>Wednesday, 15 August</b> Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>7.00 pm – Mass</b> (Teresa Marie Donovan)	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Catherine Smith)  <b>11.30 am– Requiem Mass for Mary Josephine Jackson</b>
<b>Thursday, 16 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Cavanagh Family & Friends)	
<b>Friday, 17 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Jacqueline Hinton)
<b>Saturday, 18 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 19 August</b> Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Sister Mary Jerome)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Dora Kavanagh)

\* 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 Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Prov 9:1-6  
Eph 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58