

# 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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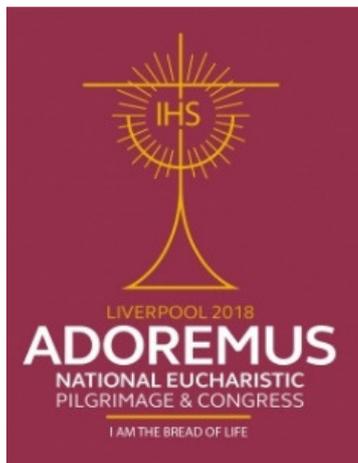
## **Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 19 August 2018**

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world. To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

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



This event will soon be upon us. Have you decided what events you will attend?

*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.

### **Gospel Concert**

Saturday, 8 September in The Auditorium, Echo Arena, 8.00pm called 'Lost and Found'. Frank Cottrell-Boyce and the Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir will perform the retelling of the Prodigal Son. Tickets £10, to book please visit [www.ticketquarter.co.uk/online/lost-and-found](http://www.ticketquarter.co.uk/online/lost-and-found) or call the Box office on 0344 8000 410 (Monday-Friday 9.00am-9.00pm. Sundays and Bank Holidays 10.00am-5.00pm).

### **Rosary Vigil**

This will take place for John James Fitzpatrick on Monday, 20 August at 7.30pm at home. This is for immediate family and friends only but attendance by the Bereavement Care

Team would be really appreciated. Contact Ron Smith for details.

### **Just To Let You Know ...**

For those of our Parish who knew Vincent Hawkins, he sadly passed away on Monday in Italy with his family close by. As is the way in Italy, he was buried soon after and Agnes would like to thank everyone for the support and prayers the family have been surrounded with.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our Pastoral Area community. Please get in touch with the parish office if you are interested as the course will be starting in the early Autumn. Dates, times and venue to be confirmed.

## Dementia Awareness



On Monday, 3 September, 7.00pm-8.30pm, St Mary's, Woolton, will be hosting a dementia awareness session in their parish hall. Their guest speaker will be Serena Jones, a dementia specialist nurse who will share her expertise and offer advice on how people can live well with dementia, together with advice and signposting tips for carers. The evening promises to be a very interesting and highly informative event. Everyone is welcome to attend and particularly those people living with dementia and their carers. In brief, dementia is caused by diseases of the brain which can affect memory, everyday tasks, communication and perception. It is not a result of the normal ageing process. There are over 800,000 people living with dementia in the UK and this figure is set to rise. Churches and faith-based organisations have an important role to play in ensuring people living with dementia can continue to live their lives and be an active part of their communities for as long as possible. Many of our parishioners will develop dementia or be caring for someone

who does. By being more dementia friendly, we can help and support them to continue practicing their faith.

## What's On At Our Cathedral

Cathedral Book Club, Gibberd Room, Thursday, 23 August, 7.00pm-8.00pm. We'll meet to discuss *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry. Join us for lively discussion and debate over a glass of wine from 7.00pm. Free entry though donations are welcome. For more info email [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

Saturday, 25 August, 2.00pm-3.00pm. An organ recital by Daniel Mansfield, Organ Scholar at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Admission is free, with a retiring collection.

'Creative at Christmas' Workshops with Muir Simpson. Workshops will run every Tuesday between 1.00pm-4.00pm in the Gibberd Room as follows:

- 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 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

### **Just Some Of The Feasts This Week**

Monday, 20 August. St Bernard, aged 21, with his father, brother and 31 companions, became a monk at the Cistercian monastery of Citeaux. Later, Bernard was made abbot of Clairvaux, a new foundation, which increased in size to 700 monks at the time of his death. He emerged as one of the most charismatic and influential personalities in the cause of reform.

Tuesday, 21 August, St Pius X. The Pope who wished 'to restore all things in Christ', was gentle and humble in character but courageous and decisive in policy. He encouraged frequent Communion, the admission of children to Communion, the reform of the Church music and Canon Law.

### **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 James Fitzpatrick and Maureen Connelly. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

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

*"To be open to a genuine encounter with others, 'a kind look' is essential ... (it) helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to cooperate with others, despite our differences. Loving kindness builds bonds, cultivates relationships, creates new networks of integration and knits a firm social fabric ... In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another."*  
(*Amoris Laetitia* 100)

It can be very difficult to look kindly at a child who is acting out, or at our spouse when he/she tunes out to your chatter. This week, look at your family members and say to yourself, "Jesus is looking at them right now too." That may help change the way that you see 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	£ 395.01
Other Envelopes	£ 124.69

Loose GASDS	£ 441.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 960.93</b>
Standing Orders	£ 219.15
Bonus Ball 54	£ 81.00
Retiring Collection (Parish Building Fund)	£ 229.08

### **Retiring Collection**

This weekend none. 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

A Stubbs, M Talbot, L Parry, J Roach,  
M Lester

9.15am

Stephanie, Ken, Teresa, Terry, Edyta

**\*\* 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

### And Finally

**Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela** – Following on from the notice in last week's Newsletter regarding Jim's forthcoming participation in this pilgrimage, please check at the back of church for details on how you can support him and our community in a variety of ways in the run up and during his journey.

### **Question of the Week**

Adults: How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

Children: How often do you think about heaven?

Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

### **Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time 19 August 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St Mark's Church</b>
<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)
<b>Monday, 20 August</b> Memorial of St Bernard		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 21 August</b> Memorial of St Pius X		<b>10.00 am - Requiem Mass for John Roberts</b>
<b>Wednesday, 22 August</b> Memorial of the Queenship of Mary	<b>10.00 am – Requiem Mass for John James Fitzpatrick</b>	
<b>Thursday, 23 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am – Mass</b> (Cathy Moore)	
<b>Friday, 24 August</b> Feast of St Bartholomew		<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Jim & Carole Clancy)
<b>Saturday, 25 August</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Philip Pritchard)	
<b>Sunday, 26 August</b> Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Margaret Davies)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (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 Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Josh 24:1-2, 15-17, 18

Eph 5: 21-32

John 6:60-69