

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2 September 2018

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples. Jesus first criticises the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of

Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticises the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

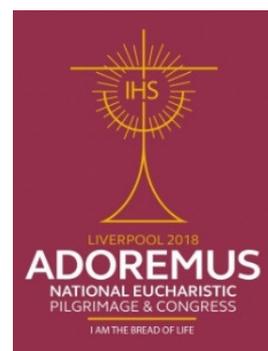
Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness - clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmask a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the

crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

Adoremus **7-9 September 2018**



The focus of the Catholic world will be upon us.

Have you decided what events you will attend?

Almost all events are free but some require advanced booking. Links to booking are included in the Parallel Programme descriptions and leaflets have been distributed.

Check out the website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus

Gospel Choir - tickets for Lost and Found Gospel Concert 8.00pm, Saturday, 8 September, Echo Arena Auditorium. You are very welcome to a great night out in Liverpool on the Saturday of Adoremus as the well-known author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir perform a soulful retelling of the Prodigal Son. Tickets £10, to book tickets please visit www.ticketquarter.co.uk/online/lost-and-found. You can also purchase tickets over the phone by calling the Ticket Quarter Hotline on 0344 8000 410 (phone lines are open Monday - Saturday 9.00am-9.00pm & Sundays and Bank Holidays 10.00am-5.00pm). We would love to see you there with your friends and family.

I am the Bread of Life – Ecumenical talk with Archbishop McMahon and his Anglican and Methodist counterparts about the Eucharist, the Bread of Life - free but requires a ticket, 5.15pm-6.15pm, Saturday, 8 September, Our Lady & St Nicholas Liverpool Parish Church, Chapel St L2 8TZ.

The Adoremus Parallel Programme, Friday-Sunday, 7-9 September, individuals/parish groups/coaches are welcome to these supporting events.

Adoremus Youth & Young People - Adoremus Youth Congress for ages 13-20 at the Arena Auditorium on Saturday, 8 September.

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.

Eucharist is ... sacrifice

Remembering Jesus' death cannot be done simply by thinking about it. If we are to remember as we are called to remember, then we need to live as Jesus lived, think as he thought and act as he acted. We celebrate the memory of Jesus in the Eucharistic sacrifice by offering our own lives together with Jesus for the life of the world.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome into Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Lily Margaret Francey.

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

The Ladies Group



Our Ladies Group meetings will resume this week starting on Wednesday, 5 September at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church. The revised time is due to the Invitation to Prayer at Hope University Chapel. New ladies are always welcome. If you have never been along, why not pop in and see what we get up to. We'd love to have some new faces join and it's a wonderful way to meet new people and get to know each other.

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.

SVP District Meeting

This will take place on Thursday, 6 September at 8.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Children's Liturgy



Our Children's Liturgy sessions will resume next weekend, 8/9 September.

The Archdiocese recommends that Children's Liturgy is aimed at children of school age upwards. We would therefore advise parents with children under the age of 3 to keep their child/children with them.

Please feel free though to use the resources at the back of both churches for younger children and return them after mass. Thank you so much for your understanding.

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 with a dementia specialist nurse who will share her expertise and offer advice. Everyone is welcome to attend, particularly those people living with dementia and their carers.

Thank You So Much

Pat Sammonds and her family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Parish for all the prayers, Mass cards and kindness they have been

surrounded with, it's truly appreciated.

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!

Please check at the back of church for details on how you can support Jim Farrell, the group he is travelling with and our community in the run up and during his journey.

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.

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. 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

“My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. ‘And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No, Just by a small gesture, a little something and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family’.”
(*Amoris Laetitia* 104)

Tonight, think over your day and your relationships with your family if there’s someone you should reconcile with before bed and do it!

Ordo/Diary/Directory Orders

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

The Parish Office must receive all orders by Monday, 3 September. After this date, you will have to order directly from Gemini, Wigan.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 494.20
Other Envelopes	£ 121.90
Loose GASDS	£ 318.19
Total Offertory	£ 934.29
Standing Orders	£ 243.15
Bonus Ball 55	£ 84.00

Retiring Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend Catholic Education Service.

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

S Daniels, P McGuinness, M Lester,
P Crompton, A Stubbs

9.15am

Rosemarie, Paul, Bernie, Edyta, Stephanie

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

And Finally ...

There will be Mass in the Cathedral Crypt, Sunday, 23 September at 11.30am in memory of the 48 who died in the air crash in Bavaria, August 1968. We particularly remember the 8 girls connected with the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers and their families.

Question of the Week

Adults: Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

Children: How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary 2 September 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St Mark's Church
Saturday, 1 September Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Terence Kenny)	
Sunday, 2 September Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (William & Elizabeth Bridson)
Monday, 3 September Feast of St Gregory the Great		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 4 September Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30 am – Requiem Mass for Denis Carr	
Wednesday, 5 September Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Mass (Doris Senior)
Thursday, 6 September Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Mass (Dora & Ken)	
Friday, 7 September Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 8 September Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5.15 pm – Mass (Alice Reardon)	
Sunday, 9 September Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms

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 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isa 35:4-7

Jas 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

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