

# 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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## Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, 9 September 2018

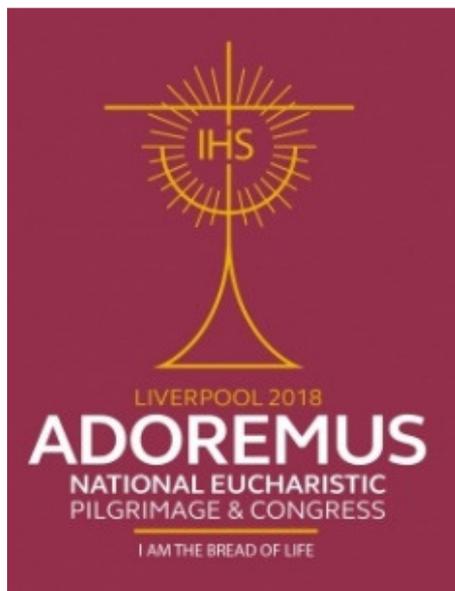
Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from

the table and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

### **Adoremus - This Weekend**



The focus of the Catholic world is upon us.

Hopefully, you have been able to attend some of the many events that have been taking place across our city this weekend. Big events such as this encourage a feeling of identity and belonging. The Congress, whilst encouraging a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist, has offered people an experience of strength and solidarity in their willingness to "put God first" in their lives.

If you haven't managed to participate in an event as yet there is still the following opportunity.

### **Adoremus 2018 Eucharistic Procession**

Sunday, 9 September, 1.00pm-2.00pm, join us for a key part of our celebrations to mark Adoremus 2018. This short processional route around the vicinity of the Cathedral will have just one gentle incline and all are welcome to join.

*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.

## **Rite of Welcome**

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Lucy Alexandra Sarah Phillips and Thea Blu May.

## **Baptismal Information**

This weekend we welcome into St Mark's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Connah Jake Dilworth, Frankie James Reiter and Joshua Peter Reiter.

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

## **Children's Liturgy Is Back This Weekend**



Our Children's Liturgy has resumed.

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) - Update**

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.

This course will start on Tuesday, 18 September at 7.30pm and be held in the Hughes Room at Bishop Eton. Coffee will be served from 7.00pm.

The first meeting will be an introduction to the course and one another. If you are interested you are welcome to bring a friend along to the first meeting for support if you wish. Please get in touch with the parish office for additional information.

## **St Julie's Open Evening**

St Julie's are delighted to invite girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents to take a tour of their brand new, state of

the art facilities on Thursday, 20 September from 3.30pm-6.00pm. Pop along and find out what it means to be part of the Notre Dame community of schools.

### **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.

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

### **Let Us Remember**

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.

### **St Wilfrid's 'Living Christ' Retreat**

Friday, 5 & Saturday, 6 October at Holy Trinity School, Banks Road, Garston. The Retreat lasts from 7.15pm to 9.30pm on the Friday and continues from 9.45am to 5.30pm on the Saturday.

For further information, please telephone Sue Faulkner on 427 6518 or Stella or Maurus O'Donnell on 427 3386.

### **The Ladies Group**



The Ladies Group are holding an evening of music and dance to commemorate '100 Years of the Great War & The Suffragette Movement'. Taking place on Friday, 26 October in St Mark's Parish Club, 7.30pm, tickets are £3 and will be available for purchase from next weekend. The professional, vintage swing, vocal harmony trio, 'The Poppies' will be performing, wartime dress optional and all proceeds will go towards the Parish Lourdes Fund and Help for Heroes. This will be a fabulous opportunity for our Parish to come together so please support this event if you are able.

## **A Pilgrimage Holiday With Our Lady**

15-19 October, staying at Hosanna House, £360 plus flights from Manchester, full board and full pilgrimage programme, email [uniquestay@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:uniquestay@hcpt.org.uk) or phone 01788 564646 for more information.

## **Parish Club Events**

MacMillan Coffee Morning, Friday, 28 September at 10.00am in our Parish Club. Please support this event if you are able.

An evening of Motown, Saturday, 20 October, tickets £6 available from the Club.

## **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**

*“Today we recognise that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves ... We need to learn to pray over our past history, to accept ourselves, to learn how to live with our limitations and even to forgive ourselves, in order to have this same attitude towards others”  
(Amoris Laetitia 107)*

Mother Mary Francis, a Poor Clare, wrote to her sisters once, that the quickest way to “kill” charity is to be too hard on yourself. If you hold yourself to an unrealistic standard, you will do the same to others. Accept your own imperfections today with a laugh and a trusting prayer for mercy.

## **Parish Finance**

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 372.55
Other Envelopes	£ 128.58

Loose GASDS	£ 418.78
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 919.58</b>
Standing Orders	£ 243.15
Bonus Ball 47	£ 77.00

### **Retiring Collection**

This weekend Catholic Education Service. Next weekend Home Missions Sunday.

### **SJV Bonus Ball**



Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it!

### **Prayer in Preparation 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  
S Daniels, M Lester, L Parry,  
P McGuinness, J Roach

9.15am

Bernie, Terry, Maria, Maureen Cl,  
George

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

## And Finally ...



Our pupils and staff returned this week, hopefully well rested and we wish all those students who have moved on to their next big challenge, whatever that might be, good luck.

Catholic Pic – Please take your free copy from the back of church.

As Father Matthew takes some well earned annual leave we are most grateful and delighted to have Father Tony Reynolds and Father Pat O'Brien visit our Parish over the next few weeks to celebrate Mass.

**Question of the Week**

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?  
Children: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary  
9 September 2018**

<b>Date – 2018</b>	<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>St Mark's Church</b>
<b>Saturday, 8 September</b> Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (Alice Reardon)	
<b>Sunday, 9 September</b> Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (Sadie & Jimmy Devine)	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>
<b>Monday, 10 September</b> Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday, 11 September</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time	<b>10.00 am – Mass</b> (Ronnie Griffiths Junior)	
<b>Wednesday, 12 September</b> Weekday in Ordinary Time		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Thursday, 13 September</b> Memorial of St John Chrysostom	<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>	
<b>Friday, 14 September</b> Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		<b>10.00 am – Service of the Word</b>
<b>Saturday, 15 September</b> Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	<b>5.15 pm – Mass</b> (People of the Parish)	
<b>Sunday, 16 September</b> Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>11.00 am – Mass</b> (John Cantwell)  <b>12.30 pm - Baptisms</b>	<b>9.15 am – Mass</b> (Danny Fox & Mary Baker)

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 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isa 50:5-9  
Jas 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35