



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 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 30 September 2018

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal. The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognised the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes “stumbling” or “causing scandal.” In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Parish Office/Thinking Ahead

As Jacqui will be taking some holidays shortly, she will be preparing the Newsletters for Sunday, 14 and Sunday, 21 October in advance. If you have something you'd like to appear over those weekends then please let her know. Due to the advance prep, Mass Intentions printed may be replaced by Requiems or Funeral Services and the office will endeavour to inform you of any changes.

Baptismal Information

This weekend, we welcome into our Parish of St John Vianney at St Mark's Church, Elsie-May Readle and Lacey May Tierney.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 8 October at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 October at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Baptism Certificates

The Parish Office is currently receiving a high number of requests for certificates. Please be aware these may take up to 2 weeks to process and the office will email you once they are ready for collection. Telephone requests for certificates cannot be accepted. Thank you for your patience.

Can You Welcome Our WYA Families?

As the With You Always programme will be starting very shortly, we are looking for a couple of volunteers at each of our masses to welcome families each week as they arrive and perhaps point out important areas for them such as where the toilets are and advise them children need to be accompanied, where they can find resources for very young children and help them identify who the WYA catechists are at that mass. Volunteers would only be required for the first few weeks as families familiarise themselves with the church. Please approach a WYA catechist if you feel able to help out.

The Ladies Group



Have You Got Your Tickets Yet?

The Ladies Group are holding an evening of music 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 available from the back of church.

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.

The Ladies Group Meeting

The next Ladies Group meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 October at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church. The revised time is due to the

Invitation to Prayer at Hope University Chapel.

Remember ladies to bring any prizes you may have for the raffle.

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.

Lourdes, July 2019



Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 18-27 July. For ages 15 (or in Year 10) to 22. Applications available to download on 1 October from animateyouth.org.

Lourdes & Our Parish – Anyone wishing to go to Lourdes next year or if you would like to nominate a parishioner to participate in the pilgrimage and be supported by our Parish Lourdes Fund please contact the Parish Office.

Animate... Inspiring Life and Soul

Animate is the Youth Service of the Archdiocese of Liverpool and was set up as a response to people in the Diocese naming Youth Ministry as one of their top 3 priorities to be addressed. It was decided that the best way to address Youth Ministry in our Diocese was to set up a team of young people who could minister to other young people.

Animate currently have a number of wide ranging activities planned for our young people, details of which can be found on our church noticeboards or visit admin@animateyouth.co.uk.

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

Remember, you can follow Jim's journey by checking out the Facebook page www.facebook.com/liverpoolmetrocaedral

Also, please check at the back of church for details on how you can still support Jim, the group he is travelling

with and our community during this pilgrimage.

Archdiocesan Training Courses

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.

The new cohort for the Archdiocesan Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership to begin in January 2019 is now being recruited.

Please register your interest for any of the above with the Parish Office.

Job Opportunity

Cleaner - Our Lady of the Assumption Presbytery. Six hours per week, Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30am–12.30pm. Salary £2,730.00 per annum (equivalent to £8.75 per hour). The role entails cleaning (no cooking) and ensuring a pleasant environment to all who visit the presbytery.

Applicants must have experience of working in a similar role, flexible approach to duties undertaken, an appreciation for the need of sensitivity and confidentiality and the ability to work alongside administrators, volunteers and others. Closing date

Friday, 5 October. To apply visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs or ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

Parish Club Events

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

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.

Feasts This Week

1 October, St Teresa of the Child Jesus. Therese of Lisieux was a French Carmelite nun who never did anything extraordinary but who performed every element of the austere Carmelite life extraordinarily well. In 1895 she had a haemorrhage being the first sign of the tuberculosis which was to kill her 2 years later. She suffered heroically in silence and would probably have remained unknown if she had not, under obedience to her superiors, written a short spiritual autobiography.

2 October, The Guardian Angels. In recent times there has been a resurgence of interest in angels and in all things spiritual, often not for the right reasons. Today would be a good occasion to speak about the goodness of God to his people as seen in the care shown to us by His angels.

St Therese of Lisieux Prayer For Her Feast Day On 1 October



God our Father
you reveal to us the depth of your
love in the holy face of Jesus Christ
your Son.

As we honour St Therese of the Child
Jesus and seek her intercession,
may we have the confidence and love
to stand fully in the light of your
presence so that the beauty of the
Gospel may expand our hearts and
open us to the gifts of your Holy
Spirit. Amen

Prayerful Reflections **From Pope Francis**

“Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say.”
(*Amoris Laetitia 137*)

Share a meal or activity this week as a family without any distractions. Make an intentional effort to put away phones, turn off the television and enjoy the company of those you love most.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 436.58
Other Envelopes	£ 123.40
Loose GASDS	£ 346.18
Total Offertory	£ 906.16
Standing Orders	£ 253.30
Bonus Ball 42	£ 112.00
Retiring Collection (SVP)	£ 356.93

Retiring Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend CAFOD and envelopes are available in church.

What Does CAFOD Do?



CAFOD stands for the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development.

They are an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

They stand beside people living in poverty, whatever their religion or culture. Through local Church partners, they help people directly in their own communities and campaign for global justice so that everyone can reach their full potential.

SJV Bonus Ball



Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church 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.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants

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

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Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend

5.15pm
L Parry, S Coleman, S Daniels,
A Stubbs, C Morris

9.15am
Teresa, Paul, Terry, Maureen Cl, Stephanie

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

Question of the Week

Adults: What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

Children: Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary
30 September 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St Mark's Church
Saturday, 29 September Feasts of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels	5.15 pm – Mass (Doreen Owens)	
Sunday, 30 September Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Vin & Marion Hawkins) 12.30 pm - Baptisms
Monday, 1 October Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 2 October Memorial of The Guardian Angels	10.00 am – Mass (Karen Wilson)	
Wednesday, 3 October Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Mass (Phillips Family)
Thursday, 4 October Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	10.00 am – Mass (Arthur Parr)	
Friday, 5 October Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 6 October Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 7 October Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Gayle Linford) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (Murphy Family)

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 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gen 2:18-24
Heb 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16