



Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 23 September 2018

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century

Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

Parish Office/Thinking Ahead

As Jacqui will be taking some holidays shortly, she will be preparing the Newsletters for Sunday, 14 and Sunday, 20 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

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 email requests for certificates. Please be aware requests may take up to 2 weeks to be processed and the office will email you once they are ready for collection. Telephone requests for certificates cannot be accepted and WYA catechists are aware there may be parents attending the meeting on Monday who may not have their child's certificate as yet. Thank you for your patience.

Vianney's Voice

This is our Parish Youth Group and aimed at Year 7 pupils upwards. We meet about once a month and our evenings are spent with some spiritual reflection and organising fundraising and social activities. If you have never been, please come along and see what we get up to, we'd love to have you join us. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 26 September, 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Holy Family meeting room.

Reconciliation & First Communion 2018/19 Registration Meeting

If you would like to prepare your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there will be a meeting for parents and guardians to

register on Monday, 24 September, 6.00pm in Holy Family school. Your child must be in Year 4 or above in September 2018 and have already been baptised in a Catholic, Anglican or Methodist church. If they have not been baptised you must arrange this and the next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 8 October, 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

If possible, please do not bring your children with you to the meeting on 24 September. A letter giving more details is available for you to take home from the back of church.

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



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 are now available for purchase. 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.

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.

This course has started but you can still join, just contact the Parish Office for further details. The first meeting (last week) was an introduction to the course and one another. If you are interested you are welcome to bring a friend along to your first session for support if you wish.

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.

SFX Open Evening Year 7 Intake 2019

A very well attended Open Evening was held at St Francis Xavier's College on 11 September, however, if you were unable to attend and wish to make an application for a place for your son in Year 7, September 2019 please contact the school directly on 0151 288 1000 or email: admin@sfx.liverpool.sch.uk to request an application form. All forms must be returned by 31 October 2018.

Bellerive Open Evening

Bellerive welcomes applications from girls in the Parish of St John Vianney, to join the girls who are already thriving with us from the area!

We would be delighted if girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents could attend our Open Evening on Tuesday, 2 October between 6.00pm–8.00pm. Come in via our main entrance at 1 Aigburth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 3AA and find out from our staff and students what school life is like at Bellerive.

St Mary's College & Prep

Thursday, 27 September, 4.00pm–7.00pm and Saturday, 29 September, 10.00am–12.00 noon. Call 924 3926 to register.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

Just to let you all know that Jim Farrell has lit candles for our Parish community as he walks along the Camino. You can follow his 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

“Love bears every trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This ‘endurance’ involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater, a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that gives up, even in the darkest hour.”
(*Amoris Laetitia* 118)

Every family endures hard times. Recall one such hard time and try to see what good God may have drawn out of it for your family, or, if you can't see that yet, what you hope he will draw out of it.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 373.60
Other Envelopes	£ 107.98
Loose GASDS	£ 363.77
Total Offertory	£ 845.35
Standing Orders	£ 253.30
Bonus Ball 59	£ 84.00
Retiring Collection	£ 246.67
(Home Mission Sunday)	

Retiring Collection

This weekend SVP. Next weekend none.

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.

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
A Stubbs, R O'Neill, L Parry,
S Coleman, M Lester

9.15am
Terry, George, Ken, Gerry, Edyta

**** 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 evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Children: Why is it wrong to feel envy for what belongs to another?

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary 23 September 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St Mark's Church
Saturday, 22 September Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Joyce Burns)	
Sunday, 23 September Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Betty Bray)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 24 September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 25 September Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 26 September Weekday in Ordinary Time		12.00 noon – Mass (Pat Hoare)
Thursday, 27 September Memorial of St Vincent de Paul	10.00 am – Mass (Richard Nunes)	
Friday, 28 September Weekday in Ordinary Time		12.00 noon – Mass (Nora Mailey)
Saturday, 29 September Feast 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

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 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Num 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48