



Newsletter

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

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Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, 7 October 2018

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than

the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these

children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Living the Paschal Mystery

In 1980, the US bishops published a document titled *Called and Gifted: The American Catholic Laity*. It was short and often published as a brochure, but it was nonetheless an important text commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the Decree of the Apostolate of the Laity. The bishops spoke of the four calls of laity: adulthood, holiness, ministry and community. Today's Gospel definitely calls us to adulthood, to a mature reading of the text.

The US bishops wrote in 1980, 'Adulthood implies knowledge, experience and awareness, freedom and responsibility and mutuality in relationships. It is true, however, that the experience of lay persons 'as church members' has not always reflected this understanding of adulthood.' What a remarkable statement from the bishops! So, we read today's Gospel in light of our knowledge and experience of human relationships. We grapple with its meaning, recognising that Jesus's sayings are hard. But we never stop following. We never stop being a disciple. We are adults in his church,

with freedom, responsibility and mutuality in relationships.

SYNOD Sunday



Synod 2020: Coming Soon: Synod Sunday. On the weekend of 20/21 October we will be celebrating Synod Sunday. This is the first opportunity for you to hear in detail about the Synod and to pick up a leaflet giving you information about how to be involved. Don't miss the opportunity.

Parish Office

We look forward this coming week to having Father Matthew with us again, hopefully rested and raring to go!

We thank Father Tony and Father Pat for visiting our Parish over the last few weeks to celebrate Mass – it's always lovely to have them in our Parish community.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 11, Friday 12, Thursday, 18 and Friday, 19 October.

The Newsletters for Sunday, 14 and Sunday, 21 October have been prepared in advance. 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 Holy Family Church, Rory Michael Wood, Sophia Elizabeth Hughes and Lucy Alexandra Sarah Phillips.

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

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.

Parish Council

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

Lourdes, July 2019



Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 18-27 July. For ages 15 (or in Year 10) to 22. Applications

available to download 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.

Romero – A True Story

Romero is the drama of a “mouse of a man who became a tiger struggling for justice and defending the rights of his people. His is a story of Christian heroism.” This extraordinary film is being shown at SFX Church, Salisbury Street, L3 on Sunday, 7 October, 7.00pm, contact Pauline Books on 709 1328 for more info or to book.

A Week Of Accompanied Prayer

After the inspiring time of ADOREMUS are you wondering how you may deepen your relationship with God?

Are you looking for a chance to reflect on your life; discover new ways of praying; to share your hopes and fears and have someone listen to you in confidence.

The Cenacle are offering an opportunity for this to happen and are

holding a Week of Accompanied Prayer from Sunday, 21-Sunday, 28 October. It involves meeting with your guide each day for about 30 minutes and praying for 20-30 minutes each day on material they will provide.

To sign up or for further details please contact either Jo Busby on 07974 891597 or Sr Winnie on 722 2271 or call in to the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree.

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.

Parish Club Events

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

35th CAFOD Fun Run/Walk

Something to think about perhaps ... taking place on Thursday, 27 December, Wavertree Sports Centre. Registration from 12 noon, starts at 1.00pm, various distances. More info at liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

What's On At Our Cathedral

If you have experience of cancer, you are invited to the 20th Annual Pause for Hope service, Sunday, 28 October, 3.00pm-4.30pm. Speakers Dame Lorna Muirhead and Fiona Castle. No tickets required.

Jobs Fair, Crypt Hall, Wednesday, 31 October, 10.00am-1.00pm. We typically see an exhibitor turnout of 15-25 companies, with an average footfall of 400-800 candidates on the day. We attract candidates ages 16-65 and can include anyone from school leavers, graduates, people who have been made redundant, people looking for a career change and those who are just generally unemployed and looking to get back into work.

'Creative at Christmas' Workshops with Muir Simpson, starts 6 November, 1.00pm-4.00pm, runs for 6 weeks. For more details and to reserve your space, please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk.

Price: £60 per person. Fee covers the

full 6 weeks and payment is required in advance.

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 Joan Drummond. 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

“Dialogue is essential for experiencing, expressing and fostering love in marriage and family life. Yet it can only be the fruit of a long and demanding apprenticeship. Men and women, young people and adults, communicate differently. They speak different languages and they act in different ways. Our way of asking and responding to questions, the tone we use, our timing and any number of other factors condition how well we communicate. We need to develop certain attitudes that express love and encourage authentic dialogue.”
(*Amoris Laetitia* 137)

Be aware this week of communication within your family, being mindful of

how family members dialogue with one another. Are there patterns of communication that can be affirmed and others that may need improvement?

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 395.90
Other Envelopes	£ 107.35
Loose GASDS	£ 394.72
Total Offertory	£ 897.97
Standing Orders	£ 253.30
Bonus Ball 18	£ 81.00

Retiring Collection

This weekend CAFOD. Next weekend none.

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.

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

9.15am
Gerry, Edyta, Rosemarie, Paul, Bernie

**** 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 could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

Children: How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?

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Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St Mark's Church
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)
Monday, 8 October Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 9 October Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 10 October Weekday in Ordinary Time		9.00 am – Mass (Maureen Casey)
Thursday, 11 October Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Mass (Ronnie & Kevin Griffiths)	
Friday, 12 October Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 13 October Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Special Intention)	
Sunday, 14 October Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Mary Ireland)	9.15 am – Mass (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 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11
Heb 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30