

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**9 April 2023
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John 20:1-9 Pointers for Prayer

1. The disciples are in a state of shock after their traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover they get another shock. The body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? Who, or what, sustained you?

2. Mary and Peter and the other disciple, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. In this text no explanation is given. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. Have you been in situations, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events that have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations and all you could say was 'trust me'?

4. Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? What have you learned about life, about love, from such experiences?

Prayer

God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the dead. Bestow upon those baptised into his death the power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace you give us. Amen

Fr Vin McShane RIP

The sad news of Fr Vin's death came through on Tuesday, 4 April. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Details of his funeral:

Vigil Mass: Monday, 17 April,
7.30pm at St Mark's.

(The Canons of the Chapter will lead Evening Prayer of the Dead beforehand.)

Father Vin will be resting in church until 9am on Tuesday, 18 April. Please contact Jim Farrell if you are able to accompany Father Vin through the night. Please note there will be no exposition at Holy Family on 17 April.

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, 18 April,
1pm at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,
Stonebridge Lane, Croxteth,
L11 9AZ.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Please send any cards to Denise Flanagan (his sister), 40 Kiln Hey, Eaton Road, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 2AL.

Keep In Your Prayers

Father Vin McShane RIP, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Urbi et Orbi

Depending on how the Holy Father recovers from his current health problems, we are arranging to screen the Urbi et Orbi blessing in St Mark's

annexe on Easter Sunday at 11am. All welcome.

Lectio Divina, Praying the Gospels

This will continue at St Mark's and we are currently looking at what is possible at Holy Family.

The Final Week of Pauline's Big Lent Walk

My final week of Lent has taken me further afield as we've had a mini break in Shrewsbury. Of course Jake came with us and enjoyed every minute of his new walking trails. I've walked, run and cycled 20 miles this week, leaving me with just 5 miles to do. I'd planned in a 9 mile walk for Good Friday so I'm going to pass the 125 mile challenge. Woohoo!

Thank you for your continued support and don't forget to check out the photos on the website.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 8 May, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Following the retirement of Bishop Tom Williams from the office of Auxiliary Bishop, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for his twenty years

of episcopal ministry in Liverpool on Wednesday, 17 May at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm which Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate. All welcome.

SVP District Council Meeting

This will take place on Thursday, 13 April at 7.30pm in St Mark's annexe.

How can our church porches help to create a warm and welcoming environment?

Too many posters? Not enough posters? Wrong type of information? Too much clutter? Helpful layout?

The small group who got together to look at our reflections on welcoming are considering the difference that our porches can make.

Have you got a good eye for these things? Have you got some ideas? Any good at interior design? It would be great to have you join the conversation. If you can help please contact the office on 486 3992 or email johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk

Ordination of Peter Renwick Sunday, 16 July 2023

If you would like to go on the coach that has been arranged please let the office know asap. A small donation towards the coach hire would be

appreciated. There will be a celebration in St Mark's annexe around 5pm. All welcome.

What's On in Our Parish Centre

Saturday, 15 April, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the centre, doors open at 7pm.

LGBTQ+ Mass & Social

The Parish of Sts Agnes and Aiden will be hosting the next Mass at 2pm on Sunday, 16 April. All welcome.

Eurovision Celebration Quiet Accommodation

If you or any family members/friends from further afield would like to combine the atmosphere of the Eurovision finals in Liverpool with staying in a quiet and beautiful retreat centre, £80 per night, please visit <https://incebenet.co.uk/> to see the facilities and for contact details.

Volunteer at Eurovision

Are you interested in being part of the team welcoming and stewarding some of the events happening on behalf of Churches Together in the Merseyside Region? Please use the link below to register and a briefing meeting (zoom) will take place mid-April. You can help facilitate prayer walks, prayer vigils, steward at the Metropolitan

Cathedral and be present greeting visitors at Strawberry Field.

For all interested in Volunteering please use this following link to register your interest <https://r1.dotdigital-ages.com/p/BVI-13Y4/volunteer-with-us-at-festivals-and-events?pfredir=1>

Lay Chaplain Opportunity

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Crosby are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Application form and further details can be found at liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers.

Visits to the school are welcomed, more info at ohaganm@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk

Nugent Donations

The Nugent Charity shop on Allerton Road are looking for donations of clothes, shoes, handbags and toys. They can arrange pick up and their number is 737 2951.

News from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region

Saturday, 29 April, 10.30am-1.30pm - ALL INCLUSIVE? Working with Children & Young People with Special/Additional Needs or Disabilities at Trinity Anglican/Methodist Church, 1

Huyton House Road, Liverpool L36 2NE. For further information and booking details, contact Lee Phillips: lee.livsthcircuit@gmail.com

28 April (after 12pm) – 14 May, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral - Izyum to Liverpool by Ukrainian artist Katya Buchatska, who will transform the Liverpool Cathedral into a train carriage, replicating the journey from Izyum to the border with Poland.

30 April, 3pm - Ukrainian Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

1 May-14 May - Art Installation 'Soloveiko' at St Nick's (Our Lady and Saint Nicholas), Pier Head.

8 May-13 May, Prayer, daily meditations, music, fellowship and discussion at Strawberry Field, including the Hope and Anchor Pub at Strawberry Field.

9 May–12 May afternoons, Daily Prayer Vigils across the City (venues and times to follow).

9 May–13 May, 9am - Daily Prayer Walks along the waterfront.

10 May, 7pm - Ecumenical Gathering at Metropolitan Cathedral "United in Worship" - a hybrid event live and

streamed with worship, prayer and reflection.

Caring for Creation

The LiveSimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". The award is earned by communities and schools who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation

Celebrating what communities have already done and inspiring everyone to do more, the Live Simply award helps a community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. Our three schools have already started the Live Simply award and have shared with us how and what they are doing now.

Please read the Self Assessment Questions given out recently and stick your notes to the correct boards at the back of church.

Can you help? There are already a small group who are helping to plan for our own LiveSimply award, but it would be great to have a few more people involved. Next meeting 20 April, 7.15pm, St Mark's annexe.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

The programme has recently been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children can register at the end of a Mass** and work their way through a series of leaflets and books to help them prepare. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can work through it at their own pace. **If anyone would like any more information or a registration form please speak to one of the catechists at the end of Mass.**

Prayer Requests

Do you have someone or something you would like to pray for?

Please feel free to fill in one of the prayer request forms at the back of

church. Place it into the box provided, which will be brought to the altar by our children during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Our Housebound Parishioners

If you find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else might be helpful. You are still a vital and essential part of our parish community, even if you can't get to Mass.

Sacrament of the Sick

In times of illness or suffering we are offered anointing with holy oil to strengthen us. The sacrament can also help us to experience healing of mind, body and spirit and we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Anyone feeling the need of the sacrament is very welcome to approach Fr Matthew before or after Mass or via Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Fr Matthew is usually available in the 20 minutes before each Mass to hear confession. He will be sat towards the front of the church, please approach

him directly and make your request known.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£393.10
GASDS Loose	£402.95
Non Gift Aid	£ 66.80
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1230.08
Bonus Ball 46	£ 29.00
Second Collection	
Easter Flowers	£88.05

Second collections:

9 April, Easter Sunday

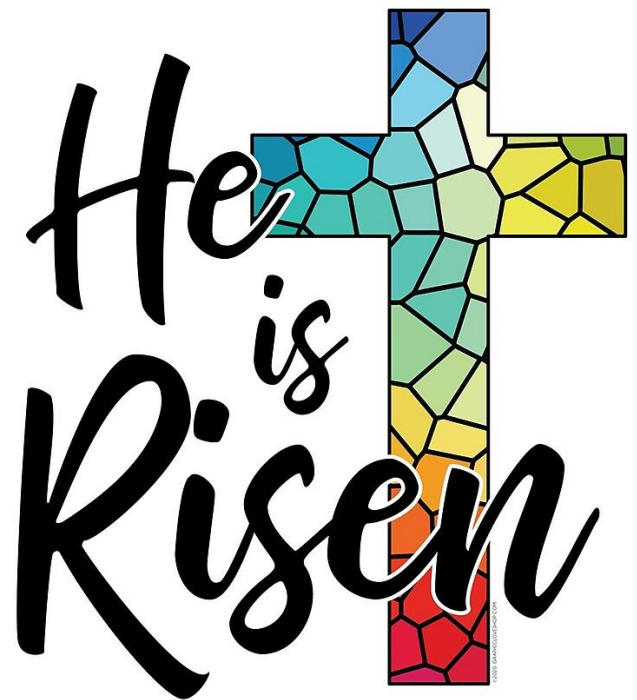
30 April, Priests' Training Fund



St Mark's annexe - every Sunday
after 9.15am Mass.

****Holy Family church – after 11am
Mass starting from Sunday, 16 April.**

All welcome!



Easter Day

8 April – 16 April 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 8 April

9pm – Easter Vigil, Holy Family

Sunday, 9 April, Easter Day

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Bob O'Neill, Dorrie Corrigan,
Rosemarie Whittle

Monday, 10 April, Monday of Easter Octave

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 11 April, Tuesday of Easter Octave

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

Wednesday, 12 April, Wednesday of Easter Octave

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, St Mark's annexe

Thursday, 13 April, Thursday of Easter Octave

6.30pm - Service of the Word, St Mark's

Friday, 14 April, Friday of Easter Octave

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

Saturday, 15 April, Saturday of Easter Octave

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Ellen Garber, Linda Quinn,
Steve Tobdni

Sunday, 16 April, Second Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Francis Cannon, McGrail Family,
Peter Mannix
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