

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**31 March 2024
Easter Day, p251**

John 20:1-18 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. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-bring from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



Keep In Your Prayers

Colette McKeown RIP, Arthur Terry RIP, Mary Kenny RIP, Ken Kavanagh RIP, Catherine Thomas RIP, Sara Eccleston, Maureen Skillicorn, Karen Smith, John & Enid Allerston, Eileen Prescott, Katie Whitehead, Kathy Murphy-Malpas, Mila Facenfield, Mary Lonsdale, Mary Ireland, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Ron & Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Parish Office

Please note the office will be closed on 4 and 5 April.

Monday, 1 April Exposition Cancelled

Please note this has been cancelled due to the Rosary taking place at St Mark's.

Rosary for Ken Kavanagh RIP

This will take place in St Mark's church on Monday, 1 April at 6pm. All welcome.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Nico O'Hanlon
Sofia O'Hanlon

11am: Harry Frederick Ellison
Leo Thomas Roberts

Baptismal Information

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

Baptisms:

Lottie Elizabeth Winter

Bereavement Drop-In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 2 April, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Ladies Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 April, 7pm in St Mark's annexe. New ladies always welcome.

Parish Council

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 9 April, 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

LiveSimply Team

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10 April, 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

Easter Bunny Walk

Monday, 1 April, 11am

The Easter Bunny Walk to raise money for the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage will be taking place on 1 April this year. The walk will go from St Gregory the Great, Lydiate, to Our Lady, and back and guests of all ages and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Each person will get a water bottle, bunny ears and an Easter egg. The walk costs £8 per person or £20 for a family of 4.

The Gift of Easter

For three Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8.30pm (17, 24 April, 1 May), there are some sessions at St Teresa's, Norris Green on The Gift of Easter. These sessions take inspiration from Scriptures and will be led by Fr Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Spirituality Centre. All welcome.

Synodality 101: Conversations in the Spirit – A Series of Online Workshops

How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make

better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities? How do we enhance our parish communal life with enriching conversations?

Workshop starting on 17 April - find out more and sign up: <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/news/synodality-101-workshop-series>

or follow the link on our parish website.

Come and See Day at Irenaeus

The Irenaeus Project will be hosting their latest Come and See Day on 6 April. The talk is on the Power of Forgiveness with keynote speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen. For more info ring Jenny on 949 1199.

What's On

St Mark's Parish Centre

Star Night! Soul singer Alex Divine plus DJ, bingo and raffles. Sunday, 7 April, 7.30pm, tickets £7. Proceeds in aid of Zoe's Place.

An Introduction to Vatican II

An in-person study retreat day exploring Vatican II is being offered in collaboration with the Light of Truth Dominican Sisters who will introduce us to the Second Vatican

Council, the outcomes of Pastoral Development Department: St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA. T: 522 1040 pd@rcaol.org.uk

This would be perfect for anyone who is looking to explore this important event for the first time, as well as for anyone who is looking to reflect on and revisit the year of the Council.

This event is being offered for free. If you have any questions, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk Link to book online can be found on our parish website.

Free to a Good Home (Almost)

A parishioner has a single bed in very good condition that is no longer required. Please contact the office if you would like it. A donation to the SVP would be welcomed.

St Patrick's Second Spring Concert

Students from the University of Liverpool return to perform classical music in their second delightfully varied programme, 4.30pm, Saturday, 20 April.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in the programme. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can start when they are ready and work through it at their own pace.

Registration forms are available from a catechist at the end of every Mass of the last week of the month. Please note you must produce your child's baptism certificate.

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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **don't just disappear!** Get in touch with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office and we can see how best we might be able to support you. But we can't do that if you don't let us know! You are still a vital and essential part of the 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

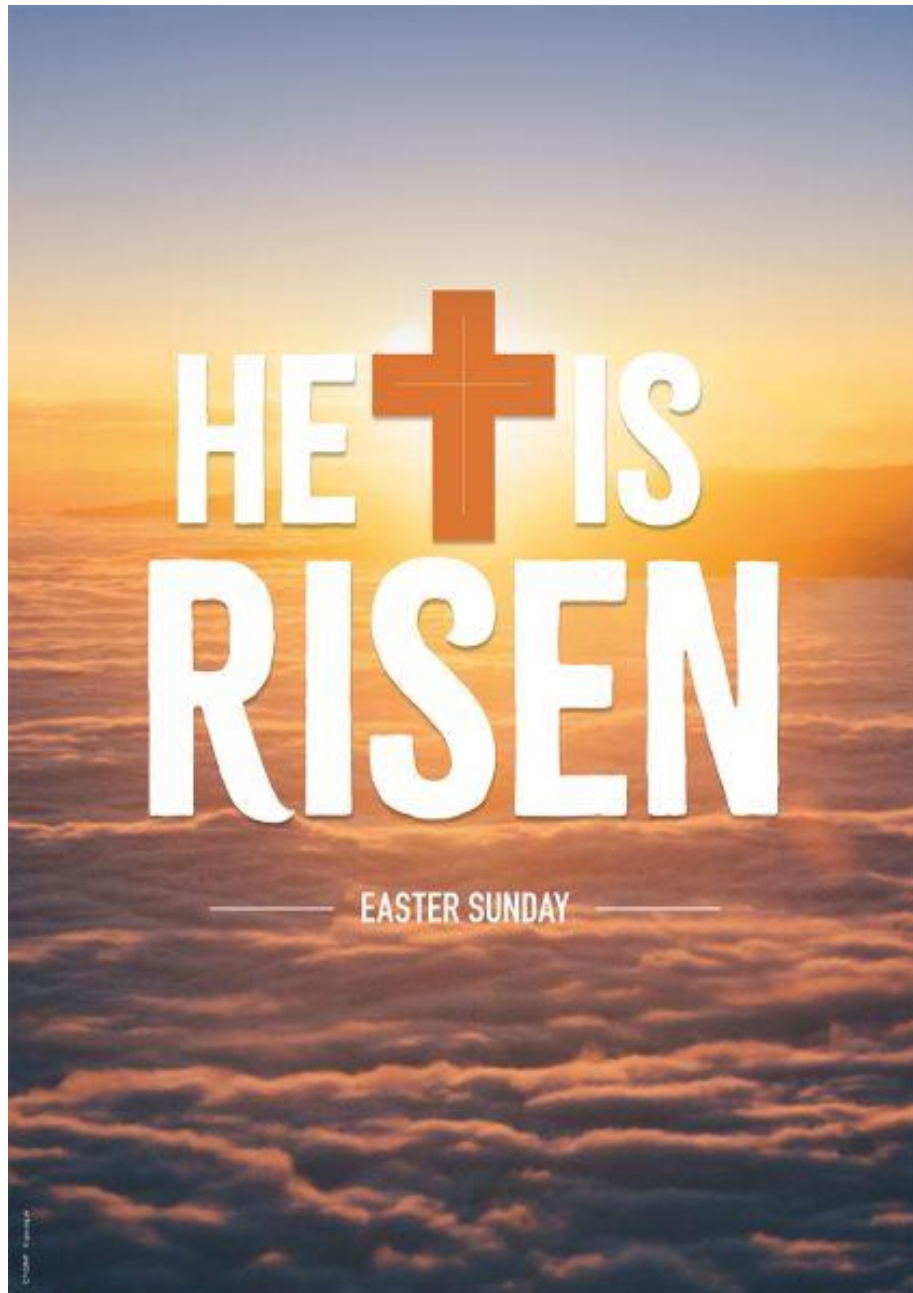
Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection 24 March 2024:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£304.00
GASDS Loose	£376.55
Non Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£349.07
Total Offertory	£1074.62
Bonus Ball	£ 58.00

Second Collection:

SVP: £206.20



Remember



Easter Day

30 March – 7 April 2024

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 30 March

8pm – Easter Vigil, Holy Family

Sunday, 31 March, Easter Day

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Mary Lamb, Norah Potter

Monday, 1 April, Monday of Easter Octave

6pm – Rosary, St Mark's

Ken Kavanagh

Tuesday, 2 April, Tuesday of Easter Octave

9am – Mass, Holy Family

10.45am – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

Special Intention, Howy Family

Ken Kavanagh

Wednesday, 3 April, Wednesday of Easter Octave

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, annexe

Thursday, 4 April, Thursday of Easter Octave

9am – Morning Prayer Online via Zoom (see website)

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Ann Stanley, Gemma Hunt,
David Prescott

Friday, 5 April, Friday of Easter Octave

9am – Mass, St Mark's

12.15pm – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Carol Bingham, Teresa Davies,
Danny Jennings

Kay Thomas

Saturday, 6 April

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Carol Bessy, Norah Potter

Sunday, 7 April, Second Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

People of the Parish

Mary Lamb, Norah Potter

Second Sunday of Easter

6 April – 14 April 2024

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 6 April

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Carol Bessy, Norah Potter

Sunday, 7 April, Second Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

People of the Parish
Monica Simpson, Hilda Cloherty,
Joan Fleming

Monday, 8 April,

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 9 April, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, Holy Family

11.45am – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

Robert O'Neill,
Ken Kavanagh
Mary Kenny

Wednesday, 10 April, Weekday of Easter

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, annex

10am – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Arthur Terry

Thursday, 11 April, Memorial of St Stanislaus

9am – Morning Prayer Online via Zoom (see website)

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Jo German, Tucker Hetherington,
John & Colette

Friday, 12 April, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Noreen Burns, Cath, Antonia

Saturday, 13 April

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Paul Lambert, Ann Booth

Sunday, 14 April, Third Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Mary Reid, Hilda Thomson
People of the Parish

