

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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31 July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Luke 12:13-21

Pointers for Prayer

1. “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions”, said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed”. Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up in saying, “If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans”. Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

Prayer

O God, the giver of every gift that endures, only by your grace can we rightly understand the wonder of life and why it is given. By the word of your Son challenge our foolishness, confront our greed and shape our lives to the wisdom of the Gospel. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Office

Please note due to staff holidays the office will be open on Thursday and Friday mornings only until week commencing 8 August.

Optional Mask Wearing

With the rise in COVID cases, if you feel vulnerable mask wearing is now optional.

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Johnson RIP, Karl Hart RIP, Kathleen Ball RIP, Rita Shreenan RIP, Paula Thomas RIP, 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, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane, John Birkenhead our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Congratulations!

On Saturday, 30 July the marriage of Joseph Gilroy and Helen Reynolds took place at Holy Family church. Please keep

Joseph, Helen and their families in your prayers as we wish them a long and happy life together

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy during August, sessions will resume in September.

When these sessions do resume and with the increased numbers we are welcoming to them, we really need additional support at all Masses but in particular 11am Mass. If you would like to become part of this wonderful team, please leave your details with the office or approach a current volunteer for more info.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Only a few dates remaining in December.

With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at jayne.wya@gmail.com

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 20 September at 7pm, location to be confirmed. All minutes are available on the parish website.

Halewood Foodbank

Over the past few weeks Halewood Foodbank has seen an increase in

numbers of people accessing their service. So we can support their activities we are reinstating the boxes at the back of Church where if you are able, you can leave tins or non-perishable goods which the SVP will take to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generous support.

What's On at the Irenaeus Centre
Agape Mass, 7pm on 4 August at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great George's Road, L22 1RD.

Also, Women's Weekend 'The Call of Creation' 16-18 September 2022. Residential places available, for more info contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or telephone 0151 949 1199.

On August 4, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests

John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest.

Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw

himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people.

Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor.

His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly and pilgrims travelled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional.

Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, the St John Vianney remained firm in his faith and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unfailing humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s.

John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness.

The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.

#Liverpool4Ukraine

What's Happening in our Diocese

Recently our six volunteer drivers arrived at the Ukraine border to deliver essential aid to Bishop Gregory. Please see the parish website for some images of the handover and a link to a video of COO Martin Miller interviewing Bishop Gregory Komar.

This trip would not have happened without the generous donations from our parishioners, we are still

welcoming donations. More details can be found here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support

Also, the Ukrainian Family Hub Warrington is looking for volunteers and hosts to support individuals and families in Ukraine who are seeking safety from the war.

More details are on the poster at the back of church, please share with anyone you think could support - every volunteer will make a difference.

Finally, a volunteer from our Ukraine appeal has been given 10 vestments that need to be taken to the Feed the Children shop in Walsingham. If anyone knows of a parish planning a Pilgrimage shortly and can transport the vestments there, please let Lizzie know.

Lizzie Horridge, Communications Manager, T: 522 1094, M: 07464 378 773, E: e.horridge@rcaol.org.uk

St Mary's, Woolton

Next monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong takes place on 26 August in their parish hall.

Lourdes Pilgrimage



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 parish community at friendly, informal meetings that start in the Autumn. Contact Peter for more info on 07707 917 554.

Nugent Appeal

Nugent care, educate, protect and inspire children young people, adults and families who are vulnerable and at risk through our schools, care homes, community and social work services. Nugent is over 140 years old and advocates for people and strives to be the voice for the voiceless.



See parish website for more photos from our young people in Lourdes.

RCIA Meetings

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

We are reaching out to you who may be able to support us in donated items for our new service 'The Orchards'— The Orchards is a supported living service in Billinge, Wigan for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or who are suffering with mental health issues.

The scheme will be a supported tenancy, where people will have access to a dedicated team to help support with housing benefits, understanding of tenancy agreements and how to maintain agreements.

There will be an onsite communal hub in one of the houses which will be split into different spaces with a variety of facilities for our residents. The purpose of the hub is to provide a safe environment where our beneficiaries can build meaningful friendships, engage in activities and develop their skills.

Giving our beneficiaries the opportunity to engage in different activities will build their confidence, increase their independence and help them to live a fulfilled life.

We are looking for support in sourcing items for the hub. Please check the parish website for further information and a look at their wish list. Are you able to donate any items? There are some big ticket items on their list but also items such as beanbags, cushions, gardening tools, kitchen items, stationery, face masks and towels.

If you think you may be able to support Nugent then they would be extremely grateful and would be delighted to recognise your contributions across their digital channels.

For more details contact Molly O'Neill, Fundraising Coordinator, email molly.o'neill@wearenugent.org

mobile 07776 515 762

We'll Care Social Evenings

Come along to our weekly Social Evening, EVERY Saturday evening, 6pm-9pm for adults with disabilities/ impairments and your support. Each week we will have a mix of disco, live music, quizzes, raffles, bingo and TV game shows.

Entrance fee is just £3pp. Food and drinks are available to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there! New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, Lichfield Road, Halewood, L26 1TT. For more information, please call me, Brian Powell, 07759 409 215.

Chronic Pain Support Group

The group meet between 2pm-4pm every last Friday of the month in St Mark's annexe to offer each other support, advice, tips and friendship all over a cuppa. Contact Ann Noons for further details on 07948 606 888. All in need welcome.

St Mark's Club

Star Night Entertainment & Disco

Save the Date

Saturday, 10 September

Doors open 7pm, tickets £6 available from the club.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, arrive 3.30pm, Saturday, 17 September until 7am, Tuesday, 20 September.

Caring for our Housebound Parishioners

Thanks to the generosity of our Eucharistic Ministers we are beginning to take Holy Communion to those who are unable join us at Mass. If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with our Eucharistic Ministers from there.

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, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Finance figures will be published on Maureen's return.

31 July second collection Parish Lourdes Fund.

Large Print Newsletters

We have produced a small number of enlarged newsletters for those parishioners who find the regular size a little tricky to read. These can be found at the back of church.



Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

30 July – 7 August 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 30 July,

**3pm – Marriage of Joseph Gilroy & Helen Reynolds,
Holy Family church**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 31 July, Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church

11am – Mass, Holy Family church

Special Anniversary,
Peter Crompton
Larry Devereaux,
Kevin, Manuella & Marianna

Monday, 1 August, Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori

6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer,
Holy Family church

Tuesday, 2 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family church

Laura Wakefield,
Tony Crompton

Wednesday, 3 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer,
St Mark's church

**12 noon – Requiem Mass for Rita Shreenan,
Holy Family church**

Thursday, 4 August, Memorial of St John Vianney

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

**10.30am – Funeral Service for Paula Thomas,
St Mark's church**

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's church

Lisa Crompton

Friday, 5 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass, St Mark's church

Joan Baxter

Saturday, 6 August,

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church

Sadie & Jimmy Devine

Sunday, 7 August, Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church

11am – Mass, Holy Family church

People of the Parish
Eileen Holland