

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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### **This Newsletter Covers: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time First Sunday of Lent**

**Luke 6:39-45**

#### **Pointers for prayer**

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
2. If we want to help other people we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
3. “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.” This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

#### **Prayer**

O God, our teacher and judge, hear our prayer as we gather at the table of your word. Enrich our hearts with the goodness of your wisdom and renew us from within, that all our actions, all our words, may bear the fruit of your transforming grace. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Office Opening

Due to staff holidays, the office will be closed on Thursday, 3 March and Friday, 4 March.

## Covid

While the law no longer dictates that face coverings must be worn in church **Archdiocesan guidelines state that face coverings continue to be strongly recommended for all those who come to church for all services.**

The call of Christian charity requires us to be concerned for each other and, in particular, those who are most vulnerable or who may be anxious. We will therefore continue with the current systems that have served us so well over these last months.

Fr Matthew

## Keep In Your Prayers

Rosaline Ann Cleary RIP, John Birkenhead, Tony Crompton, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Father Tony Reynolds RIP

**Vigil Mass:** Father Reynolds' body will be received into St Michael's Church, Ditton, Widnes for Mass at 7pm on Monday, 28 February.  
**Requiem Mass:** Tuesday, 1 March at St Mary's Church, Woolton at 12noon. Burial will follow in the churchyard at St Mary's, Woolton.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

## Baptismal Information

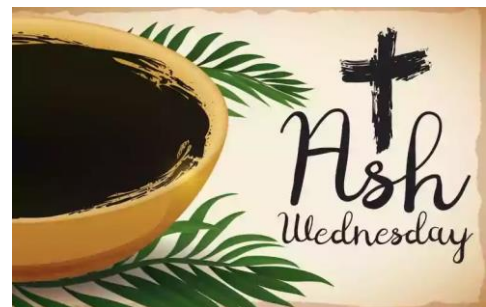
Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 7 March, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

## Forthcoming Baptisms:

Roma-Lily North, Orla-Rae North, Bodhi Ray Jago, Gerard Anthony Thompson, Carl Michael Thompson, Rosie Suzanne Wood, Emie Ann Woodier, Mia Macdonald, David Joseph Macdonald

## With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at [jayne.wya@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.wya@gmail.com)



Mass will take place on Wednesday, 2 March at 6.30pm at Holy Family Church.

## Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 1 March, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

## Walk of Witness

Liverpool Pax Christi invites you to the Ash Wednesday Walk of Witness on Wednesday, 2 March. Assemble 11.45am-12 noon at St Luke's Church at top of Bold Street. The walk will stop for prayers and music at the

Statue of Reconciliation in Bold Street, Church St, the Law Courts and ending at the Town Hall. Ashes will be distributed in Church Street. The walk is an act of repentance for war and for the UK's possession and expansion of the Trident nuclear weapons programme. We witness and pray for peace, nonviolence, the victims of war and violence and for our country to sign the UN Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. Pope Francis: "We must never grow weary of working to support the principal international legal instruments of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation."

### **Stations of the Cross**

#### **6.30pm, Friday's During Lent**

4 March, Holy Family

11 March, St Mark's

18 March, Holy Family

25 March, St Mark's

1 April, Holy Family

8 April, St Mark's

Good Friday, 10am, Holy Family

### **Missionaries of Charity**

#### **Carrying of the Cross**

This annual event will take place on Saturday, 9 April at 2pm. Join at the junction of Church Street/Lord Street. Stewards required please email Jim Ross jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers. All invited to come to either:

- Tuesday, 15 March, 6pm at St Mark's Church
- or
- Thursday, 17 March after 6.30pm Mass at St Mark's Church

To consider:

- Safeguarding
- Ministering at Mass
- Visiting the sick and housebound

This is refresher training for current Eucharistic Ministers and an opportunity for those considering this ministry to find out what is involved. We are hoping to arrange full training for those considering joining this ministry but we need to know numbers so please come along.

An information pack will be distributed to current Eucharistic Ministers. Please bring with you the Rite of Communion sheet or book that you use to provide communion in the home.

### **CAFOD "Walk Against Hunger"**

Many people are taking part in the CAFOD "Walk Against Hunger" Campaign to help families whose lives are in danger because of hunger and malnutrition.

Instead of walking 5K a day, Jim Farrell will be walking 110K during Holy Week. Jim and Ann Farrell will be walking part of the "Via Francigena" Pilgrimage, from Viterbo

(starting 9 April) to Rome - walking into Rome on Maunday Thursday.

Rather than asking for sponsorship separately for our walk, we would ask that you use the CAFOD envelopes to make a donation to the CAFOD “Walk Against Hunger” Campaign - just write “WALK” on the envelope and we will know you want to contribute to “Walk Against Hunger”. Feel free to fill in the gift aid information if you are able. Return your envelope to the parish office or in the offertory baskets or direct to CAFOD. Many thanks for your support.

**World Day of Prayer  
Friday, 4 March, 1pm  
St Columba's, Hunts Cross  
All Welcome**

Each year the Churches of Halewood and Hunts Cross come together for World Day of Prayer which is celebrated in over 170 countries. The Day of Prayer begins with sunrise in Samoa and travels across the world finishing some 39 hours later in American Samoa using an identical service said in many different languages but all united in our worship of God.

This year the service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is “I know the plans I have for you” from Jeremiah and reflects on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, how we can find hope in

difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other. Please join us at St Columba's, the service will be followed by refreshments inspired by the Home Counties.

**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 bereavement drop in session will take place on Tuesday, 22 March at 2pm.

**Rite of Election**

The Pastoral Development Department together with the RCIA Core Group, is pleased to announce that the Rite of Election and Call to Continuous Conversion will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent (6 March) at 3pm. An information pack will be sent out to all parishes. The Retreat Day will be on 9 April in Formby with an outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated in Lydiate on 9 June.

Paul Taylor from our parish will be initiated on 6 March so please do keep Paul and his family and all those on their faith journey in our prayers as we joyfully accompany them.

**Side by Side**

Join us for this interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies

people in life and faith. We'll consider how deepening our practice of accompaniment will help our Catholic community be recognised as relevant and impactful and how it will offer us hope for the growth of our parishes and communities. We invite you to attend with a partner, to accompany one another throughout the day (if you are coming alone, let us know and we'll pair you up with someone). Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided. To register, email your name, parish and which event you will be attending to [registration@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:registration@rcaol.org.uk)

The events will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, 19 March: 10am–4pm at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA (formally known as LACE).

(Same event repeated)

Sunday, 20 March 12noon–6pm at the same venue (There will be Mass at 11am on the Sunday celebrated by the Archbishop)

**Mother's Day at  
St Mark's Parish Club  
FREE Admission!**

Sunday, 27 March, disco and karaoke from 5pm, main act from 8pm, please come along and support our club if you are able.

## **Belong & Believe**

*How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.*

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday Reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7pm-8pm on zoom using the Café resource: Belong and Believe during Lent. There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss and although the course will be run online, it is possible to join and interact as a parish group. If you would like to lead the course in your parish and need more information, contact the PD department: [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk)

March 7 - Building Welcoming Communities

March 14 - Growing in Faith Together

March 21 - Renewed in the Holy Spirit

March 28 - Caring for God's Creation

April 4 - Evangelising with Love & Action

You can register for the zoom reflections here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/registration/tZ0ldO6oqD0sE9GOs3Eewqn1hNhwxPPFpG6> or on the website: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development)

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Any young person currently in Year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close

on Monday, 21 March. To register they should visit [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

### **Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's All Welcome**

Many thanks to those who came along to our church cleaning sessions. The next dates are:

Wednesday, 2 March, 8.30am  
Wednesday, 6 April, 8.30am  
Wednesday, 4 May, 8.30am

### **Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners**

Before the pandemic our Eucharistic Ministers were able to regularly take Holy Communion to those unable to come to church for Mass. We wait to see when and how this important ministry may safely be resumed. In the meantime, we need to ensure that we have an up-to-date list of all those in need of such support. So, if you, or someone you know of, are housebound and would appreciate the support of receiving Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office and leave details.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

If anyone is in need of receiving the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick

please approach Fr Matthew at Mass or contact the 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.

### **RCIA Meetings**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process given to us by the Church to initiate adults and older children into Christianity as it is lived within the Roman Catholic tradition. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along to these meetings which take place every Tuesday, 7.30pm, St Mark's Annexe. Contact Peter for more info 07707 917 554.

### **Parish Finance**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 234.00
GASDS Loose	£ 258.50
GASDS Envelopes	£ 50.00
Standing Orders	£ 356.15
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 898.65</b>
Bonus Ball 20	£ 58.00

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# First Sunday of Lent

**5 March – 13 March 2022**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 5 March**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Joseph Cullinan,  
Ron Carpenter

**Sunday, 6 March, First Sunday of Lent**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish  
Fr Des Power, Mr Daby &  
Sheelat Family

**Monday, 7 March, Weekday of Lent**

6pm-7pm

Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church

**Tuesday, 8 March, Weekday of Lent**

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Andrew Ritchie,  
Carol Hall

**Wednesday, 9 March, Weekday of Lent**

10am-11am

Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church

**Thursday, 10 March, Weekday of Lent**

9am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website)

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Fr Des Power, Peter Irvine

**Friday, 11 March, Weekday of Lent**

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

Ann Parks, Diane Joliffe

**Saturday, 12 March, Weekday of Lent**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Joan Coburn, Steven Lloyd

**Sunday, 13 March, Second Sunday of Lent**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm - Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Colin Birkett,  
Margaret Delaney  
People of the Parish