

# Newsletter

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## 9 January 2022 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

### Luke 3:15-16,21-22

#### Pointers for prayer

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Peggy Delaney RIP, Thomas Lyons RIP, Maureen Fleming, Peter Crompton (Snr), Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The family of Peggy Delaney have been in touch with the office and requested a note be popped in the newsletter regarding the loss of their mother. Peggy was a parishioner from 1965 until she went into a nursing home in 2017, she sadly passed away on Monday, 3 January.

## **Private Prayer & Exposition**

Our churches are open as usual for you to spend some quiet time in the presence of Our Lord.

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 7 February, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All

enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

## *Baptisms this weekend:*

Leo Anthony Stewart

Lola Sue Askew

Willow-Rose Catherine Soderberg-Dean

## **Rite of Welcome**

5.15pm: Alfie Jacob Hoey, Teddy Joseph Walsh, Ronnie Bert Cassidy.

9.15am: Mila McClone.

11am: Rosie Suzanne Wood, Orla-Rae North, Roma-Lily North, Bodhi Ray Jago.

## **With You Always Programme**

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

## **Parish Council**

Tuesday, 11 January 2022, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room unless otherwise informed.

## 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.



This year our parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee opening of St Mark's Church. As we look to plan an event to observe this important time in the history of our community, we would like to invite parishioners to provide memorabilia of the actual opening occasion which they may have and are happy to share.

If you could have a little rummage and drop any items you feel may be useful

for a display with the parish office we would be grateful.

## Universal Synod 2023

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from Monday, 10 January 2022, as well as submit your responses online at

[www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023). The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022. For queries: [vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk).

## **Memorial Lecture 2022**

**Sunday, 16 January, 2pm-4pm**

Speaker: Dr Lorna Gold. The J&P Commission is delighted to confirm that Dr Lorna Gold will be joining us on Zoom for what promises to be a very relevant and timely talk looking at the environment in relation to Synodality for the Memorial Lecture 2022. To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8485828888>  
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### **Thank You**

The SVP would like to express their thanks to our parish community for all the support you have given the team during 2021 enabling them to continue providing care in it's many forms to those on our doorstep and beyond. Your generosity has allowed groceries to be bought along with gas and electricity bills being paid for those who are struggling so thank you very much.

The SVP would also like to thank Halewood Town Council for a donation they received from their Community Grant Scheme.

### **SVP Meeting**

This will take place on Wednesday, 12 January at 7pm in St Mark's Annexe.

### **St Maria Goretti**

St Maria Goretti - special works conference within our SVP, is appealing to all parishioners for help. We currently have just 3 members, 2 females and 1 male. More info available on our website or contact Cathy Bradley, 07534 780 731, email [chattymc6@gmail.com](mailto:chattymc6@gmail.com)

### **Bereavement Drop In**

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

This will take place on Tuesday, 18 January at 2pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you need to talk in confidence, please come along for a chat over a cuppa.

## **Religious Christmas Cards**

Margaret Campbell is collecting used religious Christmas cards. Please put them in the box at the back of church, thank you.

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

### **All Welcome**

Wednesday, 12 January, 8.30am

Wednesday, 2 February, 8.30am

## **Lourdes Nominations**

If you wish to nominate someone from our parish to go to Lourdes in 2022 and be supported through our fund, please contact the office as soon as possible.

## **LGBT+**

Social Group in the Parish of Sts Agnes and Aidan for members of the LGBT+ community. This group gathers regularly on every third Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, L36 5SQ.

## **Parish Finance**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest. Finance figures for the last few weekends will appear next week.

Second collection 9 January, Parish Building Fund.

Bonus Ball Winners:

Wednesday, 29 December, 58.

Wednesday, 5 January, 14.

## **Nugent**

On Saturday 5 February 2022, Nugent will be asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to be homeless. The event's venue is Strawberry Field based in Woolton where today it provides sustainable employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties. By taking part in Sleep Out with Nugent, you will help to raise money for our New Beginnings project which aims to

provide good quality temporary accommodation for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have support needs.

The funds raised will provide support packages for those who have been suffering from homelessness when transitioning into their accommodation. It will provide the basic essentials such as pots, pans and towels, items which we often take for granted. To help raise money for Nugent, you can set up a free fundraising page with Local Giving where you can keep track of your donations, have your own fundraising link and thank your supporters. Visit the link for more info

<https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/>

### **Coffee Pot Social**

Every Wednesday between 10am-12 noon at St Columba's. All welcome. Also here, every Friday between 10am-1pm South Liverpool Zero

Waste Community Group distribute surplus food to local people in need.

### **From Anna McCracken at the Reader, Calderstones Mansion House : Life Letters**

LIFE LETTERS volunteers write fortnightly to residents including their own chatty news and also a poem with prompts to help them to get into it. Care home staff can use the letters flexibly - they are personally addressed to the residents and can be given to someone who has the capacity to read and enjoy themselves or read aloud to residents who would not be able to access them independently. We envisage that visitors could also use the letters as prompts to deeper conversation with loved ones. In the pilot, one care home activities coordinator turned off the TV in the lounge to read the letter to a group of women and used the prompts to help build discussion. "The letter was wonderful, B enjoyed reading and talking about it and loved

that someone had gone to the trouble of writing to us” (care home activities coordinator feedback). If you’d be interested in writing letters on this project, we have opportunities for you to be involved – for more details just email

[support@thereader.org.uk](mailto:support@thereader.org.uk)

### **Funny Money & Used Postage Stamps**

Remember, the office loves to receive these. We send them to Nugent who somehow turn them into much needed funds to continue their amazing work.

### **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.



# Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

**8 January – 16 January 2022**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 8 January,**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Kenny O'Donovan,  
Ann Davis

**Sunday, 9 January, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish  
Eileen Gus,  
Sisters of Mother Teresa

**Monday, 10 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tuesday, 11 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Anita Davis, Esther Harris

**Wednesday, 12 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Thursday, 13 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website)

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Barbara Stanley,  
Denis Riley

**Friday, 14 January, Memorial of St Kentigern**

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11.45am – Requiem Mass for Thomas Lyons  
at St Mark's Church

Bernadette Kelly, Les Peers

**Saturday, 15 January**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 16 January, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Marruella, Dave Bamber  
Mary Rice, Anne Howard