

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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6 August 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, p173

Matthew 17:1-9

Pointers for Prayer

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are and what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus and God. Recall when that happened and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him". Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of special joy?
4. After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?

Prayer

God of glory, it is good for us to be here. Reveal your Son to us now in the message of the prophets and the witness of the apostles, that we may heed his voice and receive him in faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Keep In Your Prayers

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

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 4 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and we have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

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, 5 September, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Thank You

Paula Begley would like to thank all those who attended the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Mark's Parish Centre which raised an amazing £500. Now that's a lot of coffee, cake and laughter!

Also, thanks to Annette Donougher for volunteering for the ministry of flower arranging at Holy Family. Annette began displaying fresh flowers this week which is a wonderful way for our parish to engage in the beauty and dignity of celebration. Discerning use of flowers can indicate the relative importance of particular occasions and signify the keeping of particular seasons so we thank those involved at both of our churches for the time they give to this ministry.

Finally, a very big thank you to Gerry Murphy and George Pinnington for their work refurbishing all the kneelers at St Mark's church this year. They've done an exceptional job and the results speak for themselves (see photos on website/back of church). Just one of the many examples of the

wonderful work that volunteers can and are doing in a spirit of service to the parish community.

Cursillo England & Wales

On 12 August, Cursillo England & Wales will be holding National Ultreya at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Freshfields, L37 1 PH from 1.30pm. The day will include Mass, faith sharing, talks, witnesses and refreshments. All are welcome, please bring your family & friends. For further information contact Jenny on 07947 271 037 or email liverpool-cursillo@live.co.uk

Archdiocesan

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

See the parish website for photos.

RCIA Catechists

Peter Renwick is looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly on 07707 917 554.

The archdiocese are also running an RCIA workshop so if you'd like to find out more then please register at: rcia@rcaol.org.uk

Workshop dates:

•18 September: 6.45pm-8pm
St Joseph's Church, Wrightington,
WN6 9PA

•25 September 6.45pm-8pm

St Bede's Guild Hall, Widnes,
WA8 6EL

•30 September 11am-12.30pm
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral,
L3 5TQ

The Big Picture

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Would you like to understand the Bible and God's Big Plan? Take your faith journey further by digging into the scriptures and crying out to the Holy Spirit to unlock His plan. The Big Picture is a bible sharing journey over 12 sessions with accompanying videos, book and group discussion. We will be doing this in the annexe at St Mark's at a time to suit most people. Leave your name and number with the parish office (486 3992) if you are interested.

Appeal from Nugent

Nugent is in urgent need of donations for both their food pantry and charity shop.

Charity Shop, Allerton Road would welcome the following items: clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac. Unfortunately they are unable to accept toys, soft toys, furniture or electrical items.

Food Pantry, St Anne's would welcome the following items: biscuits, jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned custard, rice pudding, coffee, hot chocolate, cans of

coke/lemonade etc noodles, pot noodles, rice, tinned carrots, potatoes, chickpeas, sweetcorn, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, washing powder.

Jesuit Institute Summer Pilgrimage
14-18 September, cost £290. A guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults (18-35 years). As the group move through this beautiful landscape, they will reflect too on their journey through life. The outer journey will take the group on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. For more information email eharrison@jesuit.org.uk

Liverpool Cares

Liverpool Cares is a community network of younger and older neighbours hanging out and helping one another in our rapidly changing city. Liverpool Cares brings older and younger people together – to share time, laughter, new experiences and friendship – so that everyone can feel part of our changing city, rather than left behind by it.

For more info on what they do and how to get involved telephone 659 1789 or visit:
<https://liverpoolcares.org.uk/about-us>

Ask For Ellen

Morrisons have partnered with Warburtons with their 'Ask For Ellen' campaign. Just 'Ask for Ellen' at any Morrison's café and get a portion of

two standard crumpets with butter and jam for free, no questions asked. It runs until 13 August. Why Ellen? She was the founder of Warburtons bakery in 1876.

Christ's College Reunion **18-20 August 2023**

Dennis Hardiman and Rose Hanley are organising a 50th reunion on the weekend of Friday, 18 - Sunday, 20 August 2023 for those students who left Christ's College in 1973. On Saturday, 19 a gala dinner will be held on the Liverpool Hope University campus. Accommodation is also available to book on-site. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Alumni Office at Liverpool Hope for more details by emailing alumni@hope.ac.uk

Craft Workshop

The Irenaeus Project will be putting on regular Craft Workshops and you must book in order to secure your place. To do so, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199. The Irenaeus Project, Liverpool, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

Talks at Irenaeus

The Shaping of Things to Come: Reflecting on the life and ministries of our parishes. How can we move into the future? 7pm - 8.30pm.

A series of talks throughout September by the Irenaeus Project. Will also be on 12, 19 and 26

September. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk, or phone 0151 949 1199.

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry – Apply Now

The Archdiocese are now accepting applications for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry run by Loyola University, Chicago. It is for anyone interested in beginning to support their church, as well as those who already are. Whether you're a Parish Secretary, a School Chaplain, a Catechist, a general helper or involved in any other form of Pastoral Ministry, this course could be for you.

The teaching format is flexible and is perfect for those with busy lives as well as for people with a little time on their hands. There is a cost of £2,100 but it is possible to apply for funding, so please contact Elizabeth in the Pastoral Development Department for more info: tel: 522 1094, mob: 07464 378 773, email: e.williams@rcaol.org.uk

Choir Chaperones

Our Cathedral are looking to recruit a pool of Choir Chaperones to support the music department in their work by supervising choristers and other young people under 18 in the cathedral choir, ensuring their safety and wellbeing whilst in the care of the Cathedral.

It is envisaged that a small team of Chorister Chaperones will work

variable hours to provide cover at rehearsals and events primarily as follows: Tuesday to Thursday – 2.30pm-6.00pm and Sunday – 9.15am-4.00pm.

The role is permanent, working flexibly on a rota basis during the academic year for 40 weeks in total (candidates selected to attend for interview will be asked to confirm their availability from the rota specified above), £10.42 per hour. You will be based at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool and will be required to travel to educational institutions and parishes across the Archdiocese. Must be available to start 1 September 2023.

For an informal chat about the role, please contact Dr Christopher McElroy (Director of Music) on 0151 708 7283. Closing date Friday, 11 August. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check. Call 0151 522 1102 for an application pack and further details.

Summer FREE Family Film Schedule at the Victoria Gallery (University Clocktower Building)
Visit the parish website for the full schedule of movies.

Many Hands Make Light Work
If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks to help keep our churches clean then please contact:

Julia Clark on 07925 368 140
for Holy Family
Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691
for St Mark's

Cleaning dates are as follows:

Holy Family church:
Tuesday mornings from 9.30am

St Mark's church:
Wednesday, 9 August, 9am
Saturday, 19 August, 8.30am
Wednesday, 23 August, 9am

Of course, if these dates and times are unsuitable, alternatives can be arranged.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear! Communion at Home can be arranged, but you need to let us know!** Please get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will pop round to pray with you and see what 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

Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community.

If you would like to make your donation via Standing Order – this is the best and easiest option for those who are able – just contact your bank online or on the phone and set up a standing order for whatever amount you would like to give to the collection, our parish account details can be found below.

Alternatively, print off and complete the form which is available on the parish website. Please use your surname as the reference number. If you would like help completing a form then please just call in to the parish office on either Monday or Tuesday mornings.

Name: St John Vianney (240)

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-29-12

Account number: 8221 5810 and do please send an email to let the office know that this is what you are doing.

Collection for Sunday, 30 July 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£178.85
GASDS Loose	£349.75
Non Gift Aid	£ 60.40
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£ 956.23
Bonus Ball 16	£ 58.00

Second Collection:

Parish Lourdes Fund

£164.25

Second Collections:

6 August, SVP

27 August, Parish Building Fund



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

5 August – 13 August 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 5 August

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 6 August,

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Margaret Whittle, Ladies Group,
Tony Milligan

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Sadie & Jimmy Devine,
Diane Lynes

Monday, 7 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm -Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 8 August, Memorial of St Dominic

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Jimmy Farrelly, Fr Vin McShane

Wednesday, 9 August, Feast of St Teresa Benedicta

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 10 August, Feast of St Lawrence

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Margaret Hannah,
Deacon Peter Renwick

Friday, 11 August, Memorial of St Clare

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Eileen Trier, Alma Fagan,
Eileen Ireland

Saturday, 12 August

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Robert Joyce

Sunday, 13 August,

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Joan Carr, Mary Russell,
Ann & Matt

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish