

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**16 July 2023**

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p102**

### **Matthew 13:1-23** **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?
2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another - the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?
3. "We are wasting our time here" may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

### **Prayer**

God of the heavens, God of the earth, all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son, that his gospel may grow within us and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen



This Sunday, our very own Peter Renwick will be ordained as a permanent deacon at the Cathedral along with 2 others who have been training with him over these last years. We are delighted that so many parishioners are attending this event and everyone is welcome to come along to the Parish Centre from 5pm that afternoon to enjoy light refreshments as we celebrate this wonderful occasion.

If you are unable to join Peter at the Cathedral on this day, you can watch the ordination live via the link which can be found on the parish website where there is also a link to the Order of Service for the Mass so you can join in the service wherever you might be.

**Please note the new coach departure time.**

**The coach will now leave St Mark's church at 2pm. Please arrive no later than 1.45pm at St Mark's as the coach will depart at 2pm for the cathedral.**

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Alan Meyler RIP, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, 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.

## **Rite of Welcome**

5.15pm: Thea Alexandra Astles

11am: Penelope Fleetwood

## **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.

Baptisms this weekend:

Eva Carolin Tipping  
Ava Yan Yee Yip  
Charlotte Alicja Dineley  
Olivia Joan Dineley

Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and

we have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

## **Many Hands Make Light Work**



Across the Parish we are blest with the number of people who tend and care for the day to day needs of our churches. Our small cleaning teams maintain a high standard of dignity to our places of worship, always going the extra mile to ensure that our health and safety standards are met, we owe a debt of gratitude to them all for the pride they take in our community and in their work.

Holy Family church in particular are appealing for additional support. If you feel that you could contribute a couple of hours each week then please contact the parish office with your name and telephone number, the office staff will then put you in touch with those who currently help with this essential parish ministry or contact Julia Clark directly on 07925 368 140. Julia is usually at Holy Family church Tuesday mornings

from 9am and at 11am Mass on Sunday.

Cleaning dates are as follows:

St Mark's church:

Saturday, 15 July, 8.30am

Wednesday, 19 July, 9am

Saturday, 5 August, 8.30am

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. Please contact Ann if you'd like to help at St Mark's but on a different day perhaps on 07855 981 691.

## **Celebrating Grandparents**

On Sunday, 23 July the Catholic Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). The Catholic Grandparents Association has great resources for grandparents to help encourage faith in their families [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org). On this day may we reassure them that

they are loved and that they are needed.

### **RCIA Catechists**

Peter Renwick is now 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 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.

### **Parish Celebrations**

Links to the photos taken at the Masses at St Mark's church and Holy Family church to celebrate their 50 year anniversaries can be found on our website.

### **Annual Nugent Gala**

When: Thursday, 9 November

Where: Rum Warehouse, Titanic Hotel, Liverpool

Nugent invite you all to an evening of welcome drinks, a three-course meal, entertainment and an opportunity to engage in fundraising for Nugent! During the evening you will be able to hear more about the vital work Nugent carry out within our communities and help raise funds to extend their community support even further! To book your tickets, please visit <https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/events/gala/>

If you are interested in sponsorship or prize donation opportunities, please get in touch with their Fundraising Team - [fundraising@wearenugent.org](mailto:fundraising@wearenugent.org) or ring Emma Foy, Fundraising and Events Coordinator, Nugent, E: [Emma.Foy@wearenugent.org](mailto:Emma.Foy@wearenugent.org) M: 07341 864 180.

### **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



Do something amazing and support this event which is taking place in St Mark's Parish Centre at 11.30am on Tuesday, 25 July.

### **LGBTQ+ Mass**

The next Mass for the LGBTQ+ community and their families is this Sunday, 16 July at 2pm, All Saints Church, Anfield, L4 2QG. All are welcome to attend this Mass and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

### **Love to Move**

#### **Chair-based Exercise Class**

Gentle chair-based exercises, tea and chat on Tuesday's, 1.30pm-3pm, free but donations always welcome in St Mary's Parish Hall, 25 July. All welcome. For further info contact Ann on 428 2256.

#### **Jack Traynor Remembrance Day**

12noon-4pm, St Patrick's church, Park Place, L8 5RD. All are welcome to the heritage day which reflects on 100 years since the first Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage.

#### **Time Out at The Cenacle Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree**

Tuesday's: 10 October,  
14 November, 12 December

Saturday's: 22 July,  
28 October, 25 November

Take a break from your daily routine and have some space to reflect, be still and be refreshed. Day begins at 10.30am and ends about 4pm, suggested offering for the day £10, bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. For further info ring 722 2271.

#### **Parish Recycling**

Remember to recycle used batteries, used postage stamps and any funny

money you have collecting dust in those drawers. Please recycle at the back of church and we'll do the rest.

### **How to Receive this Newsletter by Email**

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Click on the Latest tab.

Scroll down the page until you see Newsletter via email and click on this.

Complete the form and press Send.

If you need help then please ring the parish office and they will guide you through the process.

### **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

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Collection for Sunday, 9 July 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£311.00
GASDS Loose	£357.70
Non Gift Aid	£ 50.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1085.93</b>
Bonus Ball 45	£ 58.00

Second collections:

16 July, Priests in Retirement

30 July, Parish Lourdes Fund



*Coffee & Chat*

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

Holy Family church – every Sunday  
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



## School Summer Break

As our schools look forward to their summer break, we wish all children, young people and school staff a safe and happy summer holiday.

## Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**15 July – 23 July 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 15 July**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 16 July, Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Peter Renwick, Alma Fagan  
Melba Arango Arango

**Monday, 17 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 18 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Kevin Urdin

**1.45pm – Funeral Service, Springwood Crem**

**Alan Meyler**

**Wednesday, 19 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

2pm – Mass, Maple Lodge

Residents

**Thursday, 20 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

10am – Mass, Holy Family

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Year 6 School Leavers  
Tony Milligan, Rachel Percival,  
Danny

**Friday, 21 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Mary Warbrick, Sue F,  
Mary Russell

**Saturday, 22 July**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ronnie Moore, Fr Vin McShane,  
Jimmy Farrelly

**Sunday, 23 July, Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

May McGrath, Larry Flaherty,  
Eileen Ireland  
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