

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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**15 May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

John 13:31-35 Pointers for Prayer

1. Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
2. 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
4. Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you?

Prayer

We behold your glory, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Increase our love for one another, that both in name and in truth we may be disciples of the risen Lord Jesus and so reflect in our lives the glory that is yours. We ask this through Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



During this month of May, a decade of the rosary will be prayed after Exposition in our churches. All welcome.

Keep In Your Prayers

May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Roy Lewis RIP, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Hennessy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane, John Birkenhead our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Please note all our baptism places are now filled until September 2022 but you can still come along and register to secure a future date.

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 6 June, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Albie William Broadwell
Hunter Stevie Owens
Lewis Eric See
Ivy Rose Ryan-Corrie

9.15am: Mila-Sky Bold
Maya Mary Jones

11am: Lola Rose Gordon
Darcie Christine Gillespie
Freddie James Myles
Arthur George Martin

With You Always Programme
Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at
jayne.wya@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.

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 24 May at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you will be made most welcome.



Save the Date!

Friday, 3 June, 2pm-4pm

Our Ladies Group are organising a simple afternoon tea style event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend to which you are all invited.

This will be held at St Mark's Parish Club and afternoon tea plates will cost just £3 for which you can pay on the door. There will be a raffle (of course) and music playing so please do come along and enjoy what we hope will be a pleasant afternoon relaxing together and catching up.



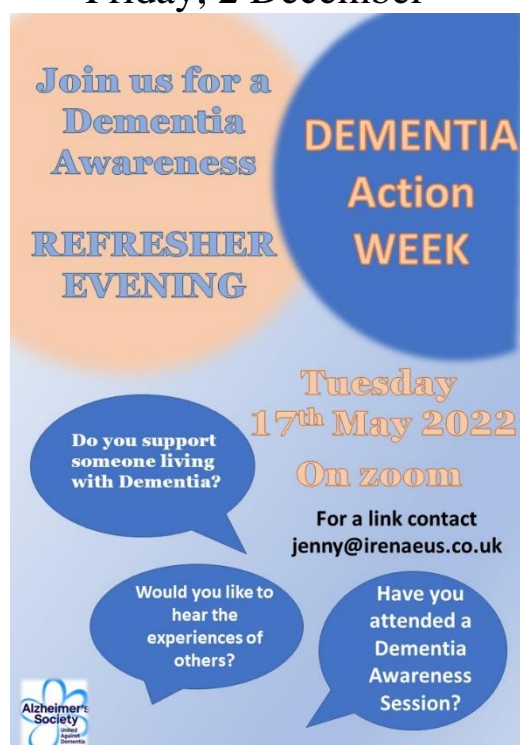
St Mary's Woolton

Friday, 20 May, 2pm-4pm, we will be hosting a Strawberry Cream Tea event to mark National Dementia Awareness Week 2022 (our monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong session will still take place on Friday, 27 May, 2pm-4pm).

As always, the event will take place in the parish hall and there will be fun entertainment, Love-to-Move taster sessions, together with take-away information for people living with dementia and signposting for carers.

Afternoon Tea &
Singalong Events, 2pm-4pm:

Friday, 27 May
Friday, 24 June
Friday, 29 July
Friday, 26 August
Friday, 30 September
Friday, 28 October
Friday, 2 December



Join us for a
**Dementia
Awareness**
**REFRESHER
EVENING**

**DEMENTIA
Action
WEEK**

**Tuesday
17th May 2022**
On zoom

Do you support
someone living
with Dementia?

Would you like to
hear the
experiences of
others?

Have you
attended a
Dementia
Awareness
Session?

For a link contact
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Alzheimer's
Society
United Kingdom

Covid Guidance Update

With the reduction in infection rates in recent times the use of face coverings in church is optional. However, please continue to be sensitive to those who feel vulnerable and those who find the use of facemasks helpful in enabling them to be in church.

Notre Dame Association

This is a reminder that the Liverpool Notre Dame's St Julie Day is on 22 May, starting at 10.30am onwards at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo, cost £20 including a hot two course meal. If anyone wishes to attend, please contact Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173 for menu choices & further details by 17 May. Come & join us for a great day out!

News from our Pastoral Development Department Laudato Si Week 22-29 May

The weeklong global event will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of God's creation. The theme for the week is "Listening and Journeying Together." The eight-day global event will be guided by the following quote from Pope Francis' Laudato Si': *"Bringing the human family together to protect our common home"* (LS 13).

Locally, thousands of events will bring the message of Laudato Si' to everyday Catholics, helping bring this

global celebration to life and changing countless communities around the world. For events globally see <https://laudatosiweek.org/allevnts/>

If you come across any ideas that you would like to share, please email the PD department at pd@rcaol.org.uk

The Woodland Trust is offering free trees for schools and communities! Choose your pack(s) from the list online and fill out the application form. There are two delivery periods per year, one in March and one in November. They are currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in November 2022. For full details: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

Also for parishes, schools, community groups: Count your plastic for one week 16-22 May 2022.

Across the country, households of all shapes and sizes, schools, community groups and businesses, will gather new evidence. How much plastic are we really having to throw away and what happens to it?

We'll show the government it's time to commit: reduce single plastic use by 50% by 2025 by switching to reusable options that work for everyone. To sign up and for more information visit <https://thebigplasticcount.com>

Journey into Prayer Cenacle, Wavertree

Prayer forms part of our lives, as Christians, but sometimes we struggle with dryness, boredom or lack of enthusiasm. We need a booster, some ideas to encourage and support us but often we draw blanks as we try to find how to make prayer meaningful in our daily lives. As a way of responding to many calls for help we are planning to run a course exploring the many rich methods of prayer in our Christian Tradition. The course will comprise of 12 fortnightly, sessions, beginning in September 2022 and ending after Easter 2023. They will be on Tuesdays from 10am–3pm. We plan the day to include some teaching on the various traditions, time to explore the method and some sharing on how it was for each one.

We know prayer is about our relationship with the God who loves us unconditionally. It's not about 'getting it right', being perfect at it, spending hours at it. It is about finding what helps me, now, how to deepen this relationship that I already have and maybe help others too. We are all on the journey of deepening our relationship with the God of Love, and from time to time we all need a helping hand to guide us on the way.

For an application and more details email cenacleliverpool@gmail.com by 1 August 2022. Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool L15 6TW.

Llysfasi Spirituality Workshop

(www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk)

Workshop based principally on the dynamics of the spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. The first days are dedicated to an experiential journey through the major life themes of the Exercises.

12–29 August, at Foxhill House and Woodlands, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6XB. Workshop Facilitators: Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS, Richard Sloan, Sheila McNamara RSCJ, Silvia Bereczki HHS. For further details email Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS
maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com

A Silent Retreat

‘Come Holy Spirit’ led by Sr Moira Meeghan, a time of quiet prayer and reflection at 7pm on Friday, 27 May and 1pm on Sunday, 29 May at The Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool, L22 1RD, to book or for further info ring 0151 949 1199.

Parish of St Agnes & Aidan LGBT+ Group

The group gathers regularly every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ. For details contact:
hollyfenn1999@hotmail.co.uk

Latest News from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region

*Pentecost Walk 2022/Platinum
Jubilee Pentecost Party in Liverpool*

The big emphasis of the jubilee weekend on Sunday will be community street parties which will be held throughout the country. The main event at the Pentecost Walk 2022 is a Platinum street party type celebration for all generations in the Anglican Cathedral, with long trestle tables, space for family picnics, rugs on the floor and lots of bunting! This is to join in with the Queens Platinum Jubilee as well as celebrating the joy of Pentecost. Please bring your families and church communities along!

Timings: Pentecost Sunday, 5 June

3pm: 10 minutes open air service at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

3.15pm: Please note that the walk down Hope Street which is scheduled to take place at 3.15pm needs to be confirmed and updates will be posted on the CTMR website at <https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx>. If it is possible there would be a mass community choir – children may be waving flags or banners.

3.45pm: 15 minutes all age service in the Anglican Cathedral - maybe with some action songs and readings.

4pm-4.45pm: Picnic time and activities.

5pm: Pack up time and finish.

Would you consider getting involved in the Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party?

Would you be interested in bringing some families, church communities and friends along?

Would you be willing to lead an activity e.g. craft table/face painting/circus skills/percussion workshop? Whatever you enjoy and find easy!

Please contact 'In Another Place' directly admin@inanotherplace.com if you would like to lead an activity.

For more information on the above please visit the CTMR website.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Resources

'Thy Kingdom Come': 26 May to 5 June 2022. Find out more about the worldwide #ecumenical prayer movement by visiting their website.

Jubilee Resources for Churches

To find resources to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee please follow <https://ctbi.org.uk/celebrate-the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

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.

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	£299.00
GASDS Loose	£256.60
GASDS Envelopes	£ 55.00
Standing Orders	£297.77
Total Offertory	£908.37
Bonus Ball 26	£ 55.00
Second collection	
Priests Training Fund	£285.35

Second collection next weekend is for our SVP.

Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2022

Tuesday, 17 May marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ the source of all
consolation and hope. Be the refuge
and guardian of all who suffer from
abuse and violence. Comfort them

and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ukraine Crisis

We have now raised over £101,000 for #Liverpool4Ukraine.

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal. To keep up to date with our volunteer drivers who have left to take more goods to the Polish border follow us daily on the website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>

All financial donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. The text numbers are:

- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

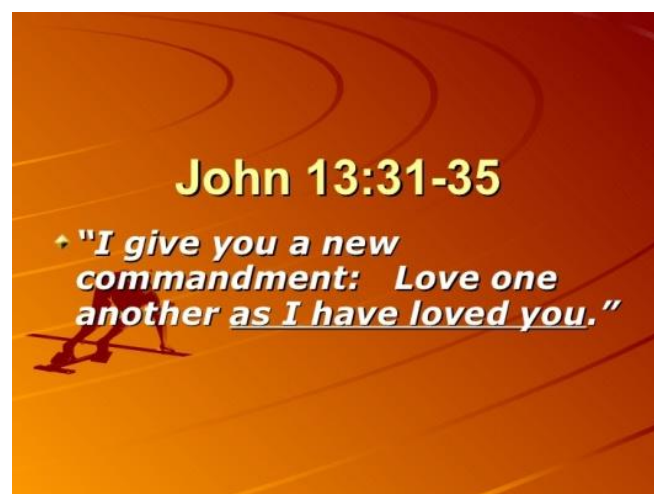
(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.)

Exam Season

A Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for Success in Examinations. Let us keep all those preparing for exams in our prayers.

O Great St Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

Through Christ our Lord.
St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us.
Amen.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

14 May – 22 May 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 14 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church

James McNulty &
Ronnie Griffiths Jnr,
Fr Vin McShane

Sunday, 15 May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church

11am – Mass, Holy Family church

People of the Parish
Mr & Mrs Whittle,
Joe Hughes

Monday, 16 May, Weekday of Easter

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

Tuesday, 17 May, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, Holy Family church

Gayle Linford,
Judith Griffiths

Wednesday, 18 May, Weekday of Easter

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

**11am – Funeral Service for Roy Lewis
at Springwood Crematorium**

Thursday, 19 May, Weekday of Easter

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's church

Catherine Fletcher,
Abbie Green

Friday, 20 May, Weekday of Easter

9am - Mass, St Mark's church

Terry & Nora Moorhead,
Tony Crompton

Saturday, 21 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 22 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church

11am – Mass, Holy Family church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church

Arthur Edwards,
Bernard Carlin
Dorothy Fay, Peter Crompton