

Newsletter

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John 14:1-12 **Pointers for Prayer**

1. “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.”
Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer “whoever has seen me has seen the Father”. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

Prayer

We have beheld your glory, O God in the face of Christ Jesus, your Son. Enliven our faith that through Christ we may put our trust in you. Deepen our faith that in Christ we may serve you. Complete our faith that one day we may live with you in that place which Christ prepares for us, where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep In Your Prayers

George Marshall RIP, Pauline Lawrence RIP, Dora Doonan RIP, Mary Mount RIP, Michael Gerrard RIP, Joan Carr, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, 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, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lectio Divina, Praying the Gospels

This will continue at St Mark's and we are currently looking at what is possible at Holy Family.

Baptismal Information

Next meetings to register and find out more is Monday, 8 May then Monday, 5 June, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All

enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:
Macie Rose Cover-Harrald
Theodore Harry James Birch
Orla Cunningham
Oscar Cunningham

First Holy Communion

We remember in our prayers all the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year. Our blessings and best wishes go out to all of the children and their families as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

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

Eucharistic Ministry Training Day

The next training day will take place on Saturday, 20 May at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo. Please speak to any Eucharistic Minister to see what's involved and/or give your name to Ann Farrell (07855 981 691) if you would like to register.

Faith In Action (Help Needed)

We are looking for helpers aged 18 and over so that we can open the programme in September with year 6

pupils from our parishes. Support would be given and a meeting held in June to see if it's something that really is for you. So if you have wanted to get involved in the parish please contact johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk or ring the office on 486 3992 and leave your details.

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday, 17 May at 7pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Everyone is invited to the Mass and a drinks reception which will follow.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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.

It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics. It is a process, a journey of faith, by which we engage with those who are seeking the face of Christ today.

The Rite tells us that it 'is suited to a spiritual journey of adults that varies according to the many forms of God's grace'. It involves the whole parish and is the responsibility of all the baptised.

Each year there are people who enquire about becoming a Catholic, often with no previous religious affiliation. They are accompanied by RCIA teams who guide them through the different stages of the RCIA process and prepare them to celebrate the liturgies which mark these stages.

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or you may have been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic Church.

Whatever your starting point you are very welcome. Please speak with Father Matthew or Peter Renwick in the first instance or contact the parish office directly.

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.

A message from Pauline and her Big Lent Walk

Thank you all so much for your support and donations for my CAFOD Big Lent Walk. All the money has now been collected and paid to CAFOD and it totals a staggering £550! I am overwhelmed by your generosity - thank you so much.

£275 was donated online and a further £275 from parishioners at Mass. I set my target at £200 so we've completely smashed it! Well done everyone.

Exam Season

Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for success in examinations prayed before the examination.

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.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your Life. Dates: 26-28 May 2023. Location: Liverpool.

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to

'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more info email Sr Lynne at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com

Cathedral Choir

On Friday, 12 May the choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will visit Our Lady of the Assumption church to present a Parish Choral Offering. The choir will sing a wide variety of music including Handel's coronation anthem 'Zadok the Priest' and the much loved 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franck.

All are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of beautiful music. The offering is 6.30pm-7.30pm and admission is free (with a retiring collection). Our Lady of the Assumption, 16 Hedgefield Road, Gateacre, L25 2RW.

Lourdes Centenary Year We Need Your Help!

As you know, this summer will mark 100 years since the archdiocese's first pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We would like to mark this special occasion by asking people across the archdiocese to share their memories of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and any photographs or video clips you may have taken on any trips there over the years. We will collate these memories and use them on the archdiocesan website, social media channels and the Pic.

It could be that generations of your family have travelled to Lourdes, you could have photos from decades ago or even that a member of your family went on our very first pilgrimage in 1923.

If you have anything you are happy for us to share publicly or if you would even like to record a video message for us, then please email any details to communications@rcaol.org.uk and lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk and include your name, parish and year(s) you travelled to Lourdes.

Missionaries of Charity May Procession

The annual May procession will take place on Saturday, 27 May at 2pm starting at St Peters Square off Seel Street and finishing at the Shrine. A special invitation is extended to boys and girls who make their First Holy

Communion in May. Contact Jim Ross for more info on 07766 706 766 or email at jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Job Opportunities

The archdiocese are currently advertising for several roles in schools as well as a Parish Cleaner, Parish Administrator and a Retreat Coordinator. For more info visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

#Liverpool4Ukraine

The archdiocese are well underway with plans for their 5th trip to Ukraine to deliver essential aid.

Six volunteer drivers in three vans will leave the archdiocese on Saturday, 6 May to tie in with the week leading up to Eurovision, to further strengthen the links between Liverpool and Ukraine.

Trips like these would not be possible without the generous donations of our parishioners. We are still very much welcoming any donations, ways to donate are below:

Online:
<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate>

Bank transfer:

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool, Sort code: 40-29-12, Account: 0155 1493, Reference: Help Ukraine

Cheque:

Made payable to “Archdiocese of Liverpool” and with “Help Ukraine” written on the reverse, these can be sent to:

Finance Department, St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA

Please keep our drivers, Bishop Gregory and the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

Time Out Tuesdays at the Cenacle

9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December. 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.

A similar programme is running on Saturday's - 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 28 October, 25 November.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

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 find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else 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, 30 April 2023:

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £220.00 |
| GASDS Loose | £419.05 |
| Non Gift Aid | £ 68.10 |
| Standing Orders | £367.23 |
| Total Offertory | £1074.38 |
| Bonus Ball 25 | £ 58.00 |
| Second Collection | |
| Priests' Training Fund | £163.15 |

Second collection:

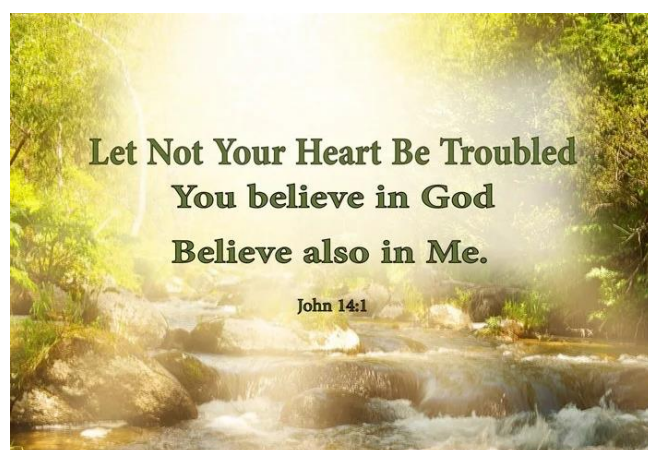
7 May, Parish Lourdes Fund
21 May, World Communications



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome!



Fifth Sunday of Easter

6 May – 14 May 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 6 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 7 May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Eileen Bush
Mignonne & Urdhin Family

Monday, 8 May, Weekday of Easter

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 9 May, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Cathy & Les Braham

Wednesday, 10 May, Weekday of Easter

10am – Funeral Service, Holy Family

Michael Gerrard

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 11 May, Weekday of Easter

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

2pm – Funeral Service, Holy Family

Dora Doonan

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Colin Birkett

Friday, 12 May, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Terry O'Hanlon

Saturday, 13 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Mary Conroy,
Father Vin McShane

Sunday, 14 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Sally Gailey, Teresa Davies