

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**6 February 2022
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Luke 5:1-11 Pointers for prayer

1. The invitation from Jesus to put out the net again, with surprising results. Have there been times when you had little hope of results, but decided to try once again and were pleasantly surprised by what happened?
2. “Put out into the deep water”. When have you found that blessings, or progress, came when you had the courage to venture into unfamiliar waters, where you felt uneasy and insecure? What, or who, helped to give you that courage?
3. Simon had a profound sense of a power at work that he could not understand. When have you had a sense of the divine breaking into everyday experience?
4. The disciples “left everything and followed Jesus”. This step was preceded by their experience of the concern of Jesus for them, the attraction of his work, teaching and actions. Recall the story of key decisions or turning points in your life. Who was Jesus for you in those situations?

Prayer

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognise your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word.

Covid

While the law no longer dictates that face coverings must be worn in church **Archdiocesan guidelines state that face coverings continue to be strongly recommended for all those who come to church for all services.**

The call of Christian charity requires us to be concerned for each other and, in particular, those who are most vulnerable or who may be anxious. We will therefore continue with the current systems that have served us so well over these last months.

Fr Matthew

Keep In Your Prayers

Peter Crompton (Snr), Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, Fr Vin McShane, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Can You Support Our Children's Liturgy?

It's truly lovely to see the numbers of children attending our Children's Liturgy growing. As a result of these increased numbers we really need additional support at all Masses but in particular, 11am Mass. If you would like to become part of this wonderful team, please leave your details with the office or approach a current volunteer for more info.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Etta Faith Lloyd

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:
Lexie Ellen Conway

With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at jayne.wya@gmail.com

Funeral of Betty Jones

Many of you will remember Betty who was a teacher/deputy head then headteacher of St Andrew's school for many years. Betty has sadly passed away and her funeral will take place on Friday, 11 February at 12 noon at St Oswald's Church, Old Swan.

SVP Meeting

Our next meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, 9 February in the Holy Family Meeting Room.

Could you be a Deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday 22 February 2022

7.30pm-9pm

(refreshments from 7pm)

St Gregory's Parish House,
Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Employment Opportunity

Part time bar work at St Mark's Parish Club, pop in any day from 4pm to pick up an application form or chat to

Emma, Club Manager on 07702 209 963 for more details.

Mother's Day at St Mark's Parish Club FREE Admission!

Sunday, 27 March

Disco and Karaoke from 5pm

Main Act from 8pm

Please come along and support our club if you are able.



Community Connectors

Community Connectors is a pilot scheme, this is run by Liverpool City Council, connecting people in the local area with services that best meet their needs, predominantly dealing with loneliness, falls and deprivation. This is a strength based approach to help residents remain as resilient, independent and active as possible. Jacky Taylor and Lee Bennett have been assigned the South Liverpool area and are trying to establish links within the community and are hoping

to be kept up to date with any upcoming events or activities that they can share with the residents they come into contact with. They offer signposting and support for local residents to make connecting within their community easier. If you take part in an activity or know of one they may find useful, please email Jacky directly on jacqueline.taylor@liverpool.gov.uk

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 20 February 2022 beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at:

St Richard's, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ.

If you are attending please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes. 0151 287 8787 frsmaloney@aol.com

Bereavement Drop In

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

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 15 February at 2pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Marriage Preparation

A reminder that the Pastoral Development department no longer staff any marriage and family life coordinators and as a result, the way we offer the marriage preparation across the archdiocese has changed. Any couples looking for marriage courses are asked to book directly and

are given options which are accessible on the website:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriagepreparation-options.

Other support options are also listed including retreat opportunities, divorced Catholics, those struggling in relationships, those who are widowed and more.

Exploring ways in which we can we deepen our friendship with God

The Parish Council is exploring ways in which we can “deepen our friendship with God”. One suggestion was to compile a set of parishioners favourite New Testament stories which could be used as a basis for either personal or group reflection. Please submit your favourite New Testament story/passage with a reason why it's your favourite (it can be very brief) either to the office or in the basket at the back of church or speak with Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487.

Liverpool Notre Dame Association

Please find here an extract from a letter received in the parish office from the above. “We are very pleased to announce our first event of the year which will be an Afternoon Tea and Social at St Mary's Church Hall Woolton on 19 February from 12.30-3.30pm. We are ordering the afternoon tea from caterers so will need definite numbers and payment by 8 February. The cost will be £10 pp which can be paid by BACS or cheque, payable to Mrs M B Shaw.

event took place at Ushaw College in Durham.

The group along with others from the archdiocese have just completed a 2 year online course with Loyola University, Chicago which involved exploring the many aspects of pastoral life and deepening of their faith.

There will be a new course starting in September and anyone who is interested can contact the office to enrol. If anyone wants to know more, Peter, Jim and Ann are happy to share their experience with you and provide further information on what the course involves and how it works.



**What's On at
St Peter's, Woolton, 428 6810**
Monday, 11.30am-1pm,
shared reading group.

Tuesday, 11am-1pm,
knit and natter.

Wednesday, 10.30am-12 noon,
quiz morning.

Thursday, 11.45am-12.45pm,
alternate weeks, lunch club.

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald OBE
Congratulations to Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald who was appointed an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire), in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for his work in interfaith and interchurch partnerships.

You can hear from Cardinal Michael as he will be delivering a distinguished lecture on human fraternity – a proposal and a project for relations between Christians and Muslims. The lecture is on Thursday, 17 February at 5.30pm at Liverpool Hope University. All welcome. Email to register at rectorate@hope.ac.uk by Monday, 7 February.

Cleaning Session at St Mark's All Welcome

Many thanks to those who came along to our church cleaning sessions. The next dates are:

Wednesday, 2 March, 8.30am
Wednesday, 6 April, 8.30am
Wednesday, 4 May, 8.30am

“A life lived with grace”

On 2 June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join in a unique musical celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

‘Churches Together in England’ is encouraging churches, congregations and parishes throughout England to get involved. For more info visit <https://cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/>

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.

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.

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	£ 219.00
GASDS Loose	£ 359.20
GASDS Envelopes	£ 85.00
Standing Orders	£ 356.15
Total Offertory	£1019.35
Second Collection SVP	£ 557.20
Bonus Ball 03	£ 58.00



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5 February – 13 February 2022	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 5 February, 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church	Annie & Louis Ventre, Peter Bebbington
Sunday, 6 February, Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Steve Long & Joy, Marie Culshaw People of the Parish
Monday, 7 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 8 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Candida Ward, Ann Davies
Wednesday, 9 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 10 February, Memorial of St Scholastica 9am – Morning Prayer – Online via zoom (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Sammonds Family, Esther Harris
Friday, 11 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Lacey Family, Joseph Cullinan
Saturday, 12 February 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church	Robert O'Neill, Umanee & Family
Sunday, 13 February, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Ashcroft Family, Dr Simo & Family People of the Parish