

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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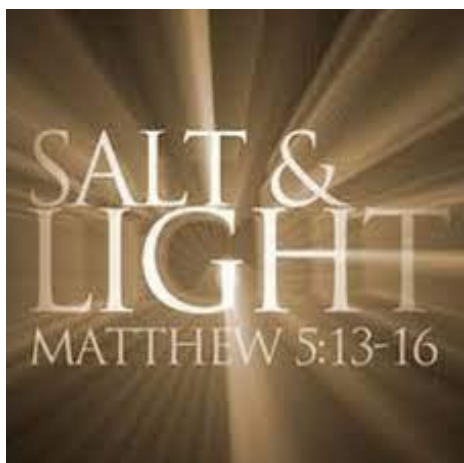
**5 February 2023
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Matthew 5:13-16 Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can the potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have called your church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Give us vigorous faith and a love that is genuine, so that all may see our works and give you the glory. We make our prayer through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen



Parish Office

Please note the office will be closed
on Tuesday, 7 February.

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Kelly, Ronald Brown RIP,
Sheila O'Keefe RIP, Margaret Smith
RIP, Margaret Macauley RIP,
Margaret Morris RIP, James Hayes
RIP, Catherine Atkin, Margaret
Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Freda
Tansey, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins,
Mary Mount, 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,
Father Vin McShane our sick and
housebound and all those whose
anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meetings to register and find out
more Monday, 6 February then

Monday, 6 March, 6pm, St Mark's
annexe. All enquiries please ring
Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

If you are hoping to book a baptism in
2023, please register now as dates are
filling up.

Please note, children due to receive
the Sacrament of Holy Communion in
2023/24 require to have first received
the Sacrament of Baptism.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme – With You Always

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.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation then please register at:

Liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Registration is open:

16 January - 17 March 2023

SJV Bonus Ball

Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it.

Holy Family Church

Jubilee Mass

This will take place on Wednesday, 8 March with Mass at 6.30pm celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and for catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could sign the form at the back of church to indicate whether you will be attending.

Please pass in any photos or memorabilia to the parish office and your name if you would like to support putting the evening together.

Jubilee Working Group

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 February, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

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 will take place on Tuesday, 7 February 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 would be made most welcome.

SVP Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday, 8 February, 7pm, Holy Family meeting room.

St Mark's Cleaning Session

Wednesday, 15 February, 9am, all welcome.

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Go to our website
www.parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk

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.

Carmelite Monastery

The Carmelites at Maryton Grange are once again opening their doors to anyone who might wish to join them for Mass. Monday to Friday 8am at the Carmelite Monastery, Maryton Grange, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU.

Eucharistic Minister Training Day

Saturday, 18 February, 9.15am-4.15pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister then please contact Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691 no later than Sunday, 5 February.

Would you be willing to open up your home and your heart to welcome people fleeing Ukraine?

SJOG Homes for Ukraine in Partnership with Caritas Social Action Network is the main Catholic organisation working to help house people from Ukraine in England. As Russia's war in Ukraine continues, the need for hosts and homes is as high as ever. Please consider making a home from home for those in need. SJOG are one of the government's approved

providers on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and in partnership with CSAN offer a comprehensive matching and support programme. More info at the back of church and our website.

Living Laudato Si':

Your Parish and Your Planet,

Zoom Weekend, 17-20 February

Can healing the planet start with the parish? This is a repeat of a popular weekend for those who missed it the first time around.

This zoon retreat will be led by Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Canoness, Trish Sandbach, who worked in Oxfam Education and is an assessor for the CAFOD *LiveSimply* award and John Paul de Quay, founder member of the Ecological Conversion Group, there will also be a panel discussion for sharing advice on practical projects.

What will happen? A long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of *Laudato Si'* in and through the parish.

Who is it for? Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or

who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group.

Times: Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday).

Cost: Voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend.

To apply simply email Sr Margaret Atkins:

margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk
and there are further useful links on our parish website.

5 February is Racial Justice Sunday

The theme is *“All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together”*. It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year’s Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis’ visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of ‘Justice, healing and reconciliation’.

A Prayer for this Day

God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your

image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 26 February, St Bede's, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL, please do let Father Stephen know if you are able to attend. There will be refreshments after Mass which starts at 2pm. For more info please contact Canon Stephen Maloney frsmaloney@aol.co.uk.

Come and Sing

The cathedral is hosting a come and sing event for singers of all ages and abilities in March. Why not come along on Saturday, 25 March and join a massed choir under the baton of archdiocese Choral Director Joe Watson?

For this special occasion (the Solemnity of the Annunciation) a special choir assembled on the day will sing Antonio Vivaldi's popular Gloria, alongside a special new piece of music. There will be two groups:

- 1) singers from the Cathedrals Group of Universities (universities across the country that have religious affiliations
- 2) A 'come and sing' choir formed especially for the occasion.

A 'come and sing' choir is a group of individuals (or sometimes an established choir/singing group) that joins together with other like-minded people to form a special choir for a day. On Saturday, 25 March, all of our singers will come together for the first time in the afternoon, rehearse together, and then perform in the evening!

YouTube rehearsal links are provided to all participants so that they can practice and familiarise themselves with their parts ahead of the day. Reading music is not a prerequisite as music can be learnt with the YouTube links.

Annual Civic Mass

On Sunday, 19 February at 11am all are welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral for the annual Civic Mass to

celebrate community leadership and civic life across Merseyside.

Old Royal Hospital Clearance

At the end of January, the old Royal Hospital will be clearing all remaining furniture from the building. These will be items that are still suitable for reuse but aren't needed within the hospital. They are keen for these items to be rehomed to charities, schools, community groups and social enterprises. All items will be advertised via the Warp It reuse website, so in order to see what is available and to claim any items you will need to sign up to the website. The link for charities is: Register (warp-it.co.uk) the link for schools is: Charity benefits (getwarpit.com)

Could you be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday, 8 February, 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very

welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

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.

Links to Access Livestream Masses

These are available on our parish website, Latest page.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£316.50
GASDS Loose	£270.20
Non Gift Aid	£ 85.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1038.93
Bonus Ball 34	£ 56.00

Next second collection 12 February, Parish Building Fund.



Coffee & Chat

Every Sunday after 9.15am Mass
in the annexe. All welcome!

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4 February – 12 February 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 4 February

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Teresa Griffiths, Ruth Dutton

Sunday, 5 February, Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Candida Ward

Monday, 6 February, Memorial of St Paul Miki

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

Tuesday, 7 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

1pm – Funeral Service at Springwood

Special Intention

James Hayes

Wednesday, 8 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

12.15pm – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

Margaret Morris

Thursday, 9 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Loloa

Friday, 10 February, Memorial of St Scholastica

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Andrew McEvoy

Saturday, 11 February,

5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family

Eileen Gustafson

Sunday, 12 February, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Griffiths & Ross Families
People of the Parish