

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Matthew 24:37-44 Pointers for Prayer

1. The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.).
2. One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.
3. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

Prayer

God of majesty and power, amid the clamour of our violence your Word of truth resounds; upon a world made dark by sin the Sun of Justice casts his dawning rays. Keep your household watchful and aware of the hour in which we live. Hasten the advent of that day when the sounds of war will be for ever stilled, the darkness of evil scattered and all your children gathered into one. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, 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 meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 December, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

If you are looking 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 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptisms this weekend:

Amelia Fawcett
Ava Fawcett
Lucas Ponting
Sophia Ponting
Lochlin Fletcher

With You Always Programme (First Holy Communion 2022/23)

Please note when the information for the next group of candidates is available, it will be published in this newsletter and on our website.

Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers

St Stephen is the patron saint of altar servers. As an acknowledgement of the dedicated service of a number of our young people who have been helping us to celebrate our Masses for some time now, they will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen next weekend and receive their Guild medal. So please pray for:

Jocelyn Williams
Hanna Bednarska
Dominik Bednarski
Filip Jarzynka
Mario Vaksamansky
Karla Vaksmanska
Mack Sampson

Children's Liturgy Refresher Training

For those delivering and/or interested in delivering or supporting Children's Liturgy, you are invited to attend two sessions of training/coaching.

All sessions will be in St Mark's annexe and the same session will be repeated.

Repeat of Session 1,
Tuesday, 29 November,
6pm-7.30pm.

Session 2, Saturday, 3 December,
10.30am-12 noon and repeated on
Tuesday, 6 December, 6pm-7.30pm.

Please note, everyone is welcome, come and find out what we do and how you could support us. Please sign up by emailing or texting Ann Farrell at 07855 981 691 or anski@blueyonder.co.uk



Christmas Afternoon Tea

The Ladies Group will be holding a Christmas Afternoon Tea in St Mark's Parish Centre on Friday, 2 December, 2pm-4pm. There will also be a display of books to view or purchase by one of our parishioners who is an author of books suitable for adults and children.

Please come along and join us in this festive celebration, cost £3 adults and £1.50 children. Pay at the door for this charitable fundraising event. Don't forget your Christmas hats and jumpers for what we hope will be a few hours of fun, food and festive cheer.

Advent Volunteering

Netherley Youth and Community Initiative need lots of helpers to pack up hampers and distribute them for Christmas parcels. These are parcels for needy families this Christmas. If you can spare a few hours to help families know that they are loved, cared for and valued that would be great. Hamper packing: 12-16 December, 9am-5.30pm. If you can phone NYCI : 487 6421 to confirm when you can help.

St Mary's, Woolton A Christmas Special

Christmas special afternoon tea and sing-along, Friday, 2 December, 2pm-4pm in their church hall. All welcome.

"I was sick and you cared for me..."

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals, are looking for new volunteers to join their team. Volunteers often enjoy visiting patients and their families on the wards. These visits can include praying with patients, and bringing them Holy Communion, or simply having a chat. It is possible to

volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please email Fr Peter peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk or by calling 706 2828.

OLA Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 3 December in their church car park. 9am-11am. 15 spaces are available. Each space is £10. To book go to their parish website home page: www.ourladygateacre.org.uk

Halewood Foodbank

Halewood Foodbank has seen an increase in numbers of people accessing their service. Food collection boxes are available at the back of church if you are able to contribute any tins or non-perishable goods which the SVP will take to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generous support.

'Come away to a quiet place for a while' Advent reflection days at Ince Benet Retreat Centre

Christmas Presence 1: Enthusiasm and hope in the world. A day of reflection on responses to John the Baptist, then and now. People came to the River Jordan to prepare for the coming of the Messiah; they returned to daily life full of enthusiasm and hope. We can repeat the journey,

Sunday, 4 December, 10.30am-3.30pm.

Christmas Presence 2: 'Be it done unto me according to your word'. A day of reflection on Mary's doubts and response to God's call. Mary had many good reasons to say, 'Not me, Lord', but said 'Yes'. We can respond either way to our call to bring Christ into the world. Wednesday, 7 December, 10.30am-3.30pm.

See the website, incebenet.co.uk/ to see the facilities and the surrounds. If you wish to turn the day into a retreat, accommodation is available for one or more nights.

For further information or to book for either or both of these days contact Martin and Maria Bennett or Canon Rod Garner: phone: 07931902346 email: ince.benet@gmail.com Suggested donation for the retreat days: £10 per person. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Martin Bennett writes weekly reflections on Scripture, leads Scripture groups and gives talks and retreats on living the Gospel in daily life.

The Letter:

A Message for Our Earth

The Letter is a ground-breaking new film by the Laudato Si' Movement, which premiered on 4 October at the Vatican. It brings Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology to life, finding new

hope together. Type in the link to view the film:

<https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BII>

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 11 December, 2pm at All Saints, Anfield. There will be a social gathering after Mass so if you hope to attend please email Fr Stephen for catering purposes at frsmaloney@aol.co.uk

Cost Of Living Crisis: The Liverpool Archdiocese

Venues continue to be open 1pm to 3.30pm across the archdiocese with St Mark's Parish Centre available on Wednesday's. Please come along for a chat over a cuppa!

Could you be a Deacon?

As we start to implement our new 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 some of their stories and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team at a 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, 29 November, 7.30pm-9pm, St John Vianney Meeting Room, Christ the King Church, 78 Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool, L15 6YQ.

For more information, please email p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

Light up a Life

Friday, 16 December, 12.30pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool led by Bishop Tom Williams followed by refreshments.

If you would like to take part contact the Fundraising team by emailing fundraising@wearenugent.org or calling 0734 186 4180, having your dedication name(s) and your debit or credit card details ready.



Christmas Wreath Making

At the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. Join us on Friday, 2 December at 10.30am and learn how to make your very own Christmas wreath. We are asking for a donation of £15 to cover the cost of the materials, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 949 1199 to book your place.

What's On at our Cathedral

Advent Sequence, 5pm-6pm each Sunday throughout Advent, you can hear our Cathedral Choir sing a sublime selection of seasonal music designed to reflect the wonder and joy of Advent. Entrance is free and no tickets are required.

4 December, 3pm, Bach Cantata 140: Wachet Auf. Enjoy one of Bach's most loved Cantatas, performed by the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir.

NSPCC Carols by Candlelight. This will return to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday, 6 December at 7pm. Check Events page on Cathedral website for tickets.

A Celebration of Christmas, Saturday, 10 December, 7pm-9pm. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £8 each/£15 family, available from:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

11 December, 3pm, Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence will be sung following a shorter Evening Prayer.

18 December, 5pm, Festival Carol Service. A mix of seasonal music and

readings as well as congregational carols.

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, contact office and we'll do the rest.

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £260.00 |
| GASDS Loose | £270.70 |
| GASDS Envelopes | £ 49.50 |
| Standing Orders | £367.23 |
| Total Offertory | £947.43 |
| Second Collection | |
| Animate Youth | £171.20 |
| Bonus Ball 37 | £ 58.00 |

Next Second Collection:
11 December, SVP.

Recycling

You can now recycle used batteries and empty tablet blister packs at the back of church. Please bring these along, pop them in the box provided and we'll do the rest.

Church Cleaning

St Mark's,
9am, Wednesday, 30 November.

Holy Family,

Speak to Teresa or Ann for days and times.

If you can spare an hour or so, please come along and help, everyone is welcome and your help is really appreciated.

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

Complete the form and press Send.

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First Sunday of Advent

26 November – 4 December 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 26 November,

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Carmel Malone, Ann Talbot,
Frank Noccetti

Sunday, 27 November, First Sunday of Advent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Pious List

Monday, 28 November, Weekday of Advent

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

Tuesday, 29 November, Weekday of Advent

9am – Mass, Holy Family

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Wednesday, 30 November, Feast of St Andrew

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

Thursday, 1 December, Weekday of Advent

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Joel Lousey, Joan Bradley,
John Morgan

Friday, 2 December, Weekday of Advent

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Paul Smith, Kathleen Fox,
Pauline & Peter

Saturday, 3 December

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Tilly, Catherine, Family & Friends,
Francis Burns

Sunday, 4 December, Second Sunday of Advent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

People of the Parish
David McLoughlin, Alan Hanson,
Ellie Davies