

Newsletter

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Mark 13:33-37

Pointers for Prayer:

1. The coming of the master is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces - good things that happened when they were not anticipated.
2. Recall times when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you and the contrast with moments when such alertness and awareness were not present.
3. The servants were given charge of the household “each with their own job.” Identify with the servants as people given a responsibility within the household of God’s people. What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person? What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God?
4. Your experience of good “doorkeepers,” people who were there and ready to receive you even when you came at an awkward or unexpected time. Also your experience of being a good “doorkeeper” for another.
5. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them

to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?

Prayer

Rend the heavens and come down, O God of all the ages! Rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways and form us into a watchful people, that, at the advent of your Son, he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command.

Grant 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.



Bishop Tom Williams

Parish Visitation

This weekend, we warmly welcome Bishop Tom who will celebrate all Masses of the First Sunday of Advent.

Keep In Your Prayers

Michael Morrisey RIP, Amber and Zoe Lynch, Karen Smith, John & Enid Allerston, Clare Williams, Eileen

Prescot, Kay Thomas, Katie Whitehead, Kathy Murphy-Malpas, Mila Facenfield, Mary Lonsdale, Mary Ireland, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Ron & Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Important Synod Update

Everything You Need to Know

Do you want to know about Families of Parishes? Did you miss the roadshows that took place recently?

Join a zoom meeting led by Fr Philip Inch and Fr Matthew at 7pm on Wednesday, 6 December. Find the link on our parish website.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 8 January 2024 at 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries

please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Rite of Welcome: 5.15pm
Sebastian Philip Harrison

Baptisms
Mabel Rosabella Williams
Rose Kathryn Gorman
Niamh Noelle Reilly-Reed



Poinsettias

If you would like to bring these plants in to church to enhance the decoration these would be gratefully received. Please feel free to attach the name of a loved one to the plant and Masses will be offered for their intentions over the festive period. Please leave at the back of church.

SVP Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6 December at 7pm in the Holy Family meeting room.

Ladies Group

Our last meeting of 2023 will take place on Wednesday, 6 December at 7pm in St Mark's annexe.

LiveSimply Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 7 December, 7.15pm in St Mark's annexe.

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



The Choir of Angels

Parish Nativity Concert

This will be a modern re telling of the birth of Jesus through song and dance with the story taking us from the annunciation to the adoration of the three wise men. The children from our parish will be singing in both Italian and English so please come along and enjoy this short concert and support the children and the team who have been rehearsing for many weeks to put this production together. The concert starts at 3.30pm and will last for approximately 1 hour, taking place at

St Mark's church on Saturday, 16 December. All welcome!

Lights to Remember Sunday, 10 December

All are welcome to attend Marie Curie's Lights to Remember Service at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral from 5pm with refreshments and mince pies served afterwards. The event is for people who have been affected by terminal illness or bereavement and an opportunity to come together in our local community, joined by Marie Curie staff and inspirational supporters. All are warmly invited.

**Missionaries of Charity Carol
Singing – Saturday, 16 December**
Missionaries of Charity invite everyone to join them for carol singing at the roadside crib on Church Street, Liverpool at 2pm.

**Christmas Afternoon Tea
at St Julie's School**
Students from Year 12 Justice and Peace Group at St Julies School are inviting any parishioners, especially those living alone, are 'more mature' in years and would appreciate an invitation to Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 20 December at the school, starting at 1pm until about 2.30pm with students providing the

music. If you would be interested or know of someone who would, please let the parish office know asap. It's a lovely idea and a great way of supporting our young people as they work towards their Live Simply award. Ring the parish office on 486 3992.

**Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and
Peace Commission:**
Could You Be Our Next Member?
The Commission exists to stimulate awareness of the need for justice and peace; understand these needs in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching and encourage action. It meets 6 times a year and contributes towards the social action work of the Archdiocese through conferences and events. Find out more about becoming a Commission member by contacting Pablo at:
p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

**Peace Sunday Mass,
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**
Sunday, 14th January 2024, 11am. Join Archbishop Malcolm and Pax Christi Liverpool for Solemn Mass at 11am to mark Peace Sunday.

RCIA Workshops
Following the feedback from previous workshops, the Pastoral Development Department have arranged a second

list of meetings for anyone who coordinates or helps at RCIA meetings to come together for a catch up, training and sharing of resources meeting. For more info email rcia@rcaol.org.uk

Catechist Training

Beginning on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 until June, the archdiocese will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks offering training for Catechists. Whether you are considering being a catechist or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you.

This course is initially being offered on Wednesdays at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre at 7pm-8.30pm for free. To register your interest email training@rcaol.org.uk

Knock Pilgrimages 2024 from Liverpool Airport

Monday, 6 May - 4 nights

Monday, 10 June - 4 nights

Monday, 1 July - 4 nights

For more info email

knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

LGBT+ Catholic Gatherings

Sunday, 10 December, 2pm, All Saints Church, High Street, Golborne, WA3 3BG (Please note this Mass is

NOT in Anfield, it is in Golborne just off the East Lancs Road.)



What's on at our Cathedral

NSPCC Carols by Candlelight: Celebrate the festive season on Tuesday, 5 December. Performers include PopVox Choir, Cheshire Chord Company, Wirral Youth Brass and Whitefield Primary School Choir. Tickets are priced at £10 and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. Check cathedral website.

A Celebration of Christmas: Saturday, 16 December, 7pm. A magical night of Christmas carols and seasonal favourites at our cathedral. Featuring The Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir and special guests The Rock Choir

Advent Sequence: 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. Dates as follows:

Sunday, 3 December, 5pm-6pm. The Cathedral's Advent wreath will be

blessed during this service and the choir will sing a selection of music for the season.

Sunday, 10 December, 3pm.
Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence will be sung following a shorter Evening Prayer.

Sunday, 17 December, 5pm. Festival Carol Service. A mix of seasonal music and readings as well as congregational carols.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in the programme. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can start when they are ready and work through it at their own pace.

Registration forms are available from a catechist at the end of every Mass of the last week of the month. Please note you must produce your child's baptism certificate.

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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **don't just disappear!** Get in touch with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office and we can see how best we might be able to support you. But we can't do that if you don't let us know! You are still a vital and essential part of the 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

Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community. Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection Sunday, 19 November 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£260.50
GASDS Loose	£387.30
Non Gift Aid	£ 118.15
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1133.18
Bonus Ball	£ 58.00

Collection Sunday, 26 November 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£207.20
GASDS Loose	£316.25
Non Gift Aid	£ 46.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£936.68
Bonus Ball	£ 58.00

Second Collection:

Animate Youth	£175.75
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Next Second Collection:

10 December, SVP



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

Holy Family church, every Sunday after 11am Mass.



**Mass Times Christmas Eve
Sunday, 24 December**

6pm, First Mass of Christmas,
St Mark's

9pm, Mass with carols from 8.30pm,
Holy Family

**Mass Times Christmas Day
Monday, 25 December**

9.15am, Mass, St Mark's

11am, Mass, Holy Family



First Sunday of Advent

2 December – 10 December 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 2 December

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Patricia O'Donovan,
Yolanda Byrne

Sunday, 3 December, First Sunday of Advent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Mattie Rosemons, Dawn Hanson,
Dennis Jones & Family,
Josephine Cassidy
People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Monday, 4 December, Weekday of Advent

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 5 December, Memorial of St John Almond

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Valerie Fairburn, Gerry Marsh,
Andrew Storey

Wednesday, 6 December, Weekday of Advent

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 7 December, Memorial of St Ambrose

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Special Intention, Maria Jones,
Ronnie Hannah

Friday, 8 December,

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Sammonds Family, Joan Price,
German Family

Saturday, 9 December

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Alec Turner, Jonathan Hannah

Sunday, 10 December, Second Sunday of Advent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Anne Howard, Maureen Dodd,
Kathleen Adamson
People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family