

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Matthew 11:25-30 Pointers for Prayer

1. Human beings are always setting up barriers which divide people into those who are important and those who are not. It happens in every community and Jesus met it among the Jewish people of his time. God wants to break down these barriers so that those who are on the wrong side of them can experience that they too are his children and have a unique contribution to make to their community. Perhaps you can recall someone whom you did not think of highly but who turned out to be very good in some sphere. What good news that you were wrong!
2. Great intelligence is not sufficient to develop a relationship with God, unless combined with an open childlike capacity to wonder. Does this resonate with your experience?
3. The ministry of Jesus was to introduce people to a relationship of intimacy with God. How has Jesus given you that kind of relationship?
4. Another aspect of the ministry of Jesus was to free people from the burden of a legalistic understanding of religion and to introduce them to a faith marked by freedom and love. Perhaps you have made that journey also. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped you to find freedom, joy and rest in your faith?

Prayer

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, by whose gracious will the mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to the childlike, make us learn from your

Son humility of heart, that in shouldering his yoke we may find refreshment and rest. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Ordination of Peter Renwick Sunday, 16 July 2023

At 3pm in the Cathedral on 16 July our very own Peter Renwick will be ordained as a permanent deacon at the Cathedral along with 2 others who have been training with him over these last years.

The coach will leave at 2.15pm on Sunday from St Mark's church for the ordination. Please ring the parish office asap (486 3992) if you would like to be on this coach!

There will be a celebration at St Mark's Parish Centre when we return, say around 5ish. All welcome.

*** Important ***

Church Buildings Key Holders

The parish office are updating their records and require all key holders to

get in touch and confirm which buildings they have key access to. If of course you have keys and no longer require them, please return these to the office asap. Many thanks to all those who have been in touch already.

Keep In Your Prayers

Joan Carr RIP, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, 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, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Praying the Rosary

This will take place on Monday, 10 July at 6pm in St Mark's church for Joan Carr RIP. Please note there will be no Exposition at Holy Family on this date.

Thank You

Teresa Griffiths would like to express her sincere thanks to the Ladies Group and all parishioners for their care and kindness after her recent accident.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm:

Thea Alexandra Astles
Harper Alexandra Bragger
Pandora Florence Wright
Hector Paul James Wright

9.15am: Edward James Burke

11am:

Joshua Joseph Byrne
Nola Stewart
Edie Elizabeth Grace Donohue
Penny Jessica Donohue

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 4 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

Charlotte Helena Lucja Gibbons
Joseph David Kinslow
Nathan Jordon Kinslow

Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and

we have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

Many Hands Make Light Work



Across the Parish we are blest with the number of people who tend and care for the day to day needs of our churches. Our small cleaning teams maintain a high standard of dignity to our places of worship, always going the extra mile to ensure that our health and safety standards are met, we owe a debt of gratitude to them all for the pride they take in our community and in their work.

Holy Family church in particular are appealing for additional support. If you feel that you could contribute a couple of hours each week then please contact the parish office with your name and telephone number, the office staff will then put you in touch with those who currently help with this essential parish ministry or contact Julia Clark directly on 07925 368 140. Julia is usually at Holy Family church Tuesday mornings

from 9am and at 11am Mass on Sunday.

Cleaning dates are as follows:

Holy Family church:
Tuesday, 11 July, 9.30am

St Mark's church:
Wednesday, 12 July, 9am
Saturday, 15 July, 8.30am
Wednesday, 19 July, 9am
Saturday, 5 August, 8.30am
Wednesday, 9 August, 9am
Saturday, 19 August, 8.30am
Wednesday, 23 August, 9am

Of course, if these dates and times are unsuitable, alternatives can be arranged. Please contact Ann if you'd like to help at St Mark's but on a different day perhaps on 07855 981 691.

SVP Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 12 July at 7pm in St Mark's annexe.

Annual Nugent Gala

When: Thursday, 9 November
Where: Rum Warehouse, Titanic Hotel, Liverpool

Nugent invite you all to an evening of welcome drinks, a three-course meal, entertainment and an opportunity to

engage in fundraising for Nugent! During the evening you will be able to hear more about the vital work Nugent carry out within our communities and help raise funds to extend their community support even further! To book your tickets, please visit <https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/events/gala/>

If you are interested in sponsorship or prize donation opportunities, please get in touch with their Fundraising Team - fundraising@wearenugent.org or ring Emma Foy, Fundraising and Events Coordinator, Nugent, E: Emma.Foy@wearenugent.org M: 07341 864 180.

The Big Picture

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Would you like to understand the Bible and God's Big Plan?

Take your faith journey further by digging into the scriptures and crying out to the Holy Spirit to unlock His plan. The Big Picture is a bible sharing journey over 12 sessions with accompanying videos, book and group discussion. We will be doing this in the annexe at St Mark's at a time to suit most people. Leave your name and number with the parish office (486 3992) if you are interested.

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry – Apply Now

The Archdiocese are now accepting applications for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry run by Loyola University, Chicago. It is for anyone interested in beginning to support their church, as well as those who already are. Whether you're a Parish Secretary, a School Chaplain, a Catechist, a general helper or involved in any other form of Pastoral Ministry, this course could be for you.

The teaching format is flexible and is perfect for those with busy lives as well as for people with a little time on their hands. There is a cost of £2,100 but it is possible to apply for funding, so please contact Elizabeth in the Pastoral Development Department for more info: tel: 522 1094, mob: 07464 378 773,
email: e.williams@rcaol.org.uk

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 on 07707 917 554.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Do something amazing and support this event which is taking place in St

Mark's Parish Centre at 11.30am on Tuesday, 25 July.

Did You Know?

Housing People, Building Communities (HPBC) has been granted planning permission to develop St Williams Church in Wigan into affordable housing for the local community.

HPBC will offer a reduction on the purchase price of properties by £10,000 by offering buyers the chance to pay the deposit through sweat equity hours by working on the development.

The former church and presbytery on Ince Green Lane, Ince, has been empty since 2017 and the archdiocese wanted to explore whether the buildings could be retained and repurposed to provide affordable housing for local people using HPBC's unique model. The former church will be converted into 10 two and three bed houses/apartments, the Presbytery into a three bed, two bed and one bed apartments and the grounds behind will accommodate 14 three-bed houses. The design will incorporate the architecture of the church to conserve and retain the character, history and charm of the building, an early twentieth-century

red brick lancet Gothic style church, built in 1911.

This development comes after the success of HPBC's conversion of St Bernard's Church in Toxteth. The building was converted into 11 three-storey three-bedroom homes; four new-build two-bedroom apartments, and a three-bedroom house which was also built in the grounds whilst still maintaining the unique features of the church.

If you are interested in becoming a home partner, volunteer or would like to donate materials for the project, please visit HPBC's website: hpbc.org.uk

St Patrick's Church, Liverpool 8
Early Music Youth Orchestra, 15 July, 7.30pm, free admission, all welcome.

Love to Move **Chair-based Exercise Class**

Gentle chair-based exercises, tea and chat on Tuesday's, 1.30pm-3pm, free but donations always welcome in St Mary's Parish Hall, 11 & 25 July. All welcome. For further info contact Ann on 428 2256.

Time Out at The Cenacle
Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree
Tuesday's: 11 July, 10 October,

14 November, 12 December

Saturday's: 22 July,
28 October, 25 November

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.

First Holy Communion **Preparation Programme**

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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!**

Communion at Home can be arranged, but you need to let us know! Please get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will pop round to pray with you and see what 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, 2 July 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£254.30
GASDS Loose	£456.85
Non Gift Aid	£ 57.30
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1135.68
Bonus Ball 12	£ 29.00

Second collections:

16 July, Priests in Retirement

30 July, Parish Lourdes Fund



Coffee & Chat

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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 July – 16 July 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 8 July

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Margaret Whittle

Sunday, 9 July, Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

People of the Parish

Anne & Matt

Monday, 10 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm – Praying the Rosary, St Mark's

Joan Carr

Tuesday, 11 July, Feast of St Benedict

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Sheila Hayes, Fr Vin McShane

10.45am – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

Joan Carr

Wednesday, 12 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 13 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Special Intention, Eileen Ireland

Friday, 14 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Bob O'Neill

Saturday, 15 July

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 16 July, Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Peter Renwick, Alma Fagan

Melba Arango Arango