

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**30 April 2023
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John 10:1-10 Pointers for Prayer

1. "Care" seems the fundamental image here. It invites a reflection on our own experience of being cared for, in all sorts of ways. It opens us to the experience of being cared for by God in Jesus. Prayer of being loved.
2. Guidance is part of the metaphor. In what ways have I found myself lost in the labyrinth of life and in need of direction? Where did I find guidance? Does the word of God guide me today? Prayer of being accompanied.
3. In looking for meaning, when did I realise the Gospel is really not a teaching but a person? Prayer of relationship.
4. We all want to live and be alive, to have life in abundance. How am I at this point in my life? Where does faith in the Jesus as the gate come in? Prayer of being alive.

Prayer

O God, you never cease to call even those far away, for it is your will that all be drawn into one fold. Attune our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us always to you, that we may find under your tender protection life in all its fullness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen

Keep In Your Prayers

Sheila Owens RIP, George Marshall RIP, Pauline Lawrence RIP, Dora Doonan RIP, Mary Mount RIP, Michael Gerrard RIP, Joan Carr, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, 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, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lectio Divina, Praying the Gospels

This will continue at St Mark's and we are currently looking at what is possible at Holy Family.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Bobby Joseph James Moore

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 8 May, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

Connie May Surridge

Thomas Craig O'Brien

Parish Council

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 2 May, 6pm in St Mark's annexe.

Ladies Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 May at 7pm in St Mark's annexe, new ladies always welcome.

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

Thank You

The office has received a letter of thanks from Nugent for your recent donation. Your generous gift provides Nugent with vital funds that allow them to continue their important work of caring for, educating and protecting those who need it most.

Cathedral Choir

On Friday, 12 May the choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will visit Our Lady of the Assumption church to present a Parish Choral Offering. The choir will sing a wide variety of music including Handel's coronation anthem 'Zadok the Priest' and the much loved 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franck.

All are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of beautiful music. The offering is 6.30pm-7.30pm and admission is free (with a retiring collection). Our Lady of the Assumption, 16

Hedgefield Road, Gateacre, L25 2RW.

Vocations Sunday

In these days of Eastertide, as we listen to the accounts of the growth and expansion of the early Church, we see how under the guidance of God's Spirit the seeds of the Gospel are carried from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are encouraged to pray that all Christians recognise their baptismal vocation, remembering the words of St Paul to the Ephesians that "to some his gift was that they should be apostles, to some prophets, to some evangelists, to some pastors and teachers, so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ.

Today we are encouraged to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our diocese, Archbishop Malcolm will be Ordaining Hugh Donleavy as a Deacon in a little over a month at St Charles Church in Aigburth. This will hopefully be followed, by 3 more ordinations to the Diaconate in Oscott and the Venerable English College, Rome towards the end of the college academic year.

Please pray for our seven seminarians and for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. Pray for our priests too, that our Church may be blessed with Good Shepherds who are prepared to

spend their life in the service of the sheep entrusted to their care.

If you feel the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood why not speak to your Parish Priest about it, or make contact with the Vocations Director based at St Charles in Aigburth, by telephoning 727 2493 or emailing r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk.

Lourdes Centenary Year We Need Your Help!

As you know, this summer will mark 100 years since the archdiocese's first pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We would like to mark this special occasion by asking people across the archdiocese to share their memories of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and any photographs or video clips you may have taken on any trips there over the years. We will collate these memories and use them on the archdiocesan website, social media channels and the Pic.

It could be that generations of your family have travelled to Lourdes, you could have photos from decades ago or even that a member of your family went on our very first pilgrimage in 1923.

If you have anything you are happy for us to share publicly or if you would even like to record a video message for us, then please email any details to communications@rcaol.org.uk and lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk and

include your name, parish and year(s) you travelled to Lourdes.

Sponsor a Wheelchair

This year, we also have an appeal for fundraising in order to buy more wheelchairs for the pilgrimage.

Email lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.co.uk if you are interested.

Sponsor a Wheelchair Appeal

We can't possibly travel to Lourdes without our supply of wheelchairs.

To coincide with our Centenary, we are hoping to fund a number of new wheelchairs. The sponsorship could be in memory of someone who has died, be on behalf of a parish, family or another organisation. Those people will then be a part of our Lourdes journey this year and for many more years to come.

The cost of a sponsored wheelchair is £400. This includes an engraved plaque, with the name of your chosen individual or group, and a fitted seatbelt.



If you are interested in sponsoring one of our wheelchairs, please email lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk



Bleed Control Packs Installed into our Parish Centres in Memory of Ava White

Life-saving bleed control packs installed in all 37 parish centres across the archdiocese after being inspired by the work that Ava White's family have been doing since her tragic death in 2021.

Since Ava's fatal stabbing, her family have been raising awareness through the Ava White Foundation of the benefits of public places having the packs that could potentially save lives

if a person suffers a catastrophic bleed. The packs are designed to help blood loss in the critical moments before professional medical help arrives.

Ava's mum Leeann White said: "We are so proud to hear that the Archdiocese of Liverpool has installed 37 lifesaving bleed control kits in Ava's memory. We can't thank you enough for all the love and support you have shown us."

#Liverpool4Ukraine

The archdiocese are well underway with plans for their 5th trip to Ukraine to deliver essential aid.

Six volunteer drivers in three vans will leave the archdiocese on Saturday, 6 May to tie in with the week leading up to Eurovision, to further strengthen the links between Liverpool and Ukraine.

Trips like these would not be possible without the generous donations of our parishioners. We are still very much welcoming any donations, ways to donate are below:

Online:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate>

Bank transfer:

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12

Account: 0155 1493

Reference: Help Ukraine

Cheque:

Made payable to “Archdiocese of Liverpool” and with “Help Ukraine” written on the reverse, these can be sent to:

Finance Department
St Margaret Clitherow Centre
Liverpool Archdiocesan Office
Croxteth Drive
Liverpool
L17 1AA

The archdiocese have devised a prayer for Eurovision week:

Risen Lord Jesus,

Help us to be your light to the world
of today.

We know you are with us always in
your word and in your Sacraments, in
those we love and in the poor.

Help us to see you in the poor, the
suffering and the lost.

As we celebrate a song for Europe
here in Liverpool we pray for our
brothers and sisters in Ukraine that
our song would be peace for the
world, peace for Ukraine and peace
in our homes and hearts.

May Your Vision be our vision and
become Europe’s vision. Amen
#Liverpool4Ukraine

Please keep our drivers, Bishop
Gregory and the people of Ukraine in
your prayers.

Pontifical Divine Liturgy Sunday, 30 April at 3pm

The Right Reverend Kenneth Nowakowski, the Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, will preside at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy, concelebrated by the Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, other clergy of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Roman Catholic Church at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

The liturgy will be offered for peace with justice in Ukraine and around the world and for God's blessing of the host city ahead of the major events related to the Eurovision Song Contest. Civic and Religious leaders will be invited to this unique time of prayer for Ukraine and Eurovision in Liverpool. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration.

Coronation of King Charles III

Friday, 5 May, 5pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral a vigil Mass for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We hope very much that you will be able to attend this special occasion.

Time Out Tuesdays at the Cenacle

9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December. 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.

A similar programme is running on Saturday's - 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 28 October, 25 November.

Recruitment for Boy and Girl Choristers 2023

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers.

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and St Edward's College meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Visit <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

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.**

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 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, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Collection for Sunday, 23 April 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£282.55
GASDS Loose	£615.20
Non Gift Aid	£ 54.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1318.98
Bonus Ball 17	£ 58.00

Second collection:

30 April, Priests' Training Fund
7 May, Parish Lourdes Fund



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome!



Fourth Sunday of Easter

29 April – 7 May 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 29 April

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Margaret Smith, Mary Warbrick

Sunday, 30 April, Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms

CB, Catherine Jamie Darcey
People of the Parish

Monday, 1 May, Weekday of Easter

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 2 May, Memorial of St Athanasius

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Sadie & Jimmy Devine,
Alan Mulcahey

Wednesday, 3 May, Feast of Sts Philip & James

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 4 May, Feast of The English Martyrs

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Angela Welsh

Friday, 5 May, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, St Mark's

12 noon – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Special Intention
Sheila Owens

Saturday, 6 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 7 May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms

Eileen Bush
Mignonne & Urdhin Family