

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**30 January 2022
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Luke 4:21-30

Pointers for prayer

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy was one to teach them. It can be difficult for us to see those close to us as people through whom God is going to reveal some truth to us. Yet what a difference when we drop our prejudices and are open to what is being said. Perhaps you have experienced this?
2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?
3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?

Prayer

God of salvation, in your Prophet, Jesus the Christ, you announce freedom and summon us to conversion. As we marvel at the grace and power of your word, enlighten us to see the beauty of the gospel and strengthen us to embrace its demands. Grant this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Covid

While the law no longer dictates that face coverings must be worn in church **Archdiocesan guidelines state that face coverings continue to be strongly recommended for all those who come to church for all services.**

The call of Christian charity requires us to be concerned for each other and, in particular, those who are most vulnerable or who may be anxious. We will therefore continue with the current systems that have served us so well over these last months.

Fr Matthew

Keep In Your Prayers

Vincent Edward Burke RIP, Michael Rice RIP, Maureen Fleming RIP, Peter Crompton (Snr), Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, Fr 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, 7 February, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:
Finley Grayson Henshaw
Ronnie Bert Cassidy

With You Always Programme

The next With You Always Preparation sessions for families who have already registered are:

Catch up session if you have missed session 1 or missed session 2:

31 January (Monday Group)

5 February (Saturday Group)

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at jayne.wya@gmail.com

Funeral of Betty Jones

Many of you will remember Betty who was a teacher/deputy head then headteacher of St Andrew's school for many years. Betty has sadly passed away and her funeral will take place on Friday, 11 February at 12 noon at St Oswald's Church, Old Swan.

Ladies Group

Our next meeting takes place at 7pm on Wednesday, 2 February in St Mark's Annexe. If you have never been along then please join us as new faces are always welcome.

SVP Meeting

Our next meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, 9 February in the Holy Family Meeting Room.

SVP Training

Tom McHale from SVP Training will be conducting a Safeguarding Course on Thursday, 3 February at 7.15pm (after Thursday evening Mass) in St Mark's Annexe for SVP members, however, all parishioners are welcome to attend this training. Please can you RSVP to Terry Fitzsimmons or the office.

Could you be a Deacon?

Having received our Synod 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 how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening 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 22 February 2022

7.30pm-9pm

(refreshments from 7pm)

St Gregory's Parish House,
Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Community Connectors

Community Connectors is a pilot scheme, this is run by Liverpool City Council, connecting people in the local area with services that best meet their needs, predominantly dealing with loneliness, falls and deprivation. This is a strength based approach to help residents remain as resilient, independent and active as possible. Jacky Taylor and Lee Bennett have been assigned the South Liverpool area and are trying to establish links within the community and are hoping to be kept up to date with any upcoming events or activities that they can share with the residents they come into contact with. They offer signposting and support for local residents to make connecting within their community easier. If you take part in an activity or know of one they

may find useful, please email Jacky directly on jacqueline.taylor@liverpool.gov.uk

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 20th February 2022 beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at:

St Richard's, Mayfield Street, Atherton M46 0AQ

If you are attending please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes.

0151 287 8787 frsmaloney@aol.com

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 takes place on Tuesday, 15 February at 2pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Marriage Preparation

A reminder that the Pastoral Development department no longer staff any marriage and family life coordinators and as a result, the way we offer the marriage preparation across the archdiocese has changed. Any couples looking for marriage courses are asked to book directly and are given options which are accessible on the website:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriagepreparation-options.

Other support options are also listed including retreat opportunities, divorced Catholics, those struggling in relationships, those who are widowed and more.

Exploring ways in which we can we deepen our friendship with God

The Parish Council is exploring ways in which we can “deepen our friendship with God”. One suggestion was to compile a set of parishioners favourite New Testament stories which could be used as a basis for either personal or group reflection. Please submit your favourite New Testament story/passage with a reason why it's your favourite (it can be very brief) either to the office or in the basket at the back of church or speak with Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487.

Liverpool Notre Dame Association

Please find here an extract from a letter received in the parish office from the above. “We are very pleased to announce our first event of the year which will be an Afternoon Tea and Social at St Mary's Church Hall Woolton on 19 February from 12.30-3.30pm. We are ordering the afternoon tea from caterers so will need definite numbers and payment by 8 February. The cost will be £10 pp which can be paid by BACS or

cheque, payable to Mrs M B Shaw. We will not be asking you to spend any more money on the day so leave your purse at home and enjoy the afternoon. Please let Bernie know when you have paid so she can add you to her list, also advise her of any dietary requirements when booking your place. Bank details for BACS payments sort code 08-90-66, a/c number 08046820, a/c name Mrs M B Shaw. If you joined the Association in 2019 your subs are now due for 2022, £6 per year, if you joined in November 2021 you have nothing to pay until January next year.”

Holy Family Floral Arrangements

Kathy Riley has carried out this important ministry for almost 20 years at Holy Family which involves purchasing flowers and displaying them within the church along with keeping water levels topped up and removing any tired stems. Kathy is now unable to continue her role and we are looking for a volunteer who could replace her asap. This is a weekly commitment and Kathy is more than happy to show you the ropes and where everything is. Flowers are purchased by the volunteer and the office reimburses on production of the receipt. Please contact the office if you feel this is a role you could fill. Thanks Kathy for

your many years of service and for keeping the floral arrangements looking so beautiful.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 1 March at 6pm, venue to be confirmed.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in Year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on Monday, 21 March. To register they should visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click ‘Register for Confirmation’ at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald OBE

Congratulations to Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald who was appointed an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire), in the Queen’s New Year’s Honours list for his work in interfaith and interchurch partnerships.

Next month, you can hear from Cardinal Michael as he will be delivering a distinguished lecture on human fraternity – a proposal and a project for relations between Christians and Muslims. The lecture

is on Thursday, 17 February at 5.30pm at Liverpool Hope University. All welcome. Email to register at rectorate@hope.ac.uk by Monday, 7 February.

Social Media and the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has launched new social media channels on Facebook and Instagram. The links are as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/liverpoolarchdiocese>

<https://www.instagram.com/liverpoolarchdiocese/>

Dementia Awareness

Sr Moira Meeghan is hosting an online dementia awareness session on Tuesday, 8 February. The session will explore issues of dementia and how you can help someone to live well with dementia. For the link to access the session which starts at 7pm, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk.

Cleaning Session at St Mark's All Welcome

Wednesday, 2 February, 8.30am

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 262.00
GASDS Loose	£ 338.15
GASDS Envelopes	£ 120.00
Standing Orders	£ 356.15
Total Offertory	£1076.30
Bonus Ball 02	£ 58.00

Nugent

On Saturday 5 February 2022, Nugent will be asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to be homeless. The event's venue is Strawberry Field based in Woolton where today it provides sustainable employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties. By taking part in Sleep Out with Nugent, you will help to raise money for our New Beginnings project which aims to provide good quality temporary accommodation for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have support needs. The funds raised will provide support packages for those who have been suffering from homelessness when transitioning into their accommodation. It will provide the basic essentials such as pots, pans and towels, items which we often take for granted. To help raise money for Nugent, you can set up a free fundraising page with Local Giving where you can keep track of your

donations, have your own fundraising link and thank your supporters. Visit the link for more info

<https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/>

“A life lived with grace”

On 2 June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join in a unique musical celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

‘Churches Together in England’ is encouraging churches, congregations and parishes throughout England to get involved. For more info visit

<https://cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/>

RCIA Meetings

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process given to us by the Church to initiate adults and older children into Christianity as it is lived within the Roman Catholic tradition. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along to these meetings which take place every Tuesday, 7.30pm, St Mark's Annexe. Contact Peter for more info 07707 917 554.

Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Before the pandemic our Eucharistic Ministers were able to regularly take Holy Communion to those unable to come to church for Mass. We wait to see when and how this important ministry may safely be resumed. In the meantime, we need to ensure that we have an up-to-date list of all those in need of such support. So, if you, or someone you know of, are housebound and would appreciate the support of receiving Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office and leave details.

Sacrament of the Sick

If anyone is in need of receiving the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick please approach Fr Matthew at Mass or contact the 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.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

29 January – 6 February 2022	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 29 January, 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish
Sunday, 30 January, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Mary Pitt, Robinson Family Albert Lamb, Pat & Peter Crompton
Monday, 31 January, Memorial of St John Bosco 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 1 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Tommy Fitzsimmon, Seel Street Sisters
Wednesday, 2 February, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's Church 12.30pm – Requiem Mass for Michael Rice at Holy Family Church	
Thursday, 3 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Morning Prayer – Online via zoom (see website) 1.45pm – Requiem Mass for Maureen Fleming at St Mark's Church 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Dora Kavanagh, Pat & Tony Crompton
Friday, 4 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, St Mark's Church 1.30pm – Funeral Service for Vincent Edward Burke at St Mark's Church	Frank Pitt, Julie Frear
Saturday, 5 February 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church	Annie & Louis Ventre, Peter Bebbington
Sunday, 6 February, Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Steve Long & Joy, Marie Culshaw People of the Parish