

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Matthew 5:1-12 Pointers for Prayer

The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when ...

1. You were poor - you knew your need of God.
2. You mourned – could feel for others.
3. You were meek – not emotionally out of control.
4. You hungered and thirsted for some cause.
5. You were merciful rather than vengeful.
6. You were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond.
7. You were a peacemaker.
8. You were persecuted because you stood for something.

Prayer

O God, teach us the hidden wisdom of the gospel, so that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first the blessedness of your kingdom. 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

Keep In Your Prayers

Margaret Morris RIP, James Hayes RIP, Florence Fiddes RIP, Angela Welsh RIP, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Freda Tansey, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, 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, 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, 6 February, 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 2023/24 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptisms this weekend:
India Marie McAleavey Ming
Phoebe Annie Coburn
Freddie Michael Grundy

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation then please register at:

Liverpoolcalled.co.uk
Registration is open:
16 January - 17 March 2023

St Mark's Cleaning Session

Wednesday, 1 February
9am-10am, all welcome.

SJV Bonus Ball

Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it.

Holy Family Church

Jubilee Mass

This will take place on Wednesday, 8 March with Mass at 6.30pm celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and for catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could sign the form at the back of church to indicate whether you will be attending.

Please pass in any photos or memorabilia to the parish office and your name if you would like to support putting the evening together.

SVP Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday, 8 February, 7pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Parish Council

Next meeting Tuesday, 7 March, 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

Ladies Group

Our first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, 1 February, 7pm in St Mark's annexe. If you have never been along, please pop in and see what we get up to, we're always looking for new members to bring along fresh ideas.

Carmelite Monastery

The Carmelites at Maryton Grange are once again opening their doors to anyone who might wish to join them for Mass. Monday to Friday 8am at the Carmelite Monastery, Maryton Grange, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU.

Eucharistic Minister Training Day

Saturday, 18 February, 9.15am-4.15pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister then please contact Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691 no later than Sunday, 5 February.

Living Laudato Si':

Your Parish and Your Planet,

Zoom Weekend, 17-20 February

Can healing the planet start with the parish? This is a repeat of a popular weekend for those who missed it the first time around.

This zoon retreat will be led by Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Canoness, Trish Sandbach, who worked in Oxfam Education and is an assessor for the CAFOD *LiveSimply* award and John Paul de Quay, founder member of the Ecological Conversion Group, there will also be a panel

discussion for sharing advice on practical projects.

What will happen? A long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of *Laudato Si'* in and through the parish.

Who is it for? Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group.

Times: Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday).

Cost: Voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend.

To apply simply email Sr Margaret Atkins:
margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk
and there are further useful links on our parish website.

5 February is Racial Justice Sunday
The theme is “*All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and*

work together”. It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year’s Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis’ visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of ‘Justice, healing and reconciliation’.

A Prayer for this Day

God of our past, present and future, you created each one of us in your image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Columban Missionaries School Media Competition

The Columban Missionaries have a competition for students aged 13 to 18 to submit an original piece of writing or image on the theme, ‘Building Peaceful Futures’. First prize will be £300. Final deadline will be 10

February 2023. For more info visit:
<https://www.columbancompetition.com/>

LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 26 February, St Bede's, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL, please do let Father Stephen know if you are able to attend. There will be refreshments after Mass which starts at 2pm. For more info please contact Canon Stephen Maloney frsmaloney@aol.co.uk.

Come and Sing

The cathedral is hosting a come and sing event for singers of all ages and abilities in March. Why not come along on Saturday, 25 March and join a massed choir under the baton of archdiocese Choral Director Joe Watson?

For this special occasion (the Solemnity of the Annunciation) a special choir assembled on the day will sing Antonio Vivaldi's popular Gloria, alongside a special new piece of music. There will be two groups:

- 1) singers from the Cathedrals Group of Universities (universities across the country that have religious affiliations)
- 2) A 'come and sing' choir formed especially for the occasion.

A 'come and sing' choir is a group of individuals (or sometimes an established choir/singing group) that joins together with other like-minded people to form a special choir for a day. On Saturday, 25 March, all of our singers will come together for the first time in the afternoon, rehearse together, and then perform in the evening!

YouTube rehearsal links are provided to all participants so that they can practice and familiarise themselves with their parts ahead of the day. Reading music is not a prerequisite as music can be learnt with the YouTube links.

Annual Civic Mass

On Sunday, 19 February at 11am all are welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral for the annual Civic Mass to celebrate community leadership and civic life across Merseyside.

Old Royal Hospital Clearance

At the end of January, the old Royal Hospital will be clearing all remaining furniture from the building. These will be items that are still suitable for reuse but aren't needed within the hospital. They are keen for these items to be rehomed to charities, schools, community groups and social enterprises. All items will be

advertised via the Warp It reuse website, so in order to see what is available and to claim any items you will need to sign up to the website. The link for charities is: Register (warp-it.co.uk) the link for schools is: Charity benefits (getwarpit.com)

Save the Date

Saturday, 15 April, St Mark's Parish Centre, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the centre.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

26 June 2023, £699pp sharing, price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board, all entertainment and excursions included, day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Could you be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday, 8 February, 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

Recycling Available

Used batteries

Empty tablet blister packs

Used postage stamps

Funny money

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.

Links to Access Livestream Masses

These are available on our parish website, Latest page.

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	£213.00
GASDS Loose	£226.85
Non Gift Aid	£ 55.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£862.08
Bonus Ball 08	£ 88.00

Special Appeal Survive-Miva
£600, Thank You.

Second Collection this weekend is for our SVP.



Coffee & Chat

Every Sunday after 9.15am Mass
in the annexe.

All welcome!

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

28 January – 5 February 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 28 January

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 29 January, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Peter Crompton, George Biggs
O'Gorman Family,
Frank Gallagher

Monday, 30 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, 31 January, Memorial of St John Bosco

9am – Mass, Holy Family

1.15pm – Funeral Service, St Mark's

Ken Kavanagh, John Large,
Parish Volunteers
Angela Welsh

Wednesday, 1 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday, 2 February,

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Frank Pitt, John & Maureen Kirby,
Tommy Fitzsimmons

Friday, 3 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

1pm – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

Dora Kavanagh, Maureen Morris,
Peter & Louise Crompton

Florence Fiddes

Saturday, 4 February,

5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family

Teresa Griffiths, Ruth Dutton

Sunday, 5 February, Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Candida Ward