

Newsletter

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7 August 2022

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Luke 12:32-48

Pointers for Prayer

1. The opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?
2. At times, one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit." When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g. when a child or friend gives a hint that they would like to talk and a very meaningful conversation ensues.
3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life and we do not know how long that will last. So Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

Prayer

O God, on whom our faith rests
secure and whose kingdom we await,
sustain us by word and sacrament and
keep us alert for the coming of the
Son of Man, that we may welcome
him without delay. We ask this
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns, forever
and ever. Amen.

Mask Wearing

With the rise in COVID cases, a
reminder that mask wearing is an
option that any of us may feel is
appropriate.

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Johnson RIP, Karl Hart RIP,
Kathleen Ball RIP, 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, Patricia Bracegirdle,
Father Vin McShane, John
Birkenhead our sick and housebound

and all those whose anniversaries
occur at this time.

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy
during August, sessions will resume in
September.

When these sessions do resume and
with the increased numbers we are
welcoming to them, we really need
additional support at all Masses but in
particular 11am Mass. If you would
like to become part of this wonderful
team, please leave your details with
the office or approach a current
volunteer for more info.

Holy Family Presbytery

The Big Clear Out



On Friday, 19 August a skip will be
delivered to Holy Family church to
enable a group of volunteers to clear
out the former presbytery. If you can

pop along and help out we'd really appreciate as many hands on the job as possible. The skip will arrive at 8am and be collected at 4pm. If you can join us for the whole day that'd be great but even if you can pop in and help out for an hour or so we'd be truly grateful. Just turn up on the day or contact Peter for any further info on 07707 917 554. Thank you so much.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Only a few dates remaining in December.

With You Always Programme

We are currently updating our preparation programme for First Holy Communion (With You Always programme). Information will be available in the newsletter and on our website in December. It is likely that the programme will start early 2023.

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

A message from our youth that went to Lourdes

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us on our trip to Lourdes as part of the Youth Pilgrimage. Thank you for all your contributions to the Youth Lourdes fund and for keeping us in your prayers. We have all had an amazing experience and enjoyed spending time with so many wonderful people and especially enjoyed dancing with some of our parishioners. Love Ella, Sam, Emily & Lauren x

SVP Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10 August, 7pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 20 September at 7pm, location to be confirmed. All minutes are available on the parish website.

A day of prayer for Ukraine

The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine on Wednesday 14 September. The Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration. In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

Job Opportunities

Liverpool Archdiocese has an exciting opportunity in its Education Department for an Administrator who will:

- Deliver high quality, administrative support to the Department
- Support the Office Manager with projects and events
- Liaise with the Finance Department regarding payment of invoices, updating systems where appropriate
- Support the wider team during busy times in the academic year with administration associated with

appeals, governance and Ofsted

Closing date: Monday, 8 August.

Cleaner x 2 posts based at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre. These roles are both permanent, part-time appointments on a salary of £7993.44 per annum, each working 16 hours per week closing date: 29 August.

Security Officer x 2 posts based at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool. The roles are permanent, full time, 35 hours per week with a salary of £17,485.65. Closing date is 8 August.

For more information, visit:
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Archdiocesan Lionesses

Did you know that Nikita Parris and Alex Greenwood are both former students of archdiocese schools? Nikita attended St Patrick's Primary School, Bellerive and Cardinal Heenan and Alex went to Savio Salesian College in Bootle. Nikita was also an altar server at the cathedral.

Katarina Johnson-Thompson

Wins Gold

Our very own Katarina retained her Commonwealth Games title in Birmingham, her first heptathlon triumph for three years. Well done, we're so proud of you.

Halewood Foodbank

Over the past few weeks Halewood Foodbank has seen an increase in numbers of people accessing their service. So we can support their activities we are reinstating the boxes at the back of Church where if you are able, you can leave tins or non-perishable goods which the SVP will take to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generous support.

Lourdes, December 2022

Northern Star Travel are running a trip to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception flying from Manchester on 5 December 2022. Flights, 4 nights half board, carry on luggage from £495. For more info

ring 0161 773 2115 and leaflets at back of church.

What's On at the Irenaeus Centre

Also, Women's Weekend 'The Call of Creation' 16-18 September 2022. Residential places available for more info contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or telephone 0151 949 1199.

St Mary's, Woolton

Next monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong takes place on 26 August in their parish hall.

What's on at our Cathedral

The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage, Friday, 23 September, 7.30pm-9.30pm. The Sixteen return in 2022, presenting a powerful programme of English choral music centred around Parry's emotional Songs of Farewell.

Deeply affected by the First World War, Parry sought poetry that would reflect not only peace and unity and

the search for a better world, but also an escape from the horrors of war.

Tickets are priced between £8 and £16. For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2022-liverpool/>

RCIA Meetings

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our parish community at friendly, informal meetings that start

in the Autumn. Contact Peter for more info on 07707 917 554.

St Mark's Club

Star Night Entertainment & Disco

Save the Date

Saturday, 10 September

Doors open 7pm, tickets £6 available from the club.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, arrive 3.30pm, Saturday, 17 September until 7am, Tuesday, 20 September.

Caring for our Housebound Parishioners

Thanks to the generosity of our Eucharistic Ministers we are beginning to take Holy Communion to those who are unable join us at Mass. If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr

Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with our Eucharistic Ministers from there.

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, contact office and we'll do the rest.

All finance figures will be available next week.

Second collection this weekend is for SVP.

Catholic Pic

The August edition of the Pic is now available and we're in it so please make sure you take your copy home!



Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

6 August – 14 August 2022	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 6 August 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family	Sadie & Jimmy Devine
Sunday, 7 August , Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family	People of the Parish Eileen Holland
Monday, 8 August , Memorial of St Dominic 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family	
Tuesday, 9 August , Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 9am – Mass, Holy Family 12.45pm – Requiem Mass, St Mark's	Lynne Joiner, Larry Devereaux Kathy Ball
Wednesday, 10 August , Feast of St Lawrence 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's 12 noon – Requiem Mass, Holy Family	Karl Hart
Thursday, 11 August , Memorial of St Clare 9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website) 12.15pm – Requiem Mass, St Mark's 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's	Mary Johnson John Finnegan, Margaret Whittles
Friday, 12 August , Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am - Mass, St Mark's	Fiona Burns, Ellie Davies
Saturday, 13 August 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family	People of the Parish
Sunday, 14 August , Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family	Joseph & Agnes Carden, Rita Randles Angela Lamb, Susan Savage