

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk**

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Matthew 14:22-33

Pointers for Prayer

1. The story illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.
2. When Jesus got into the boat the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?
3. The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?
4. The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger, experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God for you?

Prayer

God of all power, your sovereign word comes to us in Christ. When your church is in danger, make us firm in our trust; when your people falter, steady our faith. Show us in Jesus your power to save, that we may always acclaim him as Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Lonsdale, Mary Ireland, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Ron & 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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Along with our own Mass in Holy Family church at 9am, Mass is also available at:

Christ the King & Our Lady,
12 noon and 7pm

St Charles & St Thomas More
10am and 7pm

Our Lady of the Assumption,
Gatecare, 12 noon

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. Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and we have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

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

Cursillo England & Wales

On 12 August, Cursillo England & Wales will be holding National Ultreya at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Freshfields, L37 1 PH from 1.30pm. The day will include Mass, faith sharing, talks, witnesses and refreshments. All are welcome, please bring your family & friends. For

further information contact Jenny on
07947 271 037 or email
liverpool-cursillo@live.co.uk

RCIA Catechists

Peter Renwick is 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.

The archdiocese are running an RCIA workshop so if you'd like to find out more then please register at: email: rcia@rcaol.org.uk

Workshop dates:

•18 September: 6.45pm-8pm
St Joseph's Church, Wroughton,
WN6 9PA

•25 September 6.45pm-8pm
St Bede's Guild Hall, Widnes,
WA8 6EL

•30 September 11am-12.30pm
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral,
L3 5TQ

Snack & Stay or Snack Away!

The archdiocese is launching *snack & stay or snack away* to provide a free sandwich, fruit, crisps and drinks to children of any age during the school holidays.

This initiative will be available at our parish centres throughout the

archdiocese. For updates on this, please visit:
liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news

Bleed Control Packs

Earlier this year, every parish centre in the archdiocese had a life-saving bleed control pack installed after the work that Ava White's family has been doing since her tragic death in 2021.

The archdiocese has secured funding from Heineken to purchase a bleed control pack for every parish in the archdiocese and they are hoping that these will be delivered to all parishes in the next 2-3 months.

The archdiocese has secured training on these life-saving packs which will be delivered by Knifesavers. The training is free and will be held on Wednesday, 25 October at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre. The archdiocese would welcome parishes to book onto this, so they are fully trained on how to use this equipment. to book, see our parish website for the link.

Newman Circle Talk on Lourdes

Mgr John Butchard was the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Director for 25 years and a most dedicated pilgrim since 1968. He will be presenting a talk on the Lourdes pilgrimage, outlining the evolution of facilities and support for pilgrims over the years. The talk on 7 September, will begin at 7.30pm, it is free to attend and free parking is also available, with tea

and coffee served from 7pm. Please contact helen.flynn@googlemail.com for more details. (St Helen, Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TG)

Careers within the Archdiocese of Liverpool

For more info please visit:

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

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.

Jesuit Institute Summer Pilgrimage

14-18 September, cost £290. A guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults (18-35 years). As the group move through this beautiful landscape, they will reflect too on their journey through life. The outer journey will take the group on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. For more information email eharrison@jesuit.org.uk

Liverpool Cares

Liverpool Cares is a community network of younger and older neighbours hanging out and helping one another in our rapidly changing city. Liverpool Cares brings older and younger people together – to share time, laughter, new experiences and friendship – so that everyone can feel part of our changing city, rather than left behind by it.

For more info on what they do and how to get involved telephone 659 1789 or visit:

<https://liverpoolcares.org.uk/about-us>

Craft Workshop

The Irenaeus Project will be putting on regular Craft Workshops and you must book in order to secure your place. To do so, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199. The Irenaeus Project, Liverpool, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

Talks at Irenaeus

The Shaping of Things to Come: Reflecting on the life and ministries of our parishes. How can we move into the future? 7pm - 8.30pm.

A series of talks throughout September by the Irenaeus Project. Will also be on 12, 19 and 26 September. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk, or phone 0151 949 1199.

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

Choir Chaperones

Our Cathedral are looking to recruit a pool of Choir Chaperones to support the music department in their work by supervising choristers and other young people under 18 in the cathedral choir, ensuring their safety and wellbeing whilst in the care of the Cathedral.

It is envisaged that a small team of Chorister Chaperones will work variable hours to provide cover at rehearsals and events primarily as follows: Tuesday to Thursday –

2.30pm-6pm and Sunday – 9.15am-4pm.

The role is permanent, working flexibly on a rota basis during the academic year for 40 weeks in total (candidates selected to attend for interview will be asked to confirm their availability from the rota specified above), £10.42 per hour. You will be based at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool and will be required to travel to educational institutions and parishes across the Archdiocese. Must be available to start 1 September 2023.

For an informal chat about the role, please contact Dr Christopher McElroy (Director of Music) on 0151 708 7283. Closing date Friday, 11 August. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check. Call 0151 522 1102 for an application pack and further details.

Summer FREE Family Film Schedule at the Victoria Gallery (University Clocktower Building)

Visit the parish website for the full schedule of movies.

Many Hands Make Light Work

If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks to help keep our churches clean then please contact:

Julia Clark on 07925 368 140
for Holy Family

Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691
for St Mark's

Cleaning dates are as follows:

Holy Family church:
Tuesday mornings from 9.30am

St Mark's church:
Saturday, 19 August, 8.30am
Wednesday, 23 August, 9am

Of course, if these dates and times are unsuitable, alternatives can be arranged.

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

Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community.

If you would like to make your donation via Standing Order – this is the best and easiest option for those who are able – just contact your bank online or on the phone and set up a standing order for whatever amount you would like to give to the collection, our parish account details can be found below.

Alternatively, print off and complete the form which is available on the parish website. Please use your surname as the reference number. If you would like help completing a form then please just call in to the parish office on either Monday or Tuesday mornings.

Name: St John Vianney (240)

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-29-12

Account number: 8221 5810 and do please send an email to let the office know that this is what you are doing.

Collection for Sunday, 6 August 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£249.50
GASDS Loose	£333.95
Non Gift Aid	£ 48.20
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£998.88
Bonus Ball 54	£ 58.00

Second Collection:
SVP

£301.30

Second Collections:
27 August, Parish Building Fund



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

12 August – 20 August 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 12 August

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Robert Joyce

Sunday, 13 August,

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Joan Carr, Mary Russell,
Ann & Matt
People of the Parish

Monday, 7 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 15 August, Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,**

Holy Day of Obligation

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Jack Trainer, Angela Lamb

Wednesday, 16 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 17 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Eileen Ireland, Fr Vin McShane

Friday, 18 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Jim Dowdall

Saturday, 19 August

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the parish

Sunday, 20 August, Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Dora Kavanagh
Ann Parks