

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

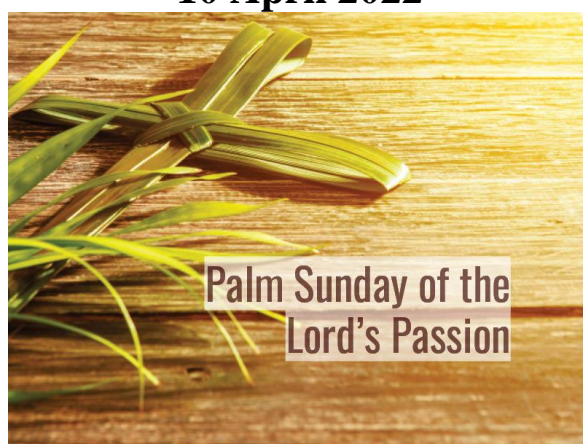
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10 April 2022



Luke 22:14-23:56 **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Working and living with others is always difficult. Even among Christians, the risk is that we “read” this reality politically and not, like Paul, spiritually, that is as part of discipleship.
2. Jesus emptied himself: perhaps I have known people like that myself or have been called myself to some extraordinary generosity.
3. When did I first say “Jesus is Lord” and mean it from the heart?

Prayer

On the path of discipleship, you call us loving God to follow and imitate your Son. Give to us the generosity to give our all, to lose our lives, that we be true followers of Jesus, who made himself poor that we might be rich.

Ukraine Crisis

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.

After travelling for three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries our drivers have safely delivered your donations. We are currently not accepting any goods but financial donations are still very much needed, a reminder that all details can be found here:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>

All donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. The text numbers are:

- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.)

Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront

foreign aggression and invasion. Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works. Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land. Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion. Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need. Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

+Kenneth Nowakowski Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London We pray for the local Eparchy of SambirDrohobych and its bishops.

Covid

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 expectation that face coverings will be used by those attending church.

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Kelly, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Hennessy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane, John Birkenhead our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Please note all our baptism places are now filled until September 2022 but you can still come along and register to secure a future date.

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 9 May, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

With You Always Programme

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

Ladies Group

Please note our April meeting has been cancelled. The date for our next meeting is now Wednesday, 4 May.

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 will take place on Tuesday, 26 April at 2pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

Children's Good Friday Liturgy Service

This will take place at 3pm in St Mark's annexe. Children may be dropped off at the annexe just before the main service in church and picked up afterwards.

Important Notice for Eucharistic Ministers

Forms for Request for Holy Communion in the Home - please make sure your forms are given in to the Parish Office as soon as possible so:

1. This service can commence immediately
2. We can complete our visiting list

Catch up training will be available for those who missed it as follows:

Thursday, 21 April after 6.30pm Mass at St Marks.

Saturday, 23 April after 5.15pm Mass at Holy Family.

Sunday, 24 April after 9.15 am Mass at St Marks.

Sunday, 24 April after 11am Mass at Holy Family.

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm which session you can attend 486 3992 or email johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk

Cleaning Session at St Mark's All Welcome

Many thanks to those who came along to our church cleaning session this week. The next date is Wednesday, 4 May, 8.30am.

CAFOD Walk for Hunger

Just a note to say thank you to those who contributed to CAFOD's Walk for Hunger – Viterbo to Rome Pilgrimage Walk by Jim Farrell. All funds have been paid in via the office. Many thanks from Jim and Ann Farrell.



Service of Tenebrae

Sunday, 10 April, 7.30pm-8.30pm at our cathedral. The ancient office of Tenebrae (Latin for 'darkness') will be sung by members of the Cathedral choir by candlelight. The service will conclude with Allegri's famous 'Miserere Mei'. All are warmly welcome to attend.

The Liverpool Passion Plays This is Our Story 11 April, Liverpool Cathedral, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Entry is free but we welcome your donations to support our choir tour fund.

<https://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-playsthis-is-our-story>

Chrism Mass

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool cordially invites all servers aged 8+ to the Chrism Mass at our cathedral Wednesday, 13 April at 7.30pm, please bring your albs, cassocks and cottas as these are not provided. All servers to be vested by 7pm. Please return the slip (see back of church) to reserve seats to Claire Hanlon, c/o Cathedral House, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ as spaces are limited.

Maundy Thursday Office of Readings

Thursday, 14 April, 10am-11am at our cathedral. The office of readings for Maundy Thursday will feature psalms, readings and responsories set to Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. All are welcome to join us.

Good Friday Office of Readings

Friday, 15 April, 10am-11am at our cathedral. The office of readings for Good Friday will feature readings and music by Victoria and Anerio. All are welcome to join us.

Open Air Service

The usual Ecumenical Good Friday open air service is being held once again in Hunts Cross Community Garden at 12noon. The service will be followed at 12.30pm by soup and hot cross buns in St Hilda's Church Hall. All welcome to commemorate with our fellow Christians.

Holy Saturday Office of Readings

Saturday, 16 April, 10am-11am at our cathedral. On the final day of the Triduum our Youth Choir will sing psalms, readings and hymns as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. All are welcome to join us.

City Centre Walk of Witness

Saturday, 16 April, 2pm-4.30pm. The city centre Walk of Witness will be led by the Bishop of Liverpool and the Archbishop of Liverpool.

Starting from the Metropolitan Cathedral, the walk will wind its way through the city, before finishing at Liverpool Parish Church with prayers & refreshments. All are welcome to join us.

Easter Sunday Choral Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17 April, 3pm-4pm. Members of the Cathedral Choir will sing the Easter praises and thanksgiving. All are welcome to attend.

Victory Family Centre

The following event takes place over the Easter weekend on 16 April at Walton Hall in Warrington between 10am-4pm. Tickets £20 and lunch is provided. Tickets at www.victorialiverpool.org.uk/easterconference

Keith Dolding is their guest speaker and he is a church leader & conference speaker. He trained and worked with Don Double (Good News Crusade) for many years and worked as part of the senior leadership team of Barnabas Fellowship of Churches, an international network of churches. He has been the pastor of The Well Church in Reading for over 15 years, where he has pioneered events to enable and encourage churches and ministries of all denominations to work together. He is married to Tracey, an anointed worship leader. Together they have three grown up children. Their heart for this event is mainly to connect together the churches in the area.

Creative Floral Craft Course

With conversation and companionship a set of 4 weekly workshops with Muir Simpson starting on Wednesday, 27 April from 1pm-4pm in the Gibberd Room. The only other things that you will need is a willingness to learn something new, a sense of humour and a smile! So sign up and prepare to be inspired! The price for the 4 workshops is £45 pp. Please email

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk for further details.

News from Animate

Youth Retreat Co-ordinator Vacancy - Animate youth ministry team works with over 10,000 young people each year and are currently in the process of recruiting a new Retreat Co-ordinator to support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese and helping lead the Gap Year Team. More information about the post is available on the Archdiocesan website. Information on the work of Animate can be found at animateyouth.org.

Join the Team - At this time of year the Animate Team offers the opportunity to young people over 18 to apply to be part of the team for the next academic year. Often this is an attractive proposal to those who are completing college and are looking for a gap year before starting University. For more information please go to the Animate website.

Flame - On 4 March 2023, Animate will take a coach of young people to London for the biggest National Catholic Youth event Flame. The Flame event takes place every few years at the Wembley Arena and brings together 10,000 young people from across the country. Tickets are already on sale at £40 pp including the entry ticket and transport from St

Mary's Lowe House. Again, check the Animate website for details.

International Ecumenical Fellowship

The International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) is to hold its 46th International Conference from 25 July to 1 August at Hope University in Liverpool. The theme of this year's Conference is "I will heal my people" (Jer.33:6) - Together in hope, prayer and action for a renewed world'.

We welcome participants who want to attend the Conference on a daily basis, rather than being residential. They are welcome to join the Conference on one or more days between Tuesday, 26 and Sunday, 31 July. This will include lunch and dinner and attendance at all events on the programme during the chosen day(s).

The Conference will focus on the idea of Encounter and will include visits to many exciting venues where we will witness projects of hope and social justice being undertaken by local churches and other groups working together in this exciting and vibrant city. It will reflect the progress made in recent years between members of many different churches in Liverpool and will be a real opportunity to see and experience hope, faith and collaborative work in action. The Conference will also provide the truly enriching experience of meeting with fellow Christians from many different countries across Europe and beyond.

IEF was founded in 1967 by ecumenically concerned Christians from across Europe. It now has a presence in many countries, with both lay and ordained members and people from every denomination and none.

For further information, costs and to register please see the website <http://briefoecumenica.uk/> or email iefliverpool22@gmail.com. The closing date for registrations is Saturday, 30 April (although late applications will be considered). For further information, please contact FI Rosen, fiona.rosen1@gmail.com or 07719 279851.

Liverpool Notre Dame Association

The next event will take place on Sunday, 22 May. Our first St Julie's Day and our main fundraiser for the year will be held at The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. We will be starting with morning coffee from 10.30am followed by Mass at 12noon. A hot 2 course lunch with wine/soft drinks will be served at 1pm and following this we have 2 fantastic guest speakers, Dame Colette Bowe and well known actress Eileen O'Brien who both attended Mount Pleasant School. We will finish the day with tea and cakes. For more information contact Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173/ 07891 645 785 or email berniemshaw@hotmail.com

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.

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	£ 217.60
GASDS Loose	£ 255.85
GASDS Envelopes	£ 69.20
Standing Orders	£ 297.77
Total Offertory	£ 840.42
Bonus Ball 59	£ 58.00
Second Collection	
Easter Flowers	£ 112.15

Second collection this weekend Holy Places.

Donations of Lenten Alms can be put into weekly collections during Lent - please mark your donation 'Lenten Alms'.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9 April – 17 April 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 9 April

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Mary, Jane & Celia Addy

Sunday, 10 April,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

Pat, Neil & Paul Crompton

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

Monday, 11 April, Monday in Holy Week

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

Tuesday, 12 April, Tuesday in Holy Week

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Robert O'Neill,
Peter Crompton

Wednesday, 13 April, Wednesday in Holy Week

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

7.30pm – Mass of Chrism at Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

The Easter Triduum

Thursday, 14 April, Holy Thursday

7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

With Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10pm,
Holy Family Church

Friday, 15 April, Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10am – Stations of the Cross, Holy Family Church

3pm – Passion of the Lord, St Mark's Church

3pm – Children's Liturgy Service, St Mark's Annexe

Saturday, 16 April, Holy Saturday

8.30pm – Easter Vigil, Holy Family Church

Sunday, 17 April, Easter Day

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish
Arthur Ward