

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**2nd January 2022  
2nd Sunday after Christmas**

### **Pointers for Prayer (John 1:1-8)**

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'
2. We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others.
3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world - speaking the truth for the world to hear, like as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.
4. "No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Maureen Fleming, Peter Crompton (Snr), Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **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.

## **Private Prayer & Exposition**

This will resume week commencing Monday, 10 January 2022.

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 3 January 2022, 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](mailto:jayne.wya@gmail.com)

## **Parish Council**

Tuesday, 11 January 2022, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room unless otherwise informed.

## **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.

## **Memorial Lecture 2022**

### **Sunday, 16 January, 2pm-4pm**

Speaker: Dr Lorna Gold. The J&P Commission is delighted to confirm that Dr Lorna Gold will be joining us on Zoom for what promises to be a very relevant and timely talk looking

at the environment in relation to Synodality for the Memorial Lecture 2022. To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451200000>  
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### **Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's All Welcome**

Wednesday, 12 January, 8.30am

Wednesday, 2 February, 8.30am

### **Lourdes Nominations**

If you wish to nominate someone from our parish to go to Lourdes in 2022 and be supported through our fund, please contact the office as soon as possible.

### **LGBT+**

Social Group in the Parish of Sts Agnes and Aidan for members of the LGBT+ community. This group gathers regularly on every third Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, L36 5SQ.

### **Parish Finance**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest. Finance for last weekend will appear next week. Bonus Ball Wednesday, 29 December, 58. The next second collection is 9 January for Parish Building Fund.

### **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/>



# Second Sunday after Christmas

**1 January – 9 January 2022**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 1 January, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**  
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church

Alan Bartham,  
Peter Bebbington

**Sunday, 2 January, Second Sunday after Christmas**  
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church  
12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Mary & Ron Baker,  
Alex Waring  
People of the Parish

**Monday, 3 January, Weekday of Christmas Time**

**Tuesday, 4 January, Weekday of Christmas Time**  
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Robinson Family,  
Nora Mayley

**Wednesday, 5 January, Weekday of Christmas Time**

**Thursday, 6 January, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Steve Long & Mum,  
Carmelite Sisters

**Friday, 7 January, Weekday after Epiphany**  
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

Maureen Fleming,  
George Pinnington

**Saturday, 8 January**  
5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Kenny O'Donovan,  
Ann Davis

**Sunday, 9 January, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church  
11am – Mass, Holy Family Church  
12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish  
Eileen Gus,  
Sisters of Mother Teresa