

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**24 April 2022
Second Sunday of Easter**

John 20:19-31 Pointers for Prayer

1. “Peace be with you” was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge about some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. “Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed”. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Whom have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

Prayer

God of life, source of all faith, through the waters of baptism you have raised us up in Christ and given us life that endures. Day by day, refine our faith that we who have not seen the Christ, may truly confess him as our Lord and God, and share the blessedness of those who believe. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and signs with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Side by Side

Following on from a very successful weekend exploring “Accompaniment” with the team from the Proximity Project, there is a zoom opportunity to participate in this event. This single event will take place over two evenings on 26 and 27 April from 7-9pm. If you are interested in attending please email Jenny on the email below:

registration@rcaol.org.uk

Even if you have already participated in person, you are still welcome to attend again and/or encourage fellow parishioners to attend.

Thank You So Much



A very big thank you to all who helped us to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. So many people are involved in so many ways – some visible, but many behind the scenes – to help things to run smoothly throughout the year, but especially during these special times.

Ukraine Crisis

All financial 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

Maureen Skillicorn, 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.*

Baptisms this weekend:

Rosie Shwenn
Bow- Isla Warner
Amber Monica Townley-Taylor

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

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.

SVP Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on
Wednesday, 11 May at 7pm in St
Mark's annexe.

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:

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

RCIA

An outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at Our Lady's, Lydiate, L31 4HH on Thursday, 9 June at 7pm followed by a light buffet. All are welcome! RSVP by Friday, 5 June for catering purposes. RSVP to rcia@rcaol.org.uk if you or your RCIA group wish to attend.

We keep all the Catechumens and Candidates and their godparents, sponsors, catechists, families and friends in our prayers.

Parish of St Agnes & Aidan LGBT+ Group

The group gathers regularly every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ. The next meeting is on Sunday, 24 April (due to Easter). For details

contact:
hollyfenn1999@hotmail.co.uk

Love To Move - Age and Dementia Friendly Chair-Based Activity Programme

The next session will be on Tuesday, 26 April, St Mary's parish hall, Woolton.

Recruitment

Boy & Girl Choristers 2022

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. We are recruiting:

Boys currently in year 2 & 3

Girls currently in year 5

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (boys, yr 3-6).

St Edward's College (boys & girls, yr 7-10) meaning that a first-class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost.

If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral can be found at: <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

Latest News from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region

Pentecost Walk 2022/Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party in Liverpool

The big emphasis of the jubilee weekend on Sunday will be community street parties which will be held throughout the country. The main event at the Pentecost Walk 2022 is a Platinum street party type celebration for all generations in the Anglican Cathedral, with long trestle tables, space for family picnics, rugs on the floor and lots of bunting! This is to join in with the Queens Platinum Jubilee as well as celebrating the joy of Pentecost. Please bring your families and church communities along!

Timings: Pentecost Sunday, 5 June

3pm: 10 minutes open air service at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

3.15pm: Please note that the walk down Hope Street which is scheduled to take place at 3:15pm needs to be confirmed and updates will be posted on the CTMR website at <https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx>. If it is possible there would be a mass community choir – children may be waving flags or banners.

3.45pm: 15 minutes all age service in the Anglican Cathedral - maybe with some action songs and readings.

4pm-4.45pm: Picnic time and activities.

5pm: Pack up time and finish.

Would you consider getting involved in the Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party?

Would you be interested in bringing some families, church communities and friends along?

Would you be willing to lead an activity e.g. craft table/face painting/circus skills/percussion workshop? Whatever you enjoy and find easy!

Please contact 'In Another Place' directly admin@inanotherplace.com if you would like to lead an activity.

For more information on the above please visit the CTMR website.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Resources

'Thy Kingdom Come': 26 May to 5 June 2022. Find out more about the worldwide #ecumenical prayer movement by visiting their website.

Jubilee Resources for Churches

To find resources to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee please follow <https://ctbi.org.uk/celebrate-the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

A message from Helen Jones of Daybreak, BBC Radio Merseyside
This year BBC Radio Merseyside wants to celebrate and say thank you to people across Merseyside who make where we live a better place. Every day we hear stories of people doing incredible things for each other and their communities. Now it's time to recognise them for all their hard work with the first ever BBC Radio Merseyside Make A Difference Awards. Whether it's caring for someone in need, being a brilliant neighbour, or inspiring children in the classroom, if you know someone who is really making a difference they can be nominated.

There are 8 categories:

Volunteer, Community Group, Fundraiser, Carer, Great Neighbour, Key Worker, Environment, Together award.

You can make a nomination or help us spread the word to anyone who might want to nominate someone who goes the extra mile in the local community. The awards are free to enter and we're hoping to get some amazing nominations.

You can nominate someone you know at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference where you can also see full Terms and our Privacy Notice. Nominations are now open and will close 29 April 2022, 11pm. The winners will be

announced at our Make a Difference awards at ceremony in September at

Missio Red Box Collections

In 2021, our parish raised £4,348.83 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you. Our missionary community here at St John Vianney is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified this year. This remarkable lay women's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline and how your support of Missio changes lives for the better. *Please now bring your Red Boxes to church for emptying, thank you.*

What is the Feast day of Divine Mercy?

Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy) is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

As Pope John Paul II stated, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”

As in the prayers that form the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, there are three main themes to the Divine Mercy devotion: to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy and finally to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them.

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.

Postbox Easter Hats!

Have you seen these decorating postboxes in our local area? What a smile they bring as they share the Easter story in such a unique way. How many are there and who are these talented mystery knitters and crochet folk?

Parish Finance

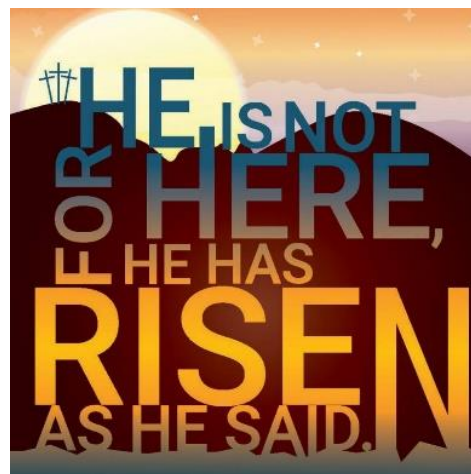
Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 258.00
GASDS Loose	£ 451.00
GASDS Envelopes	£ 35.00
Standing Orders	£ 297.77
Total Offertory	£ 907.45
Bonus Ball 31	£ 54.00
Second Collection	
Holy Places	£ 163.45

Easter Raffle

The total raised was £242.61 and the winning numbers are listed below. Once again, many thanks for supporting our youth in their fundraising efforts!

671-675
771-775
581-585
836-840
266-270
331-335



Second Sunday of Easter

23 April – 1 May 2022	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 23 April , Saturday of Easter Octave 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church	Moira & Dave McLoughlin
Sunday, 24 April , Second Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church 11am – Mass, Holy Family church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church	Pat & Peter Crompton People of the Parish
Monday, 25 April , Feast of St Mark 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family church	
Tuesday, 26 April , Solemnity of St George 9am – Mass, Holy Family church	Fr Vin McShane, John Ming
Wednesday, 27 April , Weekday of Easter 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's church 2pm – Mass with St Mark's school, St Mark's church	Marie Morris
Thursday, 28 April , Weekday of Easter 9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website) 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's church	Tallulah Marshall, Abbie Green
Friday, 29 April , Feast of St Catherine of Siena 9am - Mass, St Mark's church	John & Josephine Rimmer, Steve Finn
Saturday, 30 April , Weekday of Easter 5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family church	Peggy Delaney, Kevin, Steve & Joy
Sunday, 1 May , Third Sunday of Easter 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church 11am – Mass, Holy Family church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church	Marion Colvin, Manuella & Mariana People of the Parish