

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Nunes

The Parish Office  
Penmann Crescent, Halewood  
Liverpool, L26 0UG

T: 0151 486 3992  
W: [parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk](http://parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk)  
E: [johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk)  
Open 9am-1pm: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

**For more News and Information see our website:  
[parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk](http://parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk)**

**16 April 2023  
Second Sunday of Easter, p255**

### **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 from 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? Who 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 reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and  
ever. Amen.

## **Update from Fr Matthew:**

I had the precautionary operation on  
my tongue on Maundy Thursday and  
the consultant said that all went as  
planned. They kept me in hospital for  
24 hours after which I spent sometime  
at my mum's (mums are what you  
need in these situations!) and with  
friends. Taking it day by day at the  
moment but hope to be back at home  
in Halewood next week and back in  
action.

I will be so very sorry to miss Fr Vin's  
funeral. I have no doubt that everyone  
is rallying around as usual and that he  
will get a great send off. He has been  
so much a continuing presence with us  
at SJV over these years - never far  
from our prayers. His dedicated  
ministry as a priest in amongst all the  
burdens that constantly threatened to  
overwhelm him in life touched the  
lives of so many of us. It was  
wonderful to be able to celebrate his  
60th birthday with him not so long

ago. May he now celebrate with the  
Lord in heaven and know the deep and  
abiding peace that the Lord wishes for  
him.

I am very grateful to all the priests  
who have stepped in to help out in my  
absence. Particular thanks to Fr Peter  
Murphy for his generosity in  
celebrating the Triduum - I have no  
doubt it was a great celebration.

Thanks so much for all the prayers and  
good wishes. All so very much  
appreciated. Keep the prayers going  
and I'll see you shortly.

## **Fr Vin McShane RIP**

The sad news of Fr Vin's death came  
through on Tuesday, 4 April. Please  
pray for the repose of his soul.

Details of his funeral:

Vigil Mass: Monday, 17 April,  
7.30pm at St Mark's.

(The Canons of the Chapter will lead  
Evening Prayer of the Dead  
beforehand.)

Father Vin will be resting in church  
until 9am on Tuesday, 18 April.  
Please contact Jim Farrell if you are  
able to accompany Father Vin  
through the night.

Please note there will be no  
exposition at Holy Family  
on 17 April.

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, 18 April,  
1pm at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,  
Stonebridge Lane, Croxteth,  
L11 9AZ.

May his soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Please send all cards to Denise  
Flanagan (his sister), 40 Kiln Hey,  
Eaton Road, West Derby, Liverpool,  
L12 2AL.

### **Obituary for Vincent James McShane**

Vincent James McShane, one of eight children of Vincent Henry and Mary Teresa McShane (née O'Brien), was born in Liverpool on 7 January 1963. The family lived firstly at Blenheim Street and then at Mile End, Scotland Road. His early education was at St Anthony's Infant and Junior Schools. In 1974, he entered the junior seminary at St Michael's College, Underley Hall in Kirby Lonsdale. This was at a time of considerable upheaval, when the reorganisation of seminary provision in the Northern Province was taking place. He thus transferred to the junior seminary at St Joseph's College, Upholland, in 1975, where he remained until he had completed the sixth form. He entered the senior seminary at St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, Durham in 1981 and there completed his studies for the priesthood. During his seminary formation, he had various pastoral placements, including Durham and Frankland prisons, and the parish of St

Joseph, Ryhope, in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Within the archdiocese he had placements at St Patrick's, Wigan, and then at St Luke's, Whiston. He was ordained priest by Archbishop Derek Worlock on 26th July 1987 at St Anthony's Church, Scotland Road, Liverpool. Following ordination, he had two appointments as a curate: St Joseph's, Penketh (1987) and St Aidan's, Huyton (April 1991). In January 1993, he became priest-in-charge at St Aidan's before moving to his first appointment as parish priest at St Joseph's, Kirkby (April 1996). After seven years, he was appointed parish priest of Holy Family, Halewood, and priest-in charge of St Gregory, Netherley. Soon afterwards, the deanery was amalgamated with the neighbouring deanery. The archdiocese had begun the "Leaving Safe Harbours" project. The parish of St Gregory became part of the Childwall Valley parish. Fr Vin, as well as remaining the parish priest of Holy Family, was asked to take on the additional responsibility of being priest-in-charge of the parishes of St Andrew the Apostle, Hunts Cross, and St Mark's, Halewood. These three parishes were eventually amalgamated into the new parish of St John Vianney in January 2006, with Fr Vin as the first parish priest. Fr Vin's final appointment was as parish priest at Holy Rosary, Old Roan, in September 2016. It was during this period that he began to experience significantly diminished mobility as a

result of an amputation in 2003 and the effects of acute kidney injury – a result of treatment for osteomyelitis. He retired from active parish ministry in October 2018, but continued to minister as a priest, supplying in various parishes as needed.

Throughout his life, Fr Vin had a great love for Lourdes. His first visit, as a brancardier, was in 1977. He made a pilgrimage every year after with the Archdiocesan Lourdes Association in roles as a member of the hospitality, as a chaplain to the assisted pilgrims, as a trustee and as a member of the executive committee. He also led various parish groups during those years. He always encouraged the people he met to try and make a pilgrimage to Lourdes. In later years, he travelled as an assisted pilgrim himself, accompanied by his friend, Ian. He died on 4 April 2023.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Father Vin McShane RIP, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, 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, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **Service of the Word**

Please note the 11am Mass on Sunday, 23 April will be replaced by a Service of the Word.

### **Thank You**

Thanks to everyone who watched ‘Urbi et Orbi’ in St Mark’s annexe on Easter Sunday, it seemed everyone enjoyed it and thanks so much to Ann Farrell for making it happen, see you next Easter!

### **Safeguarding Information**

The Archdiocese Safeguarding Department have informed us that all DBS holders in the parish will have their DBS status rechecked early 2026, unless in the meantime they take on additional responsibilities for which their original DBS did not cover.

### **Pauline’s Big Lent Walk Challenge Completed**

Yes! I’ve completed the CAFOD Big Lent Walk Challenge of walking 200k (125 Miles) during Lent. I actually did 133 miles.

I finished on Good Friday with a 12 mile walk from Pickerings Pasture to the Ferry Inn at Fiddlers Ferry and back. It also happened to be the Manchester to Liverpool Ultra Marathon event so it was a very busy canal path! I was joined by my twin sister and Jake but I think Jake was a bit tired as he slept for 9 hours afterwards!

I really appreciate all your ongoing support as you have helped raise an amazing total of £497 for CAFOD's fight against global poverty, so a massive THANK YOU to everyone! I have really enjoyed this challenge but it means that I am now going to have think about what am I do for Lent next year? Watch this space!

### **Rite of Welcome**

11am: Kai Joseph Thomas Wafer  
Maddox Sean Rushworth

### **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 8 May, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:  
Archie O'Shea Jinks  
Tallulah Rose Edwards  
Tilly-May Ennis Edwards

### **Mass for Bishop Tom Williams**

Following the retirement of Bishop Tom Williams from the office of Auxiliary Bishop, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for his twenty years of episcopal ministry in Liverpool on Wednesday, 17 May at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm which Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate. All welcome.

### **Time Out Tuesday's at the Cenacle**

9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December. Take a break from your daily routine and have some space to reflect, be still and

be refreshed. Day begins at 10.30am and ends about 4pm, suggested offering for the day £10, bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. For further info ring 722 2271.

A similar programme is running on Saturday's - 22 April, 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 28 October, 25 November.

### **Metropolitan Cathedral Launches New Family Trail and Audio Tour**

The Metropolitan Cathedral has launched two brand new visitor resources.

Firstly, there's a new interactive family trail, especially designed for younger visitors. Free to access from any smartphone, Explore with Eva takes visitors on a treasure-hunt style journey around the Cathedral.

There is also an immersive audio tour, which enables local and international visitors to experience the sights and sounds of the Metropolitan Cathedral like never before. For more information, visit:  
<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/metropolitan-cathedral-launches-new-family-trail-and-audio-tour>

### **Recruitment for Boy and Girl Choristers 2023**

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.

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and St Edward's College 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. Visit <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

### Caring for Creation

The LiveSimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". The award is earned by communities and schools who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation

Celebrating what communities have already done and inspiring everyone to do more, the Live Simply award helps a community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. Our three schools have already started the Live Simply award and have shared

with us how and what they are doing now.

Please read the Self Assessment Questions given out recently and stick your notes to the correct boards at the back of church.

Can you help? There are already a small group who are helping to plan for our own LiveSimply award, but it would be great to have a few more people involved.

Next meeting 20 April, 7.15pm, St Mark's annexe.

### First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

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 find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else 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

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£297.60
GASDS Loose	£497.75
Non Gift Aid	£ 38.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1200.58</b>
Bonus Ball 05	£ 87.00
Second Collection	
Holy Places	£183.10

Second collection:  
30 April, Priests' Training Fund



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

Holy Family church – after 11am  
Mass starts this Sunday, 16 April.

All welcome!

**Easter Prize Winners**  
St Mark's Hamper - 114  
1<sup>st</sup> – Annmarie Roberts  
2nd – Rosemary Sowerby

## Second Sunday of Easter

**15 April – 23 April 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 15 April**

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Ellen Garber, Linda Quinn,  
Steve Tobdni

**Sunday, 16 April, Second Sunday of Easter**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Francis Cannon, McGrail Family,  
Peter Mannix  
People of the Parish

**Monday, 17 April, Weekday of Easter**

**7.30pm – Vigil Mass for Fr Vincent McShane**  
Canons of the Chapter will lead Evening Prayer for  
the Dead beforehand.

**Tuesday, 18 April, Weekday of Easter**

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

**10.30am – Funeral Service, St Mark's**

**Mary Warbrick**

**Wednesday, 19 April, Weekday of Easter**

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

**10.30am – Funeral Service, Holy Family**

**John Graham**

**Thursday, 20 April, Weekday of Easter**

6.30pm - Service of the Word, St Mark's

**Friday, 21 April, Weekday of Easter**

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

**Saturday, 22 April**

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Peter Murphy, Jackaline Mosley,  
Teresa Davies

**Sunday, 23 April, Third Sunday of Easter**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

People of the Parish