

# Newsletter

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**13 March 2022  
Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Luke 9:28-36 Pointers for Prayer**

1. The transfiguration experience was one that affirmed Jesus' identity as the beloved disciple of God and strengthened him for the future. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are and being beloved by God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendships there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus, with God, or with the Spirit of God within? Recall when it happened and what it was like for you?
3. For the disciples, the experience also served as a reminder that their task as they accompanied Jesus on the road to Jerusalem was really to listen to him. This puts our Lenten efforts in context. What have you found helpful to get you to listen and to understand more deeply the meaning of the life and message of Jesus?

### **Prayer**

God of the Covenant, your presence fills us with awe, your word gives us unshakable hope. Fix in our hearts the image of your Son in glory, that, sustained on the path of discipleship, we may pass over with him to newness of life. We make our prayer through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Crisis in Ukraine

Archbishop Malcolm has approved the launch of an archdiocesan urgent and major appeal to support Ukraine. For anyone wanting to make a financial donation the following numbers have been set up. 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.)

Financial donations have been supporting many elements including fuel, which has enabled people to travel to Poland and surrounding countries to donate goods.

In regards to the donation of goods, the delivery chain is currently at capacity because of the generous and overwhelming response from people. We have been in touch with local and national charities and religious organisations to discuss options of where we can donate goods to and we are awaiting confirmation of this. We do expect there to be a demand for more goods in the near future. While

we await confirmation, we would ask everyone to hold off delivering donations of goods to our collection points. Once we know more, we will be back in touch.

Thank you again for your continued support. This is a very fast paced situation, but we are working hard to get information to you as quickly as possible so we can all work together to support those in need. Check the parish website for further details on how you can help.



## 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

Tony Crompton RIP, Frank and Josie Hennessy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane, John Birkenhead our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Thank You

Pat Crompton and family would like to thank everyone for the kind words, prayers and Masses which they have received for Peter all of which have been a great support at this really difficult time. Many thanks also for your kind donations to Cancer Research which totalled £370. Thank you and God bless you all.

Tony Crompton's family would also like to express thanks to for all the prayers and Masses that he has received.

## 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, 4 April, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this week:

Mila McClone

## Rite of Welcome

5.15pm:

Sienna Denise Gratton,

Dollie Grace Flood

Elisabeth Grice

Russell William Hayes

11am: George Arthur Begley

Thomas Henry Begley

Isobel Rae Owen

Tyrelle-Blu Dean Airlie

Esmae Poppy Keeley

## With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at [jayne.wya@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.wya@gmail.com)

## Ladies Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 16 March, 7pm, St Mark's Annexe. New members will be made very welcome. Please come along and join us.

## Garden of Repose



Our annual appeal for any plants/greenery, real or artificial to enhance our Garden of Repose for Maundy Thursday evening is here. Please leave any plant donations at either church.

## Youth Club Hampers

Anyone wishing to make a chocolate donation to the youth club hampers can leave items at either church. Raffle tickets on sale from next week.

## 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 bereavement drop in session will take place on Tuesday, 22 March at 2pm.

### **Parish Council**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 3 May, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room. All minutes available on website.

### **Missionaries of Charity Carrying of the Cross**

This annual event will take place on Saturday, 9 April at 2pm. Join at the junction of Church Street/Lord Street. Stewards required please email Jim Ross jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers. All invited to come to either:

- Tuesday, 15 March, 6pm at St Mark's Church
- or
- Thursday, 17 March after 6.30pm Mass at St Mark's Church

To consider:

- Safeguarding
- Ministering at Mass
- Visiting the sick and housebound

This is refresher training for current Eucharistic Ministers and an opportunity for those considering this ministry to find out what is involved. We are hoping to arrange full training

for those considering joining this ministry but we need to know numbers so please come along.

An information pack will be distributed to current Eucharistic Ministers. Please bring with you the Rite of Communion sheet or book that you use to provide communion in the home.

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

The Liverpool Passion Plays tells the story of the last supper as well as Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. Using the Cathedral's architecture and artwork as a backdrop, the audience will 'walk with Jesus' through his story, starting as a young boy, and witnessing his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas, and his trial and crucifixion. The performance will move West to East in the Cathedral, stopping at different locations as each scene unfolds. All will travel back to the Central space to witness the crucifixion that will take place on the Nave Bridge. The performance combines music, script and liturgy to demonstrate what Christ's suffering and resurrection means for us today. The five acts have been put together by the cast, crew and musicians who are volunteers from the congregation, cathedral choirs and the public. Entry is free but we welcome your donations to support our choir tour fund. <https://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/eve>

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### Side by Side

Join us for this interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies people in life and faith. We'll consider how deepening our practice of accompaniment will help our Catholic community be recognised as relevant and impactful and how it will offer us hope for the growth of our parishes and communities. We invite you to attend with a partner, to accompany one another throughout the day (if you are coming alone, let us know and we'll pair you up with someone). Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided. To register, email your name, parish and which event you will be attending to [registration@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:registration@rcaol.org.uk)

The events will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, 19 March: 10am–4pm at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA (formally known as LACE).

(Same event repeated)

Sunday, 20 March 12noon–6pm at the same venue (There will be Mass at 11am on the Sunday celebrated by the Archbishop)

### Rite of Election

Following on from the Rite of Election and Call to Continuous Conversion, the Retreat Day will take place on 9

April in Formby with an outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated in Lydiate on 9 June.

Paul Taylor from our parish has now been initiated so please do keep Paul and his family and all those on their faith journey in our prayers as we joyfully accompany them.

### Mother's Day at St Mark's Parish Club FREE Admission!

Sunday, 27 March

Disco and Karaoke from 5pm

Main Act from 8pm

Please come along and support our club if you are able.



### SFX College Proudly Presents School of Rock, The Musical

Wednesday, 6, Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 April, 7pm, doors open 6.30pm, tickets adult £4, child £2, family £10, tickets available through ParentPay or on the door.



## Silence in the Pinewoods

An introduction to contemplation through the gateway of Centering Prayer led by Father Richard Sloan, St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Saturday, 2 April, 10am-4pm, registration

<https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>

## Exploring ways in which we can we deepen our friendship with God

The Parish Council is exploring ways in which we can "deepen our friendship with God". One suggestion was to compile a set of parishioners favourite New Testament stories which could be used as a basis for either personal or group reflection. Please submit your favourite New Testament story/passage with a reason why it's your favourite (it can be very brief) either to the office or in the basket at the back of church or speak with Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487.

## Belong & Believe

*How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.*

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday Reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7pm-8pm on zoom using the Café resource: Belong and Believe during Lent. There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss and although the course will be run online, it is possible to join and interact as a parish group. If you would like to lead the course in

your parish and need more information, contact the PD department: [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk)

March 14 - Growing in Faith Together  
March 21 - Renewed in the Holy Spirit  
March 28 - Caring for God's Creation  
April 4 - Evangelising with Love & Action

You can register for the zoom reflections here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

or on the website:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development)

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in Year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on Monday, 21 March. To register they should visit [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

## Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's All Welcome

Many thanks to those who came along to our church cleaning sessions. The next dates are:

Wednesday, 6 April, 8.30am  
Wednesday, 4 May, 8.30am

## **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.

## **Parish Finance**

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

Sunday, 27 February

Gift Aid Envelopes                      £ 303.00

GASDS Loose	£ 327.05
GASDS Envelopes	£ 75.00
Standing Orders	£ 295.46
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1000.51</b>
Bonus Ball 20	£ 58.00

Sunday, 6 March

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 226.50
GASDS Loose	£ 251.50
GASDS Envelopes	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£ 297.77
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£ 820.27</b>
Bonus Ball 45	£ 58.00

Second collection this weekend is for CAFOD.

## **A Prayer for Ukraine**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.  
Amen.

## Second Sunday of Lent

**12 March – 20 March 2022**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 12 March**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Joan Coburn/Steven Lloyd

**Sunday, 13 March, Second Sunday of Lent**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Colin Birkett,  
Margaret Delaney  
People of the Parish

**Monday, 14 March, Weekday of Lent**

**10.45am – Requiem Mass for Abigail Green,  
Holy Family Church**

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

**Tuesday, 15 March, Weekday of Lent**

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Diane Heathcote,  
Ellie Davies

**Wednesday, 16 March, Weekday of Lent**

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

**Thursday, 17 March, Feast of St Patrick**

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Ann Culshaw,  
Peter Crompton

**Friday, 18 March, Weekday of Lent**

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

6.30pm, Stations of the Cross, Holy Family Church

George & Joseph Fitzgerald,  
Peter Crompton

**Saturday, 19 March**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Fr Colbert, Fr Des Power

**Sunday, 20 March, Third Sunday of Lent**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish  
David Moore,  
Peter Crompton