

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**5 March 2023
Second Sunday of Lent, p155**

Matthew 17:1-9 Pointers for Prayer

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father 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 what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendship 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 and God. Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him". Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of special joy?
4. After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?



Prayer

Holy God, from the dazzling cloud you revealed Jesus in glory as your beloved Son. During these forty days, enlighten your Church with the bright glory of your presence. Inspire us by your word, and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep In Your Prayers

Freda Tansey RIP, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, 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, Father Vin McShane, our sick and housebound and all those who anniversaries occur at this time.

Parish Office

Due to staff holidays, the office will be closed on Friday, 10 March.

Lectio Divina

Praying the Gospels for Lent

Holy Family will remain open for a further one hour after exposition during Lent and the Lectio Divina will be prayed in St Mark's annexe. All are welcome for a special Lent.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Friday, 10 March, 6pm, Holy Family
Friday, 17 March, 6pm, St Mark's
Friday, 24 March, 6pm, Holy Family
Friday, 31 March, 6pm, St Mark's
Friday, 7 April, 10am, Holy Family

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Your envelopes can be returned via the collection.

GodCalls Adventure

If you are looking for something different this Lent, then GodCalls has an app with a 40 day self-guided programme to deepen your

relationship with God. More info on our parish website.

Pauline's CAFOD Big Lent Walk Update

So it's one week into the CAFOD Big Lent walk and I've completed a total of 46.4km or 30 miles in old money! The challenge is to do 200k in Lent, so I'm well on track.

So far, I have run, walked & cycled my way around Clark Gardens, Calderstones Park, Stanley Park, Croxteth Park, Garston Coastal Reserve & then walked up and around Moel Famau in North Wales. I've sometimes had a little companion with me, Jake, my little Grand Dog but I think Moel Famau would have been a little too much for him. Check out photos on website.

If you are able to sponsor me for this and raise money for CAFODs "Help Fight Global Poverty" campaign, you can donate online all the details are on the parish website. Thank you so much for your kind support.

Online Lent Retreat

Hosted by The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow the theme for this year's retreat is 'Live to Inspire.' For more info visit:
<https://www.onlineprayer.net/saints/>

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm:

Theodore Harry James Birch
Hollie Jean Kearsley-Edwards

Prayer Requests

Do you have some one 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.

Baptismal Information

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

Baptisms this weekend:

Aiden Andrew Doherty-Boyes
Ava Maria Williams
Roman Dylan Williams

Holy Family Church Jubilee Mass Update

Would those parishioners who have kindly offered to prepare sandwiches and bake cakes please drop items off from 5pm onwards at Holy Family church on Wednesday evening. A big thank you to all those involved in

anyway for helping to make this a memorable occasion.

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

Many thanks to all those who attended the recent meeting. Some of the things that came up:

- Look to re-commissioning of all our Eucharistic Ministers in the Spring (around Pentecost) with a re-fresher training offered beforehand.
- Great to have 3 new people joining our Eucharistic Ministers team: Alison Worthington, Jocelyn Williams and Mark White.
- Would be helpful to have some further new EM's (see below) for us to continue to effectively support our housebound parishioners.
- Those ministers with outstanding Request for Communion at Home forms and Record of Visit forms, please kindly drop these into the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Ministry Training Day

The next training day will take place on Saturday, 20 May 2023 at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo.

Please speak to any Eucharistic Minister to see what's involved and/or give your name to Ann Farrell (07855 981 691) if you would like to register.

Becoming a minister is a wonderful way of serving our parish and is very rewarding particularly as it gives those who have undertaken the training to visit parishioners who are no longer able to join us at Mass. If you are not currently engaged in a ministry within our parish this is a great way to get involved.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 March, 6pm in St Mark's annexe.

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 is Tuesday, 7 March, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and listening ear over a cuppa.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation then please register at:

Liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Registration is open:

16 January - 17 March 2023

St Mark's Cleaning Session

Wednesday, 15 March, 9am, all welcome.

Oscar Romero Mass

To mark the feast of St Oscar Romero, there is a Mass followed by talk "Responding to the Cry of the Poor Today" at 7pm on Thursday, 23 March, St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Waterloo.

Outside of El Salvador, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is the only

place to hold a Mass to mark the martyrdom of Archbishop Romero every year since his assassination. This is the 43rd anniversary mass to be held.

After the Mass, there will be refreshments and a talk by Peggy Healy.

Christian Leadership Formation Programme

Applications for The Christian Leadership Formation Programme close on Friday, 31 March.

For students in Lower Sixth who are committed to bringing their faith into the public forum, this Catholic programme offers philosophical and theological formation around themes relating to the common good, a framework of prayer and liturgy, besides workshops and team-building activities.

Students applying for the CLF Programme can find all the application details on our parish website.

The North Merseyside Newman Association

The association will be presenting a talk on "The Building of the Cathedral" by Dr Philip Harrison, the

resident architect who worked closely with Sir Frederick Gibberd. Please join us at St Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby, L23 7TQ. Light refreshments are at 7.15pm before the talk begins at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16 March. There is no charge and free parking.

Mobile Museum Visiting Halewood Leisure Centre

The Art Explora Mobile Museum in collaboration with Tate and MuMo is coming to Halewood Leisure Centre next week 6 - 11 March. They will be hosting free exhibition and workshop visits for the local community.

Groups will be guided through a visit of their art exhibition in the Mobile Museum, and then take part in an accompanying workshop - all free. The theme for the exhibition and workshop is *Radical Landscapes*. More info on our parish website.

100th Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Opportunities

St Mary's and Bishop Eton parishes will be joining the Archdiocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Friday, 21 July – Friday 28, July 2023, led by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. We will be accompanied by Fr Tim as our Parish Group Spiritual Leader. Staying at the Eliseo will cost £949.00 (single and double

occupancies available) for seven nights full board, including flights from Liverpool Airport. Booking forms can be requested from St Mary's parish office (428 2256).

Also Our Lady of the Assumption, Gateacre. Cost is £829. Closing date Sunday, 5 March (Single supplement £245). Limited places. All welcome! 487 9372.

Save the Date

Have you got your tickets yet? Saturday, 15 April, St Mark's Parish Centre, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the centre. Please support the club if you are able.

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.

Links to Access Livestream Masses
These are available on our parish website, Latest page.

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.

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £254.20 |
| GASDS Loose | £228.05 |
| Non Gift Aid | £ 53.00 |
| Standing Orders | £367.23 |
| Total Offertory | £902.48 |
| Bonus Ball 35 | £ 56.00 |

Second Collection
Lenten Alms £ 96.75

Lenten Alms

Lenten Alms can be donated throughout Lent. Please place in an envelope marked Lenten Alms and pop into weekly collection. Many thanks.

Upcoming second collections:
5 March, CAFOD
19 March, Nugent



Coffee & Chat

Every Sunday after 9.15am Mass
in the annexe. All welcome!

All Welcome

**Mass to Celebrate
50 Years of
Holy Family Church**
Mackets Lane, Liverpool, L25 8TG

1973 **50** 2023
YEARS

Celebrant:
Rt Rev Thomas Williams
Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool
Wednesday, 8th March for Mass at 6.30pm,
Holy Family Church followed by refreshments.

Second Sunday of Lent

| 4 March – 12 March 2023 | We Pray Especially For |
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| Saturday, 4 March 5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family | People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 5 March, Second Sunday of Lent 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family 12.30pm - Baptisms | Helen Jones Terence Carroll |
| Monday, 6 March, Weekday of Lent 6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family 7pm-8pm – Lectio Divina, Holy Family meeting room | |
| Tuesday, 7 March, Weekday of Lent 9am – Mass, Holy Family | Special Intention |
| Wednesday, 8 March, Weekday of Lent 10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's 11am-12noon – Lectio Divina, Annexe 6.30pm – Holy Family Jubilee Mass | People of the Parish |
| Thursday, 9 March, Weekday of Lent 9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website) 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's | John Morgan, Valerie Fairburn Kitty Heisley |
| Friday, 10 March, Weekday of Lent 9am – Mass, St Mark's 6pm – Stations of the Cross, Holy Family | Norma Holt, Mary Ann Rohan, Eileen Gustafson |
| Saturday, 11 March 5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family | Frank Gallagher, Margaret Smith, Ellen Merse |
| Sunday, 12 March, Third Sunday of Lent 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family | Alan Mulcahey, Mark Hunter, Charlotte Burns People of the Parish |