

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**15 January 2023
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John 1:29-34 Pointers for Prayer

1. The words of John point to a deep recognition of Jesus' identity. Can I recall times when this recognition took place for me, first of all on a human level and then on the faith level?
2. John the Baptist admits to not knowing him - a place of real honesty which is the beginning of the pilgrimage of faith. At some point, perhaps, I heard the words of the Psalmist in my heart: a voice I did not know said to me, I freed your shoulder from the burden (Ps 81).
3. What is my own conviction about being sent and about the one sending me? Prayer of call and response.
4. Jesus baptises with the Spirit - a baptism I too have received, perhaps too young. In later life, there can be an awakening of the Spirit, an inner hunger and thirst, a sense of the Spirit's help in our weakness. Prayer of Romans 8:26-27. 5. Witness is the key. Who have been witnesses to me of the Good News? To whom am I today a witness? Prayer of 1 John 1:1-4.

Prayer

Merciful God, you sent your Son, the spotless Lamb, to take upon himself the sin of the world. Make our lives holy, that your Church may bear witness to your purpose of reconciling all things in Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Keep In Your Prayers

Ruth Dutton RIP, Angela Welsh RIP, Helen Jones RIP, Mary Nuttall RIP, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Freda Tansey, 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 whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Appeal by Survive-Miva

This weekend we welcome Sue Boyle from Survive-Miva who will be making an appeal at all weekend Masses. Envelopes are available at the back of church and can be returned next weekend. Thank you.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm:

Harry James Anderson

Luke George Doyle

9.15am:

Harper Phung

Noah Harper-Thomas

11am:

Aiden Andrew Doherty-Boyes

Mila Lois Wolstenholme

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 6 February, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. If you are looking to book a baptism in 2023, please register now as dates are

filling up. Please note, children due to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in 2023 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

With You Always Programme (First Holy Communion 2022/23)

There are parent information sessions in each of our three parish schools in January (your school has given you the date).

Anyone unable to attend the session in your child's school or your child does not attend one of the three Catholic parish schools, then there are two additional meetings for parents – you only need to attend one.

Thursday, 19 January, 7.15pm,
after 6.30pm Mass,
St Mark's church

Saturday, 21 January, 4pm,
Holy Family church

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, 18 January

Wednesday, 25 January

Wednesday, 1 February

9am-10am, all welcome.

Parish Council

Parishioners, young or old, are invited to consider volunteering for the St John Vianney Parish Council. New members would be very welcome. The Council meets every two months. If you are willing to volunteer please let the parish office know.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 January, 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

Vocations Weekend for Women

Theme: Discerning God's Call in Your Life

Date: 3-5 February 2023, London.

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more info contact Sr Lynne fcJ:

fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or
visit their website www.fcjsisters.org

Could you be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information

Evening on Wednesday, 8 February, 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 22nd February. CAFODs challenge is to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, (5k a day) when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down England and Wales conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter.

Remember: every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on! Why not form a group in the parish who will walk together once a week? Sign up www.walk.cafod.org.uk

Join us for Quiet Prayer

Wondering what to do in your spare time? Why not join us for some prayer, a chat and a cuppa?

When: Wednesday's 25 January, 1 and 15 February and 1 and 15 March at 2pm - 3.30pm or,

Saturday's 14 and 21 January, 25 February, 4 March at 10am - 11.30am.

Where: The Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree. No need to book just come along and maybe bring a friend.

For more info contact: Sr Winnie, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW; 722 2271.

Peace Sunday

This Sunday is Peace Sunday and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?'

A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at

home, including a peace liturgy for young children. Visit

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to - Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY
Tel: 0208 203 4884. Thank you.

Nugent Sahara Desert Trek!

This year Nugent have teamed up with Tribal Tracks to bring you the opportunity of a lifetime whilst fundraising for Nugent! Departing on 12 November 2023, you will embark on the most amazing 7 day adventure, trekking through stunning desert landscapes by day and camping under the stars at night. Experience the varied terrain and the wildlife of the Sahara Desert and trek over plateaus and sand dunes and through valleys, gorges, and stunning oases. The experience will be fully supported

with camels and desert guides and cooks!

If your new year's resolution is to try something new, get in touch and find out how you can take part. Stacey Ellison, Fundraising Coordinator, Nugent.

E: Stacey.Ellison@wearenugent.org

Recycling Available at the back of Church

Used batteries

Empty tablet blister packs

Used postage stamps

Funny money

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.

Save the Date

Saturday, 15 April, St Mark's Parish Centre, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the centre.

St Mark's Rear Car Park

The rear 'wild garden' area appears to have attracted some builder's waste which we hope to remove in due course. Should you notice anyone disposing rubbish in this area, please alert the office, many thanks.

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	£231.90
GASDS Loose	£262.00
Non Gift Aid	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£906.13
Bonus Ball 21	£ 56.00



Coffee & Chat

Every Sunday after 9.15am Mass
in the annexe.

All welcome!

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

14 January – 22 January 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 14 January

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Bernadette Kelly, Alan O'Donovan

Sunday, 15 January,

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Frances & Jack Crowney,
Helen Jones, Patrick Kelly

Monday, 16 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, 17 January, Memorial of St Anthony

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Tony McHale

10.45am – Funeral Service at Springwood

Mary Nuttall

Wednesday, 18 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday, 19 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Tony Crompton, Jackie Bakstad

Friday, 20 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Kathy Fox

12 noon – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Helen Jones

Saturday, 21 January,

5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family

Dave McLoughlin

Sunday, 22 January, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Alex Waving
People of the Parish