

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**\*\* This Newsletter covers the next two weekends \*\***

**14 January 2024**

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, p127**

### **John 1:35-42**

#### **Pointers for Prayer:**

1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them e.g. leaving home, changing jobs etc.
2. Accepting an invitation to “Come and see” may be part of exploring a new path in life. When has this been so for you? Who issued you the invitation? What benefits came to you from accepting the invitation?
3. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving or giving an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?
4. Jesus looked at Peter and could see what he would become. Who have been the people who have been able to name for you your potential? For whom have you been able to do this?

### **Prayer**

From our earliest days, O God, you call us by name. Make our ears attentive to your voice, our spirits eager to respond that, having heard you in Jesus your anointed one, we may draw others to be his disciples. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Parish Office**

The office will be closed on Thursday, 18, Friday, 19 and Thursday, 25 January and open Friday, 26 January 9am-5pm. Open as usual Monday's and Tuesday's.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Mary Bauress RIP, Alan Corlan, Lois Mailey, Maureen Skillicorn, Amber and Zoe Lynch, Karen Smith, John & Enid Allerston, Eileen Prescott, Kay Thomas, Katie Whitehead, Kathy Murphy-Malpas, Mila Facenfield, Mary Lonsdale, Mary Ireland, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Ron & Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 5 February at 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Rite of Welcome:

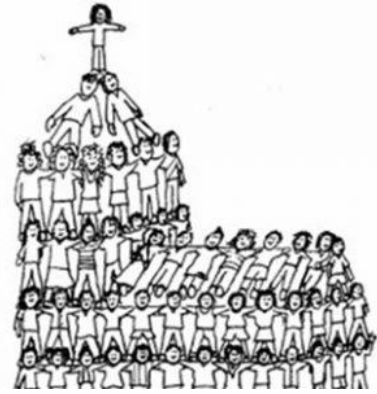
9.15am: Jacob Paul Millea

11am: Bella Marie Armstrong

Baptisms:

John Alexander Jachym

## **Sign Up Sunday Coming Soon**



Our parish community is blessed with so many willing volunteers at both churches for which we are so thankful, but there is always room for more. We greatly value the volunteers we currently have, they are incredibly generous with their time and giving of their spirit and they all make a real difference to the life of this parish.

On the weekend of 20/21 January the parish will be promoting 'Sign Up Sunday'. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to find out what the various volunteering roles are available within our parish community, the tasks and different levels of time commitments needed and this will also be a chance to chat to those already supporting Masses, Services, Sacramental preparation and other celebrations either front of house or behind the scenes to find out about the role that best suits your skills and interests.

Please do linger a little longer on this particular weekend to see how you can become more involved in our parish family.

## **Parish Launch of LiveSimply Plan**

The next meeting for those involved will take place on Thursday, 18 January, 7.15pm in St Mark's annexe.

The LiveSimply plan will be launched in our parish over the weekend of 27/28 January when we will share with you how, guided by our faith we are called to be active in our care for the world and its people.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 or above will open on 15 January and end on 15 March 2024. To register please visit:  
[www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

While the registration period is open, Animate will visit schools in the diocese to promote the Sacrament and at the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in their RE classes.

## **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, 6 February, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

## **World Day of Prayer**

We are starting to prepare for World Day of Prayer which this year is on Friday, 1 March. The service has been written by the women of Palestine.

We are asked to give each member of the congregation a sprig of olive tree. This might prove to be a problem! It has been suggested we should appeal to see if anyone has an olive tree from which we can take cuttings. Please let the parish office know if you are able to help.

## **Lourdes Nominations**

If you wish to nominate someone from our parish to go to Lourdes in 2024 and be supported through our fund, please contact the office as soon as possible.

## **Used Christmas Cards**

We are now collecting your used religious Christmas cards, simply pop into the box at the back of church. From your donations last year, we made Mass cards, get well cards and nearly 200 Christmas cards for our housebound parishioners and those living in nursing homes.

## **Peace Sunday**

Every year on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pax Christi promotes Peace Sunday. This year, Peace Sunday will be on the 14 January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace is: '*Artificial Intelligence and Peace*'. At the back of church, a copy of a letter from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon the President, introduces Peace Sunday and encourages us all to mark it in some way in our churches and parishes.

## **Knowsley Arts Project**

Amazing project for mums-to-be and mums of children under 2 in Knowsley, offering weekly creative sessions to help support and improve the mental health and well-being; proudly supported by One Knowsley and funded by The Arts Council, Renova and Improving Me.

*Dramatic Recovery in Halewood.* We are bringing creative arts sessions to Halewood. We'll use mindfulness exercises and activities for both mums and babies to encourage open communication and sensory learning, helping to promote positive well-being and helping to express experiences and emotions.

Join us in Halewood Walk-In Centre Community Space (Roseheath Drive, Halewood, L26 9UH) from Friday, 12 January until Friday, 22 March from 10.30am-12pm for a free 10-week programme. All mums are welcome. Book your place at:  
[KnowsleyArts.eventbrite.co.uk](https://knowsleyarts.eventbrite.co.uk) or call/text Rachel on 07747 446 048.

## **Vocations Weekend for Young Women**

This is being organised by the FCJ sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus) and is open to women in their 20s and 30s, the theme is Discerning God's Call in Your Life. Dates: 16-18 February. 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. More info contact Sister Lynne:  
[fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com)

## **RNIB Workshop, 29 January, 7pm**

Taking place at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA. The RNIB will be running a workshop helping us to learn about some of the challenges for those affected by sight loss and to explore methods and strategies that could be helpful to support people with sight loss in our parish communities. This workshop is free and is for anybody looking to support people with sight loss. For those working in our parishes and ministries, you would particularly benefit if you are perhaps part of the Welcome Ministry, Chaplaincy or a Catechist. To book visit:  
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/ncz37tpe>

## **Free Swiss Piano Available**

There is a piano at the Cathedral looking for a good home/parish. The piano is 8ft long and made by a very little-known Swiss maker and would have probably been made in the later 1800s or early 1900s. Please contact Clare for more info:  
[c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk).

## **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass Saturday, 10 February**

Diocesan celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick, 12noon, Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Bishop Tom Neylon presiding.

### **The Irenaeus Centre**

School of Prayer Events - 9, 16, 23 January. For 3 Tuesdays in January, Irenaeus are running a "School of Prayer" event. This exploration of prayer will reflect on different traditions of prayer and the history behind them. Each session will focus on a way of praying and end with a chance to pray in that way. You will also be invited to use that form of prayer in your own personal prayer at home for that week. This is an ideal opportunity to deepen your prayer life and to share your experience with others. The Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD. For more info, contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 949 1199.

### **Young Adults**

Every Friday at 6pm there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There is a short time of sharing the Sunday readings followed by snacks and social time and ending with night prayer. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. The group is held at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. If you want more info please contact James: [djmoroney@cantab.net](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or

## **First Holy Communion Preparation Programme**

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in the programme. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can start when they are ready and work through it at their own pace.

**Registration forms are available from a catechist at the end of every Mass of the last week of the month.** Please note you must produce your child's baptism certificate.

### **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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **don't just disappear!** Get in touch with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office and we can see how best we might be able to support you. But we can't do that if you don't let us know! You are still a vital and essential part of the 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**

Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community. Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection for:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, 24/12/2023

Nativity of the Lord, 25/12/2023

Feast of the Holy Family, 31/12/2023

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Gift Aid Envelopes     | £ 582.65        |
| GASDS Loose            | £1837.25        |
| Non Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 131.00        |
| Standing Orders        | £ 367.23        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>£2718.13</b> |

Second Collection

Parish Lourdes Fund                      £ 306.10

Collection 7 January 2024:

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| Gift Aid Envelopes     | £ 261.00        |
| GASDS Loose            | £ 426.55        |
| Non Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 64.00         |
| Standing Orders        | £ 367.23        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>£1118.78</b> |

Second Collections

21 January, SVP

4 February, LEPR

### **Church Cleaning**

Wednesday, 17 & 31 January,  
9am, St Mark's

Wednesday, 14 February,  
9am, Holy Family

All Welcome.



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

Holy Family church, every Sunday  
after 11am Mass.

All Welcome.

## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**13 January – 21 January 2024**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 13 January**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 14 January, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Andrew Storey

Oakley & Needham Families

**Monday, 15 January, Weekday of Ordinary Time**

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 16 January, Weekday of Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Gerry Marsh, Billie Davies

**Wednesday, 17 January, Memorial of St Anthony**

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe

**Thursday, 18 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Kathleen Fox, Bernadette Kelly

**Friday, 19 January, Weekday of Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Kenneth Ward, Alma Fagan,  
Stan Whelan

**Saturday, 20 January**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ann Fairgrieve,  
Ann & Tony Stubbs

**Sunday, 21 January, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Betty & Ted Jennings,

Vicky Irving, William McGee

## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**20 January – 28 January 2024**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 20 January**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ann Fairgrieve,  
Ann & Tony Stubbs

**Sunday, 21 January, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish  
Betty & Ted Jennings,  
Vicky Irving, William McGee

**Monday, 22 January, Weekday of Ordinary Time**

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 23 January, Weekday of Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Ann & Gerry Judge

**Wednesday, 24 January,**

Memorial of St Francis de Sales

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe

2pm – Mass, Maple Lodge

Residents

**Thursday, 25 January,**

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Tony Crompton,  
Vincent Hawkins Junior

**Friday, 26 January,**

Memorial of Sts Timothy and Titus

9am – Mass, St Mark's

**12noon – Requiem Mass, Holy Family**

William Travers, Ken Kavanagh  
**Mary Bauress**

**Saturday, 27 January**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Margaret Greenwood

**Sunday, 28 January, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Pat, Marian & John,  
John Passy  
People of the Parish