

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk**

30 July 2023

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p108

Matthew 13:44-52 **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Have you ever found yourself saying “that was worth it” after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The “kingdom of heaven” is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

Prayer

God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of right judgement. Grant us an understanding ear, that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom and gladly forgo all lesser gifts to possess that kingdom’s incomparable joy. We make our prayer 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

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Ireland, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Ron & Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Frank and 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, 4 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and we have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

Archdiocesan

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

See the parish website for photos.

Many Hands Make Light Work

If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks to help keep our churches clean then please contact:

Julia Clark on 07925 368 140
for Holy Family

Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691
for St Mark's

Cleaning dates are as follows:

Holy Family church:
Tuesday mornings from 9.30am

St Mark's church:
Saturday, 5 August, 8.30am
Wednesday, 9 August, 9am
Saturday, 19 August, 8.30am
Wednesday, 23 August, 9am

Of course, if these dates and times are unsuitable, alternatives can be arranged.

RCIA Catechists

Peter Renwick is now looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly on 07707 917 554.

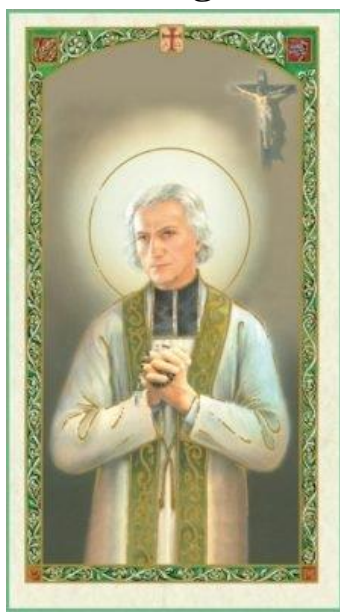
The Big Picture

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Would you like to understand the Bible and God's Big Plan?

Take your faith journey further by digging into the scriptures and crying out to the Holy Spirit to unlock His plan. The Big Picture is a bible sharing journey over 12 sessions with accompanying videos, book and group

discussion. We will be doing this in the annexe at St Mark's at a time to suit most people. Leave your name and number with the parish office (486 3992) if you are interested.

Feast of St John Vianney 4th August



St John Vianney is patron saint of our parish and parish priests. Born in 1786 France, he instructed other children in catechism and prayer. He was ordained at age 29, was vicar at Ecully before assignment to Ars-sur-Formans in 1818.

Finding attendance at services lacking, John Vianney made a point of visiting parishioners, especially the ill and destitute performing penance and leading by example. He believed even the worst sinners could find God. Many of the worst of the worst converted due to his efforts.

John Vianney listened to confessions from people near and far for 16 hours a day. Renowned for charity and love, he cherished ministering to people, which brought about his designation as the living embodiment of what a priest should be. He died on 4 August 1859. Pope Pius XI canonised him on May 31, 1925.

Appeal from Nugent

Nugent is in urgent need of donations for both their food pantry and charity shop.

Charity Shop, Allerton Road would welcome the following items: clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, books, jigsaws, bric-a-brac. Unfortunately they are unable to accept toys, soft toys, furniture or electrical items.

Food Pantry, St Anne's would welcome the following items: biscuits, jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned custard, rice pudding, coffee, hot chocolate, cans of coke/lemonade etc noodles, pot noodles, rice, tinned carrots, potatoes, chickpeas, sweetcorn, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, washing powder.

Christ's College Reunion

18-20 August 2023

Dennis Hardiman and Rose Hanley are organising a 50th reunion on the weekend of Friday, 18 – Sunday, 20 August 2023 for those students who left Christ's College in 1973. On Saturday, 19 a gala dinner will be held on the Liverpool Hope University campus. Accommodation is also available to book on-site. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Alumni Office at Liverpool Hope for more details by emailing alumni@hope.ac.uk

Cathedral Walking Group

After the last walk fell foul to the weather, the Cathedral Walking Group will get out for their latest walk on 19 August. They will meet at Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Rd E, Birkenhead CH42 1LS and walk along the coast of the River Mersey. Bring a picnic lunch and any drinks, although coffee can be bought at Port Sunlight. For any further information, please contact David Stevens on 07578 831 431.

Craft Workshop

The Irenaeus Project will be putting on a Craft Workshop. You must book in order to secure your place. To do so, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199. The Irenaeus

Project, Liverpool, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

Talks at Irenaeus

The Shaping of Things to Come: Reflecting on the life and ministries of our parishes. How can we move into the future? 7pm - 8.30pm.

A series of talks throughout September by the Irenaeus Project. Will also be on 12, 19 and 26 September. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk, or phone 0151 949 1199.

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral

Ministry – Apply Now

The Archdiocese are now accepting applications for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry run by Loyola University, Chicago. It is for anyone interested in beginning to support their church, as well as those who already are. Whether you're a Parish Secretary, a School Chaplain, a Catechist, a general helper or involved in any other form of Pastoral Ministry, this course could be for you.

The teaching format is flexible and is perfect for those with busy lives as well as for people with a little time on their hands. There is a cost of £2,100 but it is possible to apply for funding, so please contact Elizabeth in the

Pastoral Development Department for
more info: tel: 522 1094, mob: 07464
378 773,
email: e.williams@rcaol.org.uk

**Summer FREE Family Film
Schedule at the Victoria Gallery
(University Clocktower Building)**

August Wednesdays (10.30am)

Wednesday, 2 August - Turning Red,
10.30am.

Wednesday, 9 August - Raya and the
Last Dragon, 10.30am.

Wednesday, 16 August - Luca,
10.30am.

Wednesday, 23 August - Moana,
10.30am.

Wednesday, 30 August - Lightyear,
10.30am.

Bonus Saturdays (2.30pm)

Saturday, 5 August - Inside Out,
2.30pm.

Saturday, 26 August – Lady and the
Tramp, 2.30pm.

Autumn/Winter (2.30pm)

Saturday, 30 September - My
Neighbour Totoro, 2.30pm.

Saturday, 21 October – Strange
World, 2.30pm.

Saturday, 25 November - Home
Alone 1, 2.30pm.

Saturday, 9 December - Home Alone
2, 2.30pm.

Any questions then contact
vgm@liverpool.ac.uk or call on 0151
794 2348.

**First Holy Communion
Preparation Programme**

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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!**

Communion at Home can be arranged, but you need to let us know! Please get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will pop round to pray with you and see what 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

Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community.

If you would like to make your donation via Standing Order – this is the best and easiest option for those who are able – just contact your bank online or on the phone and set up a standing order for whatever amount you would like to give to the collection, our parish account details can be found below.

Alternatively, print off and complete the form which is available on the parish website. Please use your surname as the reference number. If you would like help completing a form then please just call in to the parish office on either Monday or Tuesday mornings.

Name: St John Vianney (240)
Bank: HSBC
Sort Code: 40-29-12
Account number: 8221 5810 and do please send an email to let the office know that this is what you are doing.

Collection for Sunday, 23 July 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£304.00
GASDS Loose	£378.55
Non Gift Aid	£ 63.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1112.78
Bonus Ball 33	£ 58.00

Many thanks to Teresa for overseeing the Bonus Ball fundraiser for so many years. Chris Myles is now selling the numbers so please see her, they're only £1 and you could be next week's winner!



Second collections:

30 July, Parish Lourdes Fund

6 August, SVP

27 August, Parish Building Fund



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.

Celebrating at the Parish Centre with Peter Renwick

A selection of photos taken at the
Parish Centre are now available to
view on the parish website.



Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

29 July – 6 August 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 29 July

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Betty Myles

Sunday, 30 July, Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

John Cleary, Mary Ireland

Monday, 31 July, Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola

6pm-7pm -Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 1 August, Memorial of St Alphonsus Ligouri

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Win Owens

Wednesday, 2 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Thursday, 3 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Special Intention, Mary Russell

Friday, 4 August, Memorial of St John Vianney

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Betty & Pat Flynn,
Sammonds Family

Saturday, 5 August

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 6 August,

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Margaret Whittle, Ladies Group,
Tony Milligan

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Sadie & Jimmy Devine,
Diane Lynes