

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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**20 February 2022
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Luke 6:27-38 Pointers for prayer

1. Our natural tendency when attacked is self-protection and when we are attacked we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?
2. When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.
3. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.

Prayer

Compassionate God and Father, you are kind to the ungrateful, merciful even to the wicked. Pour out your love upon us, that with good and generous hearts we may keep from judging others and learn your way of compassion. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Office Opening

Due to staff holidays, the office will be closed on Thursday, 3 March and Friday, 4 March. The newsletter next week will cover the weekends of both 26/27 February and 5/6 March. If you have any items for the newsletter please let the office know asap.

Covid

While the law no longer dictates that face coverings must be worn in church **Archdiocesan guidelines state that face coverings continue to be strongly recommended for all those who come to church for all services.**

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 current systems that have served us so well over these last months.

Fr Matthew

Rosary for Peter Crompton

This will take place in St Mark's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 22 February. All welcome.

Keep In Your Prayers

John Birkenhead, Tony Crompton, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Father Tony Reynolds RIP

Fr Tony was recently admitted to the Royal Liverpool Hospital and subsequently died on Tuesday evening. Please pray for the repose of

his soul. Also, for his sister Ursula and his nieces.

Vigil Mass: Father Reynolds' body will be received into St Michael's Church, Ditton, Widnes for Mass at 7pm on Monday, 28 February. *Requiem Mass:* Tuesday, 1 March at St Mary's Church, Woolton at 12noon. Burial will follow in the churchyard at St Mary's, Woolton.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Can You Support Our Children's Liturgy?

It's truly lovely to see the numbers of children attending our Children's Liturgy growing. As a result of these increased numbers we really need additional support at all Masses but in particular, 11am Mass. If you would like to become part of this wonderful team, please leave your details with the office or approach a current volunteer for more info.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 7 March, 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:

Isaac John McAllister-Kinsey

With You Always Programme
Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at
jayne.wya@gmail.com

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 1 March, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage

The office has received confirmation that this will go ahead as planned this year from 22-29 July.

South Liverpool Zero Waste What's It All About?

"It's about saving food and building community," says Kathryn Bowman from South Liverpool Zero Waste Community. "Our project is about food dignity, not food poverty, and we thank people for taking the food." South Liverpool Zero Waste Community supports people in the community by providing food bags each week which they advertise through their Facebook page. Anyone can apply for a bag and can then collect it from a local pick up point. "We don't take any money," explains Kathryn. "We just ask that people pay it forward instead, so people have done things like litter picking or made donations to other local charities." The team collects surplus food every week from Tesco and Booker through FareShare Go, which is then sorted into categories and put into bags so that people collecting all receive similar products.

Our parish is now involved in this important initiative with many parishioners collecting food donations from stores. It would be wonderful if we could grow the team already signed up, everyone is welcome, perhaps you can do some sorting or make up parcels. If you are interested then please contact the parish office.



Lost & Found

A small gold stud earring was found in Holy Family Church recently and a pair of glasses were found outside the church. Contact Matt Talbot for further information.

**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/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-playsthis-is-our-story>

Divine Renovation and Alpha

Divine Renovation and Alpha invite you to a live online event with Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd Nicky Gumbel where they'll discuss: what is God saying to the Church? This is a FREE event for parish leaders – clergy and laypeople alike – on the topic of mission, evangelization, and parish renewal. To learn more about this event and to register, visit: divinerenovation.org/events.

Rite of Election

The Pastoral Development Department together with the RCIA Core Group, is pleased to announce that the Rite of Election and Call to Continuous Conversion will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent (6 March) at 3pm. An information pack will be sent out to all parishes. The Retreat Day will be on 9 April in Formby with an outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated in Lydiate on 9 June.

Paul Taylor from our parish will be initiated on 6 March so please do keep Paul and his family and all those on their faith journey in our prayers as we joyfully accompany them.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 4 March, 1pm

St Columba's, Hunts Cross

All Welcome

Each year the Churches of Halewood and Hunts Cross come together for World Day of Prayer which is celebrated in over 170 countries. The Day of Prayer begins with sunrise in Samoa and travels across the world finishing some 39 hours later in American Samoa using an identical service said in many different languages but all united in our worship of God.

This year the service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is "I know the plans I have for

you” from Jeremiah and reflects on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, how we can find hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other. Please join us at St Columba’s, the service will be followed by refreshments inspired by the Home Counties.

Mobility Scooter

The SVP have been given one of these. If any parishioner knows of someone who could use the scooter please leave their name and number at the parish office.

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

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)

CAFOD’s Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you’ll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 20 February beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at: St Richard’s, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ. If you are attending please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes, 0151 287 8787 frsmaloney@aol.com

Mother’s Day at St Mark’s Parish Club FREE Admission!

Sunday, 27 March
Disco and Karaoke from 5pm
Main Act from 8pm

families in crisis. Keep it coming in please.

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 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, 2 March, 8.30am
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.

RCIA Meetings

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process given to us by the Church to initiate adults and older children into Christianity as it is lived within the Roman Catholic tradition. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along to these meetings which take place every Tuesday, 7.30pm, St Mark's Annexe. Contact Peter for more info 07707 917 554.

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	£ 469.00
GASDS Loose	£ 275.95
GASDS Envelopes	£ 75.00
Standing Orders	£ 356.15
Total Offertory	£1176.10
Bonus Ball 04	£ 87.00

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

19 February – 27 February 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 19 February,

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 20 February, Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Mary & Joseph Murphy,
Fr Stephen Pritchard
Catherine Wafer,
Thanksgiving

Monday, 21 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, 22 February,

Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

6.30pm – Rosary for Peter Crompton, St Mark's Church

Mary Lamb,
Diane Heathcote

Wednesday, 23 February, Memorial of St Polycarp

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

**12 noon – Requiem Mass for Peter Crompton,
St Mark's Church**

Thursday, 24 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Morning Prayer – Online via zoom (see website)
6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Betty Flynn,
Peter Crompton

Friday, 25 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

Margaret Whittle,
Fr Des Power

Saturday, 26 February

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 27 February, Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Michael Carr, Albert Lamb
Kathleen & Michael Vasile,
Valerie Fairbairn