## Newsletter

## **Parish of St John Vianney**

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Luke 10:38-42 Pointers for Prayer

- 1. The two sisters symbolise the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
- 2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
- 3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
- 4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

#### **Prayer**

Eternal God you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. 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**

Please note due to staff holidays the office will be open on Thursday and Friday mornings only until week commencing 8 August.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Margaret Whittle RIP, Ronald Smith RIP, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Mary Johnson, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine May McGrath, Keogh, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane. Birkenhead our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy during August, sessions will resume in September.

#### Rite of Welcome

11am: Hudson James McParland, Thomas William Brown and Lily Rose-Maria Brown.

#### **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Only a few dates remaining in December.

Baptisms this weekend:
Hunter Stevie Owens
Albie William Broadwell
Jacob Leo Melvin
Lucas Preston Melvin

## **Newsletter by Email**

Apologies to those of you who expected to receive the newsletter via email in the last 2 weeks but didn't. Gremlins in the system meant we were unable to send it but we're pleased to say the issue has now been resolved.

#### **Parish Council**

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 19 July at 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

#### **Bereavement Drop In**

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 July at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

## With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at jayne.wya@gmail.com

## **RCIA Meetings**

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our parish community at friendly, informal meetings that start

in the Autumn. Contact Peter for more info on 07707 917 554.

## **Nugent Appeal**

Nugent care, educate, protect and inspire children young people, adults and families who are vulnerable and at risk through our schools, care homes, community and social work services. Nugent is over 140 years old and advocates for people and strives to be the voice for the voiceless.

We are reaching out to you who may be able to support us in donated items for our new service 'The Orchards'— The Orchards is a supported living service in Billinge, Wigan for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or who are suffering with mental health issues.

The scheme will be a supported tenancy, where people will have access to a dedicated team to help support with housing benefits, understanding of tenancy agreements and how to maintain agreements.

There will be an onsite communal hub in one of the houses which will be split into different spaces with a variety of facilities for our residents. The purpose of the hub is to provide a safe environment where our beneficiaries can build meaningful friendships, engage in activities and develop their skills.

Giving our beneficiaries the opportunity to engage in different activities will build their confidence, increase their independence and help them to live a fulfilled life.

We are looking for support in sourcing items for the hub. Please check the parish website for further information and a look at their wish list. Are you able to donate any items? There are some big ticket items on their list but also items such as beanbags, cushions, gardening tools, kitchen items, stationery, face masks and towels.

If you think you may be able to support Nugent then they would be extremely grateful and would be delighted to recognise your contributions across their digital channels.

For more details contact Molly O'Neill, Fundraising Coordinator, email molly.o'neill@wearenugent.org mobile 07776 515 762

## #Liverpool4Ukraine

As part of our #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal, the archdiocese are planning their third trip to the Ukraine border to

deliver essential aid on Friday, 22 July.

Volunteer drivers from the St Margaret Clitherow Centre will be taking donations specifically requested by Bishop Gregory which include medical items, tools and dried food.

Please keep posted to the archdiocesan website and social media channels for updates on their journey and please keep our volunteer drivers in your prayers as they embark on this six day trip.

### **Divine Mercy Tour Bus**

On Saturday, 30 July, the Knights of St Columba will be supporting the Divine Mercy bus tour which will be at St Helens Church, Crosby from 10am. All are welcome to attend the day which concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at 3pm.

## We'll Care Social Evenings

Come along to our weekly Social Evening, EVERY Saturday evening, 6pm-9pm for adults with disabilities/impairments and your support. Each week we will have a mix of disco, live music, quizzes, raffles, bingo and TV game shows.

Entrance fee is just £3pp. Food and drinks are available to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there! New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, Lichfield Road, Halewood, L26 1TT. For more information, please call me, Brian Powell, 07759 409 215.

#### St Mark's Club

Star Night Entertainment & Disco
Save the Date
Saturday, 10 September
Doors open 7pm, tickets £6 available
from the club.

## **Volunteer Your Teaching Talent**

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful cathedral. 'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the cathedral to life for the generations of the future'. Contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk

## **New Coffee Morning**

Every Saturday, 10am-12 noon at the New Hutte Community Centre. All welcome.

#### St Columba's Coffee Pot

This social is held every Wednesday morning from 10am until 12noon. All welcome.

#### St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes.

St Mary's RC Church, Mount Pleasant, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SR, arrive 8.30pm, Thursday, 15 September until 10am, Saturday, 17 September.

Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ, James' Mount, Liverpool, L1 7AZ, arrive 11am, Saturday, 17 September until 2.30pm, Saturday, 17 September.

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ, arrive 3.30pm, Saturday, 17 September until 7am, Tuesday, 20 September.

### The Pastoral Plan one year on



Updates on the pastoral plan by Fr Philip Inch is on YouTube and there is a full report along with an explanation of the pastoral plan

for families with one for children also available to read and download.

Do take a look to see what has been happening. The link can be found on our parish website.

## Caring for our Housebound Parishioners

Thanks to the generosity of our Eucharistic **Ministers** we are beginning to take Holy Communion to those who are unable join us at Mass. If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with Eucharistic our Ministers from there.

#### **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**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£228.10
GASDS Loose	£320.60
GASDS Envelopes	£ 30.00
Standing Orders	£384.77
<b>Total Offertory</b>	£963.47
Bonus Ball 10	£ 58.00

17 July second collection Priests in Retirement.

31 July second collection Parish Lourdes Fund.

### **Large Print Newsletters**

We have produced a small number of enlarged newsletters for those parishioners who find the regular size a little tricky to read. These can be found at the back of church.

#### **Schools Break for Summer**

As usual, the academic year has been an extremely busy year for all our schools and therefore it is no surprise that pupils and school staff are eagerly awaiting a well-deserved break.

We wish all pupils and staff a safe and happy summer holiday. After months of hard work, now is the time to rest and enjoy the holidays enabling all those who are returning to school in September to do so well rested, refreshed and ready to do it all over again!



#### Fr Matthew writes:

For the last week I have been put out of action by Covid. Thankfully my experience has been no worse than a bad cold and so it has been just the inconvenience of it all. I had hoped to be back in action this weekend, but as I write this on Friday morning I am still testing positive so will have to continue to stay away.

I am very grateful to Fr Colin Wilson who has stepped into cover this weekend. Thanks also to all the other clergy who have stepped in at very short notice to enable us to continue to celebrate the sacraments this last week: Fr James Preston, Fr Tim Buckley, Fr Andy Burns, Bishop John Rawsthorne, Bishop Tom Neylon, Fr Ed Cain and Deacon Adrian Anwyl.

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
16 July – 24 July	We Pray Especially For	
Saturday, 16 July, 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church	People of the Parish	
Sunday, 17 July, Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church 11am – Mass, Holy Family church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church	Bernard McDougall (Junior), Tommy Jones Jim Clancy, Charlie Povey	
Monday, 18 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family church		
<b>Tuesday, 19 July</b> , Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, Holy Family church	Sr Rosaline, Margaret Whittle	
Wednesday, 20 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's church		
<b>Thursday, 21 July</b> , Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website) 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's church	Terry & Norah Morehead & Family, Peter Crompton	
Friday, 22 July, Feast of St Mary Magdalene 9am - Mass, St Mark's church  12.15pm – Funeral Service for Ronald Smith, Holy Family church	Catherine Owens, Paula Miles	
Saturday, 23 July 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church	Sandra, Mathew & Margaret Jacqui, Jimmy & Family	
Sunday, 24 July, Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church 11am – Mass, Holy Family church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church	John & Bridget Cleary, Sisters of Mother Teresa People of the Parish	