

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**23 July 2023**

**Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p105**

### **Matthew 13:24-43 Pointers for Prayer**

1. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?
2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life e.g. learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?
3. The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

## **Prayer**

O God, patient and forbearing, you alone know fully the goodness of what you have made. Strengthen our spirit when we are slow and temper our zeal when we are rash, that in your own good time you may produce in us a rich harvest from the seed you have sown and tended. 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.

## **Congratulations**

### **Deacon Peter Renwick**

Last weekend many of us gathered at the cathedral to witness our very own Peter Renwick be ordained a permanent deacon. This was a very prayerful, moving and a truly wonderful occasion for those present to experience and we congratulate Peter on completing his journey to deepen his faith and serve this parish and the wider community.

A great turnout in St Mark's Parish Centre gave Peter, his family, friends and parishioners the chance to relax and enjoy one another's company.

A big thank you to our Ladies Group for arranging an incredible buffet and to Matt for keeping the music and any announcements flowing.

Please see more photos on the parish website.

## **A Message from Peter**

I'd just like to express my sincere thanks to you all for the many cards, gifts and support given to me on Sunday and throughout my formation. My Ordination Mass was made particularly special knowing so many of you joined me with your thoughtful presence at the cathedral. Thanks as always to the Ladies Group for such a delicious buffet. Be assured that you are all remembered in my prayers.



## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Mary Ireland, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, 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**

Let us keep in our prayers our young people and other parishioners who are currently in Lourdes. This year, the archdiocese are celebrating 100 years since the initial Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage. Each year, Animate take around 500 young people to Lourdes with the Archdiocese and this pilgrimage has been running for over 35 years with coaches from across the Archdiocese taking part.

While in Lourdes, the youth participate in an array of activities.

They pray together, work together, eat together, sing together, laugh together and come away with some of the best friendships and memories that they will treasure for life.

Since 1923, a pilgrimage has gone from Liverpool to Lourdes every year, with the only exceptions being during the Second World War and the Covid-19 pandemic. Follow the link on our parish website to see memories of Lourdes through the decades.

Northern Star Travel are arranging a pilgrimage in December to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. See leaflets at the back of church if you are interested.

## **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.

### **Mass at Servite Court**

Father Matthew will celebrate Mass for the residents on Wednesday, 26 July at 2pm. All welcome.

### **Chronic Pain Group**

Next meeting in St Mark's annexe on Friday, 28 July, 2pm-4pm, come along for support and a cuppa.

### **Celebrating Grandparents**

On Sunday, 23 July the Catholic Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). The Catholic Grandparents Association has great resources for grandparents to help encourage faith in their families [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org). On this day may we reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

### **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.

### **Parish Council**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29 August, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All minutes are available to read on our parish website.

### **Parish Celebrations**

Links to the photos taken at the Masses at St Mark's church and Holy Family church to celebrate their 50 year anniversaries can be found on our website along with the link for the photos of Peter Renwick's Ordination Mass.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:e.williams@rcaol.org.uk)



Do something amazing and support this event which is taking place in St Mark's Parish Centre at 11.30am on Tuesday, 25 July.

### **School Summer Break**

As our schools begin their summer break, we wish all children, young people and school staff a safe and happy summer holiday.

### **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**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.



## Collection for Sunday, 16 July 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£307.50
GASDS Loose	£414.45
Non Gift Aid	£ 40.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1129.18</b>
Bonus Ball 40	£ 58.00

## Second collection:

Priests' in Retirement	£178.50
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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



*Coffee & Chat*

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

Holy Family church – every Sunday  
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.

*Time To*  
**CELEBRATE**



## Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**22 July – 30 July 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 22 July**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ronnie Moore,  
Fr Vin McShane, Jimmy Farrelly

**Sunday, 23 July, Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

May McGrath, Larry Flaherty,  
Eileen Ireland  
People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

**Monday, 24 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

6pm-7pm -Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 25 July, Feast of St James**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Rita Shreenan, Fr Vin McShane

**Wednesday, 26 July, Memorial of Sts Joachim & Anne**

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

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

2pm – Mass, Servite Court

Residents

**Thursday, 27 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Albert Lamb,  
James & Ellen Lacey, Joan Carr

**Friday, 28 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

George Marshall

**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

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish  
John Cleary, Mary Ireland