

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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**13 February 2022
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Luke 6:17, 20-26 Pointers for prayer

1. We are told that Jesus “fixed his eyes on the disciples” before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St Augustine said “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”
2. “Blessed are you who weep” is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?
3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may be, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

Prayer

O God, who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers, protect us from the lure of wealth and power; move our hearts to seek first your kingdom, that ours may be the security and joy of those who place their trust in you. 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.

Parish Office Hours

Week commencing 14th February, the office will be open Wednesday, 16th 9am-1pm and closed Thursday, 17th. Other days remain as usual.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Peter Crompton (Snr) RIP, Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, Fr Vin McShane, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: David Joseph MacDonald, Mia MacDonald, Daisie Ann Reith, Emie Ann Woodier

11am: George Eric Citrine, Isabella-Grace Citrine, Raven Rose Blake, Rosie Shwenn

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 7 February, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

With You Always Programme

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

World Day of Prayer Friday, 4 March, 1pm at St Columba's Hunts Cross All Are 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)

Membership Appeal

The Knights of St Columba Council 9 are having a membership appeal. Membership is open to Catholic men aged 16 and over. Please access this link for a brief 10 minute presentation in which the goals of the Knights are

outlined

<https://youtube/YvqkVtlKUek>

Meetings are held once a month, every second Thursday at 8pm at St Francis of Assisi Church in Garston. Contact Charles Williams for more info 07900 880 012.

Could you be a Deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday 22 February

7.30pm-9pm

(refreshments from 7pm)

St Gregory's Parish House,

Weldbank Lane, Chorley, PR7 3NW

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

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.

Employment Opportunity

Part time bar work at St Mark's Parish Club, pop in any day from 4pm to pick up an application form or chat to Emma, Club Manager on 07702 209 963 for more details.

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

Sunday, 27 March

Disco and Karaoke from 5pm

Main Act from 8pm

Please come along and support our club if you are able.



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

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 takes place on Tuesday, 15 February at 2pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Exploring ways in which we can we deepen our friendship with God

The Parish Council is exploring ways in which we can “deepen our friendship with God”. One suggestion was to compile a set of parishioners favourite New Testament stories which could be used as a basis for either personal or group reflection. Please submit your favourite New Testament story/passage with a reason why it's your favourite (it can be very brief) either to the office or in the basket at the back of church or speak with Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487.

Belong & Believe

How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday Reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7pm-8pm on zoom using the Café resource: Belong and Believe during Lent. There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss and although the course will be run online, it is possible to join and interact as a parish group. If you would like to lead the course in your parish and need more information, contact the PD department: pd@rcaol.org.uk

March 7 - Building Welcoming Communities

March 14 - Growing in Faith Together

March 21 - Renewed in the Holy Spirit

March 28 - Caring for God's Creation

April 4 - Evangelising with Love & Action

You can register for the Zoom reflections here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=Z0ldO6oqD0sE9GOs3Eewqn1hNhwxPPFpG6>

or on the website:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 1 March at 6pm, venue to be confirmed.

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.

What's On at St Peter's, Woolton, 428 6810

Monday, 11.30am-1pm,
shared reading group.

Tuesday, 11am-1pm,
knit and natter.

Wednesday, 10.30am-12 noon,
quiz morning.

Thursday, 11.45am-12.45pm,
alternate weeks, lunch club.

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald OBE

Congratulations to Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald who was appointed an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire), in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for his work in interfaith and interchurch partnerships.

You can hear from Cardinal Michael as he will be delivering a distinguished lecture on human fraternity – a proposal and a project for relations between Christians and Muslims. The lecture is on Thursday, 17 February at 5.30pm at Liverpool Hope University. All welcome. Email to register at rectorate@hope.ac.uk by Monday, 7 February.

Cleaning Session 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

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.

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.

Parish Finance

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

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| Gift Aid Envelopes | £ 206.00 |
| GASDS Loose | £ 290.15 |
| GASDS Envelopes | £ 80.00 |
| Standing Orders | £ 356.15 |
| Total Offertory | £ 932.30 |
| Bonus Ball 29 | £ 29.00 |

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

| 12 February – 20 February 2022 | | We Pray Especially For |
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| Saturday, 12 February, 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church | | Robert O'Neill, Umanee Family |
| Sunday, 13 February, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church | | Ashcroft Family, Dr Simo & Family People of the Parish |
| Monday, 14 February, Feast of St Cyril 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family Church | | |
| Tuesday, 15 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, Holy Family Church | | Noel Wright, Fr Matthew Nunes & Family |
| Wednesday, 16 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's Church | | |
| Thursday, 17 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Morning Prayer – Online via zoom (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church | | McGrail Family, Robinson Family |
| Friday, 18 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, St Mark's Church | | Arthur Edwards, Urdhin Family & Kevin |
| 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 at Holy Family Church | | Mary & Joseph Murphy, Fr Stephen Pritchard Catherine Wafer, Thanksgiving |