

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**12 February 2023**

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p136**

### **Matthew 5:17-37**

#### **Pointers for Prayer**

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour but challenge how we feel in our hearts. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in the right relationship with yourself and others?
3. For Jesus, persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?



## **Prayer**

All-seeing God, you alone judge rightly our inmost thoughts. Teach us to observe your law from the heart even as we keep it outwardly. Purify our desires, calm every anger, and reconcile us to one another. Then will our worship at your altar render you perfect praise. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Parish Office**

Please note the office will be closed on Thursday, 16 February.

## **Mass at Servite Court**

Mass will be celebrated with the residents at the above on Wednesday, 15 February at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.



## **Eucharistic Ministry Training Day**

The next training day will take place on Saturday, 20 May 2023 at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo.

Please speak to any Eucharistic Minister to see what's involved and/or give your name to Ann Farrell (07855 981 691) if you would like to register.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Margaret Smith RIP, Margaret Macauley RIP, Margaret Morris RIP, James Hayes RIP, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Freda Tansey, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, Father Vin McShane, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

## **Rite of Welcome**

5.15pm:

Thomas Craig O'Brien  
Roman Firmino Murray

11am:

Cooper Szabo  
Eliza Freya Morton

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 6 March, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

Luke George Doyle

If you are hoping to book a baptism in 2023, please register now as dates are filling up.

Please note, children due to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in 2023/24 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

### **First Holy Communion Preparation Programme – With You Always**

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

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.**

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation then please register at:

Liverpoolcalled.co.uk  
Registration is open:  
16 January - 17 March 2023

### **SJV Bonus Ball**

Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it.

### **Holy Family Church Jubilee Mass**

This will take place on Wednesday, 8 March with Mass at 6.30pm celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and for catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could sign the form at the back of church to indicate whether you will be attending.

Please pass in any photos or memorabilia to the parish office which relates to **either the church or the school** and your name if you would like to support putting the evening together.

### **St Mark's Cleaning Session**

Wednesday, 15 February, 9am, all welcome.

### **The Digital Catholic Post**

Type in this link to read online:  
[https://issuu.com/cathcom/docs/the\\_catholic\\_post\\_feb\\_2023](https://issuu.com/cathcom/docs/the_catholic_post_feb_2023)

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Click on the Latest tab.

Scroll down the page until you see Newsletter via email and click on this. Complete the form and press Send.

If you need help then please ring the parish office and they will guide you

**Would you be willing to open up  
your home and your heart to  
welcome people fleeing Ukraine?**

SJOG Homes for Ukraine in Partnership with Caritas Social Action Network is the main Catholic organisation working to help house people from Ukraine in England. As Russia's war in Ukraine continues, the need for hosts and homes is as high as ever. Please consider making a home from home for those in need. SJOG are one of the government's approved providers on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and in partnership with CSAN offer a comprehensive matching and support programme. More info at the back of church and our website.

**A Message from Pablo who works  
in the Pastoral Development  
Department**

*Pathways to social action:  
Supporting refugees and asylum  
seekers "This is church..."*

My work this month has taken me to Support and Helping Asylum seekers and Refugees (SHARe) Knowsley. This project started at St Aidan's when parishioners started helping asylum seekers in the Huyton area. They've gone from volunteers serving hot drinks, to 5 staff seeing hundreds

of people a week. They offer English classes, welfare support and a warm welcome to people of all faiths and none. While they don't press any faith, one participant said, "this is what church feels like".

If you would like to find out how you can get involved in refugee work, join our "Refugee network event for parishioners": 6.30pm, 29 March, please get in touch with me, Pablo Guidi at [p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk) to register. More info on our parish website.

**Loyola Certificate  
in Pastoral Ministry**

An opportunity has arisen for 2 people to join the Loyola cohort in March. If you're interested and would like to find out more, email [loyola@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:loyola@rcaol.org.uk) by 17 February. Some funding is available.

**Walk of Repentance  
for Nuclear Weapons**

Ash Wednesday, 22 February, ashes will be distributed and will mark an image of a Trident nuclear submarine. Recalling the words of Pope Francis at Hiroshima that the use and possession of atomic weapons is immoral, Pax Christi invites people to gather at St Luke's bombed out church at 11.45am. Enquiries: [Janharper1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Janharper1@yahoo.co.uk)

**Ince Benet Retreat Days in Lent**  
During Lent there will be various opportunities for groups and individuals to make the most of the

season of prayer and renewal. Please make enquiries for further details, bookings to [ince.benet@gmail.com](mailto:ince.benet@gmail.com) or phone Martin and Maria Bennett on 07931 902 346. More info is available on the parish website.

### **Online Lent Retreat**

Hosted by The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow the theme for this year's retreat is 'Live to Inspire.' For more info visit:

<https://www.onlineprayer.net/saints/>

### **Cantonese Mass**

On Saturday, 18 February, Fr Bruno Lepeu who is visiting from Hong Kong will be celebrating Mass in Cantonese at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Mass begins at 2pm and there will be confessions from 1pm.

All are welcome to invite friends from the Chinese community to come to the Mass. For enquiries, contact Flora on 07403 489 931.

### **Job Opportunities within the Archdiocese**

More details can be found on the careers page at:  
[liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

The current roles are:

Parish Administrator (15 hours per week) – St Edward the Confessor Parish, Wigan

Parish Centre Manager, designated premises supervisor (DPS) - St Joseph's (WA5)

Parish Centre Manager, designated premises supervisor (DPS) – St Oswald's (WA1)

Parish Administrator (10 hours per week) – St Mary's Woolton – this is a temporary role for 6 months

Maintenance Assistant - Metropolitan Cathedral

### **Living Laudato Si':**

#### **Your Parish and Your Planet, Zoom Weekend, 17-20 February**

Can healing the planet start with the parish? This is a repeat of a popular weekend for those who missed it the first time around.

This zoom retreat will be led by Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Canoness, Trish Sandbach, who worked in Oxfam Education and is an assessor for the CAFOD *LiveSimply* award and John Paul de Quay, founder member of the Ecological Conversion Group, there will also be a panel discussion for sharing advice on practical projects.

*What will happen?* A long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of *Laudato Si'* in and through the parish.

*Who is it for?* Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group.

*Times:* Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday).

*Cost:* Voluntary donations gratefully accepted, but there will be no fee for the weekend.

To apply simply email Sr Margaret Atkins:  
[margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)  
and there are further useful links on our parish website.

### **LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool**

The next Mass will be on Sunday, 26 February, St Bede's, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL, please do let Father Stephen know if you are able to attend. There will be refreshments after Mass which starts at 2pm. For more info please contact Canon Stephen Maloney  
[frsmaloney@aol.co.uk](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.co.uk).

### **Come and Sing**

The cathedral is hosting a come and sing event for singers of all ages and abilities in March. Why not come along on Saturday, 25 March and join a massed choir under the baton of

archdiocese Choral Director Joe Watson?

For this special occasion (the Solemnity of the Annunciation) a special choir assembled on the day will sing Antonio Vivaldi's popular Gloria, alongside a special new piece of music. There will be two groups:

- 1) singers from the Cathedrals Group of Universities (universities across the country that have religious affiliations)
- 2) A 'come and sing' choir formed especially for the occasion.

A 'come and sing' choir is a group of individuals (or sometimes an established choir/singing group) that joins together with other like-minded people to form a special choir for a day. On Saturday, 25 March, all of our singers will come together for the first time in the afternoon, rehearse together, and then perform in the evening!

YouTube rehearsal links are provided to all participants so that they can practice and familiarise themselves with their parts ahead of the day. Reading music is not a prerequisite as music can be learnt with the YouTube links.

### **Save the Date**

Have you got your tickets yet? Saturday, 15 April, St Mark's Parish Centre, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the

centre. Please support the club if you are able.

### Annual Civic Mass

On Sunday, 19 February at 11am all are welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral for the annual Civic Mass to celebrate community leadership and civic life across Merseyside.

### Our Housebound Parishioners

If you find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else 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.

### Links to Access Livestream Masses

These are available on our parish website, Latest page.

### 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£350.00
GASDS Loose	£258.50
Non Gift Aid	£ 65.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1040.73</b>
Bonus Ball 55	£ 58.00

Next second collection 19 February,  
Parish Lourdes Fund.



*Coffee & Chat*

Every Sunday after 9.15am Mass  
in the annexe. All welcome!

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**11 February – 19 February 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 11 February**  
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Eileen Gustafson

**Sunday, 12 February, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's  
11am – Mass, Holy Family  
12.30pm - Baptisms

Griffiths & Ross Families  
People of the Parish

**Monday, 13 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 14 February, Feast of St Cyril**  
9am – Mass, Holy Family

Pat & Tony Crompton & Family in  
USA

**10.15am – Requiem Mass, Holy Family**

**Margaret Smith**

**Wednesday, 15 February,**  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's  
**2pm – Mass, Servite Court**

Residents, Father Tony Reynolds

**Thursday, 16 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website)  
6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Bill Nicholson, Alan Mulcahey

**Friday, 17 February, Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9am – Mass, St Mark's

Cameron Dunmore

**Saturday, 18 February,**  
5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 19 February,**  
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's  
11am – Mass, Holy Family

Michael Carr  
Kathleen Wafer