

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Sunday, 15 August 2021

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person

of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin, the Immaculate Conception, could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognises Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Keep In Your Prayers



Niyom Sasorn, RIP
Margaret Clark, RIP

Margaret Hannah, RIP Anniversary

And for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Tip and family of Niyom
Margaret Clark family

Alan Williams

Frank Nicholason

Jeanette's mum

Cathy & Bernie

Ann Atherley

Jacqueline

Friend of Denise

Jenny Leftley

Michael Clancy

Anthony Thompson

And all our sick and housebound.

This list will be refreshed periodically
so please contact the office in the
usual ways if you have a name you
wish to be included.

Baptism Registration Meetings

These will resume on Monday, 6
September and no appointment is
necessary, just turn up. Meetings take
place in St Mark's Annexe (beside St
Mark's Church, Penmann Crescent)
and start at 6pm. All baptism
enquiries to our Baptism Coordinator,
Chris Myles on 0151 428 9744 or
07443 018 816. We respectfully ask
that you bring and wear a mask.

With You Always Programme

Our 2021/22 programme will start in
September. All enquiries should be

emailed directly to Jayne Cross, our WYA Coodinator at jayne.wya@gmail.com

Considering Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Young people in Year 8 or above who wish to receive or find out more about the Sacrament of Confirmation, should express their interest at "liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation". Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Project have created four short entertaining 'YouTube' videos on Confirmation at "animateyouth.org/calledbyname".

Parish Website

For those of you who are able to access our website you will be aware that it has been given a much needed makeover. The website is updated regularly and should be your first port of call for the very latest parish information. The website enables us to share with you more details of events within our parish, the wider community and Archdiocese. Please visit us at parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk

Receive News Via Email

If you wish to register for receiving electronic mail from the parish for news and other information please email sjvparishcomms@gmail.com and express your wish to receive electronic mail. Thanks, SJV Parish Communications Group.

What Have We Been Up To In Numbers?

Over 150 Masses
Over 50 livestreams
60 Sacrament of First
Holy Communions celebrated
55 Sacrament of
Reconciliations celebrated
60 baptisms
Over 20 funerals
Exposition introduced twice weekly
£1,225 raised for the Holy Land
2 meeting rooms refurbished
PPE donated
Cleaning products donated
Face masks made by parishioners

And we even managed a marriage in Holy Family Church in July!

Piety Shops

These are now open after Mass only.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to act as first aiders and/or fire marshals at our Masses, no previous experience is necessary. Please contact Peter Renwick if you can help on 07707 917 554.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 August, 6pm via zoom.

Directories & Ordos

Ring bound directory = £4.00

Standard = £3.50

Ordo = £5.00

All orders to be received by office no later than 6 September. We are unable to process late orders.

Pauline Books & Media Have Moved and Are Now Open!

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday:
10am - 5pm.

Email: liverpool@pauline-uk.org

Tel: 0151 709 1328

84 Church Street, Liverpool, L1 3AY

Father Vin Thanks You

"Could you please thank everyone for their prayers, cards and messages, following Stephen's death. They are very much appreciated and have been a source of great consolation to my family and I. Mass will be offered for Fr Matthew and all at St John Vianney."

Thank You

The Parish Office was informed recently of the wonderful day out organised by Angela and mum Pat Sammonds to the RHS Garden Bridgewater. Three mini buses took parishioners of our parish to Bridgewater, lunch was provided, a voucher for refreshments and an Access All Areas Pass given to

everyone, all on Wednesday, 4 August, the Feast Day of St John Vianney. Not only was this provided completely free of charge but the sun shone warmly all day. The organisation, kindness and thought that had gone in to offering this day was huge, thank you so much!



Lourdes at Home by Charlotte Powell

We had a really successful 2 days cleaning up the two Churches, doing litter picking, polishing, taking down the Covid signs, posting Mass leaflets to Parishioners, sorting out Mass and hymn books, and just giving the Churches a general spring clean. We also celebrated Mass as Coach 6 in St Mark's Annexe with Fr Matthew which was absolutely lovely! Throughout Lourdes at Home week we got involved with lots of different activities, including: a giant clean up of Crosby Beach, a retreat day to St Joseph's in Formby, a trip to Alton Towers, a quiz/social/singing night in

Lowe House, a garden party and Torchlight Procession in Lydiate, a festival day in Lowe House, and two pilgrimage Masses: the opening one in the Cathedral with the whole pilgrimage and the closing one in Lowe House with the other Coaches.

Ordination as Bishop of Canon Tom Neylon

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday, 6 July 2021 that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday, 3 September at 12 noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should be advised to register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk. We would ask that you are in your seats by 11.30am. Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral.

News from Cathedral

We are only planning to return to our full schedule of services, including the opening of the Lutyens Crypt and Crypt Chapel on the weekend of 4/5th September so the Ordination on 3 September should be a wonderful occasion to mark a new start for the Cathedral post pandemic as well as a celebratory Diocesan occasion.



Prior to the Covid outbreak there had been a group of volunteers and staff carrying out research in preparation for a new series of Exhibition boards for the Pontifical Hall within the Crypt. This display in text and illustrative form is now in the final stages of preparation to be in place for September. They give an account of the development of our Cathedral buildings with lots of interesting Diocesan and historical facts related to our buildings. The Cathedral is grateful to all the people and students who carried out the research and contributed to the final exhibition. We look forward to seeing it in situ when the Crypt opens again.

Used Postage Stamps and Funny Money

The Parish Office is always pleased to receive your used postage stamps and any funny money you have collecting dust in drawers. We pass these on to Nugent who somehow turn them into much needed funds to support local families in crisis. If you have either of these, please pop them in an envelope/bag and post through the office letterbox.

Got Some News to Share?

Remember, this is your newsletter. If you have something to share then let the office know and we'll always try and include your news, if it's of interest to you then it may be to others.

If you are part of a parish group and are looking to start up meetings once again, then let the office know so can advertise it and do remember to check with the office to ensure the space you need is available.

St Mark's Parish Club Opening Times

Please support our club which is now open as follows:

Monday – Friday
4.00pm-11.00pm

Saturday – Sunday
12.00 noon-11.00pm

Contact Emma Harvey (Manager):
0151 486 4908 or 07377 341 999.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order. It's easy, just let the office know and we'll do the rest. Also, if you pay tax, please consider joining our Gift Aid Scheme. Again, just let the office know.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£226.00
GASDS Loose	£174.30
GASDS Envelopes	£100.00
Total Offertory	£500.00

Retiring Collection

22 August,
Catholic Education Service

Parish Office Numbers

Mass times can and do change to allow for funerals so please always check before you travel.

St Ambrose, 425 2289
OLA, 487 9372
Christ the King, 722 2231

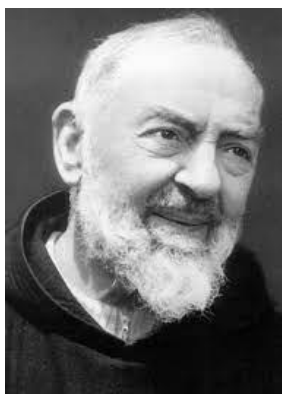
Going into Hospital?

If you go into hospital please make sure you contact the Chaplaincy on the numbers below to let them know you or a loved one is there, they will provide Holy Communion and a priest as necessary.

Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen,
706 2828

Whiston, 430 1657

The Most Powerful Healing Prayer by St Padre Pio



Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free.

I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit.

Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas.

Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood. Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart.

Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life. And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

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14-22 August 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 14 August	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Len Williams, RIP
Sunday, 15 August, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9.15 am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.00am – Mass, Livestream	Kathleen McEvoy People of the Parish
Monday, 16 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9.15 am, Mass, St Ambrose* 12 noon, Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption* 6.00pm-7.00pm Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 17 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9.00am-9.45am – Morning Prayer Online Zoom 9.15 am, Mass, St Ambrose* 12 noon, Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption*	
Wednesday, 18 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10.00am-11.00am Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 19 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9.30 am, Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption* 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Joan Makin
Friday, 20 August, Memorial of St Bernard	
9.15 am, Mass, St Ambrose* 12 noon, Mass, Christ the King*	
Saturday, 21 August	
5.15 pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Ann Parks
Sunday, 22 August, Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15 am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.00am – Mass, Livestream	Dora Kavanagh People of the Parish
* Mass times can change to allow for funerals so always check before you travel.	