

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Sunday, 21 November 2021 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme - salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of

John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasised in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognise Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognise Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognise that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.

Pastoral Plan

After the meeting of Synod 2020 in June this year, work began on preparing a pastoral plan which would guide the archdiocese in the years to come based on the outcomes of the Synod. This plan will be launched next weekend. Every parishioner will get a postcard giving details of how to access the plan and an invitation to a

meeting to hear about it. Copies of the plan will be available online and at Pauline Books and Media from next weekend. Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020.

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

Saturday, 4th December
11am – 12.30pm
in St Mary's Church, Leyland

Tuesday, 7th December
7pm – 8.30pm
in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

Thursday, 9th December
7pm – 8.30pm on Zoom



St Mark's Church July 2022

Next year our parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee opening of St Mark's Church. In looking to plan an event to observe this important time in the history of our community, it would be helpful to gather any memorabilia of the actual opening occasion which you may be happy to share.

If you could have a little rummage and please drop any items you feel may be useful for a display with the parish office.

November Pious List

Lists and envelopes are available at the back of church. Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory or post into parish office. Through the month of November, one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the lists.

Keep In Your Prayers

William and Mary Bridson,
Anniversary Remembrance

Also our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Many parishioners took advantage of the opportunity recently to receive the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick. If you didn't have a chance to take part and feel the need for the healing that is offered through the sacrament please talk to Fr Matthew.

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.

Baptismal Information

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

This weekend the following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Joseph George Teasdale
Eva Rose Catherine Newport*

*Henry John Maguire
Piper Maguire*

With You Always Programme

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

Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped prepare and conduct the recent Parish Memorial Service. The office received numerous messages from those who attended and expressed how much comfort the service offered.



DBS Forms

Any volunteers who have not passed their forms in to Margaret Campbell or Chris Myles, please do so as soon as possible.

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land

“I wholeheartedly endorse the Diocesan Holy Land Christmas Card campaign and I would encourage our parishes and justice and peace groups to send Christmas cards to our

brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. On my visits to the Holy Land people often remark how supported they feel when they receive a Christmas card from our diocese, and I believe it to be a real sign of our solidarity with those who live there. It’s also a promise of our prayers for them at Christmas, and this means so much to them.”
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

This year our parish has been paired with Our Lady of the Visitation in Zababdeh. Suggested wording for cards can be found at the back of church, these can be stuck inside your cards perhaps with your own message. Post cards through office door asap, last collection date is Friday, 3 December.

Zero Waste Meeting

The SVP are holding a meeting at Holy Family on Tuesday, 30 November at 6.30pm to find out more about the South Liverpool Zero Waste Group. Please come along and see how we can help support this important initiative within our own parish.

Parish Council

Next meeting Tuesday, 7 December, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

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.

Rotas

It's really important that you check the rotas on display. If you should be on the rota but have been missed off, please let the office know asap and remember, if you are unable to carry out your ministry on your scheduled date, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's

All Welcome

Wednesday, 1 December, 8.30am

Wednesday, 12 January, 8.30am

Wednesday, 2 February, 8.30am

Lourdes Nominations

If you wish to nominate someone from our parish to go to Lourdes in 2022 and be supported through our fund, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Job Opportunities

For the latest vacancies visit:
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Mass will take place at All Saints, Anfield on Sunday, 5 December at 12.30pm followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families and friends but also to anyone who would like to come along. It would be helpful to know who might attend for catering purposes. If you are intending to come along you are very welcome but please do let us know. Ring 0151 287 8787 or email frsmaloney@aol.com

Also, LGBT+ Social Group in the Parish of Sts Agnes and Aidan for members of the LGBT+ community. This group gathers regularly on every third Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, L36 5SQ. The Group has gathered monthly for 6 months, with the next meeting on Sunday, 21 November.

Parish Finance

Figures for Sunday, 14 November will be published next week. Please consider making your contributions

by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Second Collection

This weekend Animate Youth Services and envelopes are available at the back of church.

Youth Sunday/World Youth Day



In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and asked the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 21 November 2021. It will be a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church. For us, in England and Wales, there will be a number of resources made available for all settings including home, school, parish, university and individual. Resources at worldyouthsunday.com



Advent Mondays

Advent Reflections - On 29 November, the Pastoral Development Department invite you to a Zoom time of reflection and discussion for an hour each Advent Monday from 7pm. Please register for your Zoom link on <https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>



Crib Festival St Nicholas' Church

Friday, 10 December 10am-1.30pm

Saturday, 11 December 10am-2pm

Entry Free - Donations welcome

Refreshments and Traidcraft stall available. There will also be maps and details available for the Pillar Box Nativity Trail around Halewood. For further information contact alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com





CAFOD Fun Run

The event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 December, Wavertree Athletics Centre, Wellington Road, L15 4LE. Registration is from 10am for an 11am run/walk/toddle 3k or 5k! Sponsorship and donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/campaign/cafodchristmasfunrun



Nugent Festive Initiatives

Christmas Cards,

Light up a Life Services 2021 at The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool **and** St Teresa's Church, Upholland,

BTR Liverpool Santa Dash,

Christmas Jumper Day,

Christmas Appeal.

More details at wearenugent.org

Make a difference this Christmas:

Support Nugent's Christmas Hamper Appeal by donating a range of items which will be enjoyed by the children, adults and families we support who are most vulnerable or at-risk. Nugent are looking for a range of items such as toiletries, mince pies, chocolates and sweets, puzzles and craft items to be dropped off 6-10 December.

Help spread some Christmas joy this year by contacting fundraising@wearenugent.com for a full list of items you can donate and for drop off information.

Sleep Out with Nugent on Saturday, 5 February 2022:

Nugent are organising a 'Sleep Out with Nugent' event in collaboration with the Salvation Army to help fight homelessness on 5 February 2022 at the Strawberry Fields. For more details please visit: [Sleep Out with Nugent \(wearenugent.org\)](http://Sleep Out with Nugent (wearenugent.org))



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

20 November – 28 November 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 20 November	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Peter Bebbington
Sunday, 21 November, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Pious List People of the Parish
Monday, 22 November, Memorial of St Cecilia	
6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 23 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Stephen McShane
Wednesday, 24 November, Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac	
10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
11am – Requiem Mass for Esther Harris at Holy Family Church	
Thursday, 25 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am - Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Pious List
Friday, 26 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Joseph Kelly
Saturday, 27 November	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pious List
Sunday, 28 November, First Sunday of Advent	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish John Morgan