

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**1 January 2023**

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### **Luke 2:16-21 Pointers for Prayer**

1. A new year invites us first of all to take stock of the last year, what were the moments which mattered and which somehow “stayed” with me? Was I able to see the hand of God in the people I met and in the various events? A moment of discernment and gratitude.
2. A new year also signals the chance of a new beginning, his mercies are new every morning! Can I open my heart to God’s presence and grace in a new way this year?
3. If I were to name some hopes this year, for family, for myself, for my faith and discipleships, what comes to mind? A prayer to the Holy Spirit that we may be guided by God’s grace today and always.

### **Prayer**

God most high, your only Son embraced the weakness of our flesh to give us the power to become your children; your eternal Word chose to dwell among us, that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich in the glory you have made our own and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Helen Jones RIP, Bernard Davies RIP, Francis Gallagher RIP, Mary Nuttall RIP, Kitty Heisley, Freda Tansey, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, 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.

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 9 January 2023, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. If you are looking 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 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

## **With You Always Programme (First Holy Communion 2022/23)**

Our new programme will be starting in the New Year. There are parent information sessions in each of our three parish schools in January (your school will give you the date).

If you are unable to attend the session in your child's school or your child does not attend one of the three

Catholic parish schools, then there are two additional meetings for parents – you only need to attend one.

Thursday, 19 January, 7.15pm,  
after 6.30pm Mass,  
St Mark's church

Saturday, 21 January, 4pm,  
Holy Family church

## **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 will take place on Tuesday, 10 January at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

## **Holy Family Church Jubilee**

2023 marks the Golden Jubilee of Holy Family church. Parishioners are invited to join a working group to prepare to celebrate this momentous event. If you are willing to volunteer please let the parish office know.

## **Parish Council**

Parishioners, young or old, are invited to consider volunteering for the St John Vianney Parish Council. New members would be very welcome. The Council meets every two months. If you are willing to volunteer please let the parish office know.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 January, 7pm, Holy Family meeting room.

### **Recycling**

Used batteries  
Empty tablet blister packs  
Used postage stamps  
Funny money  
Religious Christmas cards

### **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.

### **Parish Finance**

Figures 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.



### **New Year's Eve at St Mark's Parish Centre**

Music & DJ from 7pm

Tickets £5

Available from the Parish Centre.

### **Links to Access Livestream Masses**

These are available on our parish website, Latest page.



## Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

**31 December 2022 – 8 January 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 31 December 2022**

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Sadie & Jimmy Devine,  
Ann Talbot, Ellie Davies

**Sunday, 1 January 2023,**

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Vincent Carden, Jackie Bakstad,  
Eileen Gustafson

**Monday, 2 January, Sts Basil & Gregory**

6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 3 January, Weekday of Christmas Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Mary & Ron Baker, Joan Bradley

**Wednesday, 4 January, Weekday of Christmas Time**

10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's

**Thursday, 5 January, Weekday of Christmas Time**

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Alan Hanson

**Friday, 6 January, The Epiphany of the Lord**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Eileen

**Saturday, 7 January,**

5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family

Fr Vin McShane

**Sunday, 8 January, The Baptism of the Lord**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Margaret Whittle  
People of the Parish