

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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20 November 2022

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Luke 23:35-43 Pointers for Prayer

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus who never used power to his own advantage. Whom have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
4. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

Prayer

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Saviour who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Keep In Your Prayers

Elaine Lynch RIP, Jacqui Bakstad RIP, Eileen Gustafson RIP, 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.

November Pious List

Through the month of November, one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the lists. Envelopes at back of church.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Ella Louise Massie

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 December, 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)

Please note when the information for the next group of candidates is available, it will be published in this newsletter and on our website. Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at jayne.wya@gmail.com

World Youth Sunday

“Mary arose and went with haste”

This theme for World Youth Sunday reflects a call to stand up again, together, to find fresh strength and to help others to rise up too. It reminds us that young people must commit again to use the energy, gifts and talents they have in new ways. Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day in November 2020 and asked the global community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King which this year falls on Sunday, 20 November. Resources are available at: worldyouthsunday.com

Animate will also publish their second 'Car Pool Karaoke' on the Animate YouTube channel talking especially about Lourdes. Beyond this day, there are other opportunities for young people to be more involved with the life of the Church and more information on Lourdes, training as a Minister of Holy Communion and the trip to Wembley for the Flame Congress – visit animateyouth.org

Parish Council

Please note this meeting is now Tuesday, 22 November, Holy Family meeting room.

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, 22 November 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.

Children's Liturgy Refresher Training

For those delivering and/or interested in delivering or supporting Children's Liturgy, you are invited to attend two sessions of training/coaching.

All sessions will be in St Mark's annexe and the same session will be repeated.

Session 1, Saturday, 26 November, 10.30am-12 noon and repeated on Tuesday, 29 November, 6pm-7.30pm.

Session 2, Saturday, 3 December, 10.30am-12 noon and repeated on Tuesday, 6 December, 6pm-7.30pm.

Please note, everyone is welcome, come and find out what we do and how you could support us. Please sign up by emailing or texting Ann Farrell at 07855 981 691 or anski@blueyonder.co.uk

Christmas Afternoon Tea

The Ladies Group will be holding a Christmas Afternoon Tea in St Mark's Parish Centre on Friday, 2 December, 2pm-4pm. There will also be a display of books to view or purchase by one of our parishioners who is an author of books suitable for adults and children.

Please come along and join us in this festive celebration, cost £3 adults and £1.50 children. Pay at the door for this charitable fundraising event. Don't forget your Christmas hats and jumpers for what we hope will be a few hours of fun, food and festive cheer.

Thank You

The parish office received the following message: "On behalf of the Knights, I wish to thank all those who have contributed so kindly to the total of just over £4,200 in aid of Asylum Link Merseyside. The total includes

over £1,600 which has been Gift Aided so that Asylum Link can claim an additional £400 for their funds! Sean Morgan, Knights of St Columba Council 9.”

Chronic Pain Group

Next meeting in St Mark’s annexe on Friday, 25 November, 2pm-4pm, come along for support and a cuppa.

OLA Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 3 December in their church car park. 9am-11am. 15 spaces are available. Each space is £10. To book go to their parish website home page: www.ourladygateacre.org.uk

Halewood Foodbank

Halewood Foodbank has seen an increase in numbers of people accessing their service. Food collection boxes are available at the back of church if you are able to contribute any tins or non-perishable goods which the SVP will take to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generous support.

‘Come away to a quiet place for a while’ Advent reflection days at Ince Benet Retreat Centre

Christmas Presence 1: Enthusiasm and hope in the world. A day of reflection on responses to John the Baptist, then and now. People came to the River Jordan to prepare for the coming of the Messiah; they returned to daily life full of enthusiasm and hope. We can repeat the journey,

Sunday, 4 December, 10.30am-3.30pm.

Christmas Presence 2: ‘Be it done unto me according to your word’. A day of reflection on Mary’s doubts and response to God’s call. Mary had many good reasons to say, ‘Not me, Lord’, but said ‘Yes’. We can respond either way to our call to bring Christ into the world. Wednesday, 7 December, 10.30am-3.30pm.

See the website, incebenet.co.uk/ to see the facilities and the surrounds. If you wish to turn the day into a retreat, accommodation is available for one or more nights.

For further information or to book for either or both of these days contact Martin and Maria Bennett or Canon Rod Garner: phone: 07931902346 email: ince.benet@gmail.com

Suggested donation for the retreat days: £10 per person. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Martin Bennett writes weekly reflections on Scripture, leads Scripture groups and gives talks and retreats on living the Gospel in daily life.

Welcoming Prayer Day

This will take place on 26 November at St Joseph’s Prayer Centre, Formby, 10am–4pm.

This day is a follow up to the day on Centering Prayer that was held in

April, but Centering Prayer Practitioners are welcome, even if they did not attend the first session – if you would like to come, please email Jonathan at spirituality@rcaol.org.uk. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you are not a Centering Prayer Practitioner but still would like to come, please contact us to check availability. The ‘Welcoming Prayer’ was originally developed as an active complement to Centering Prayer – to help carry the “letting go” attitude of Centering prayer into the situations we face in daily life. It is used to restore inner equilibrium after experiencing an upset, by consenting to God’s presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to the events and situations we encounter.

The purpose of the Welcoming Prayer is to deepen our relationship with God through consenting in ordinary activities. It helps to heal the wounds of a lifetime by addressing them where they are stored - in the body. It contributes to the process of transformation in Christ initiated in Centering Prayer.

The day will offer a recap on Centering Prayer during the morning and the afternoon will be given to both the theory and the practice of the ‘Welcoming Prayer.’ (Please bring your own lunch. Donations for the day are optional.

Job Opportunity

The archdiocese has an exciting new opportunity for a Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator. Archbishop Malcolm describes this new role as “a key appointment in helping the archdiocese implement our vision to be a church that truly serves young people.” Closing date: Wednesday, 23 November. To apply visit:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2504>

Conversations about The Letter: A Message for Our Earth

Starting 21 November the newly formed Pastoral Development team is putting on a series of “drop in” events. These are short 15-45 minute opportunities to find out about the work of the team and respond to issues of the day. Times are based around coffee/lunch break or event/home commute. Register at:

<https://LetterSocialActionLiverpool.ventbrite.com>

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next gathering and Mass will be on Sunday, 11 December, 2pm at All Saints, Anfield. There will be a social gathering after Mass so if you hope to attend please email Fr Stephen for catering purposes at: frsmaloney@aol.co.uk

Cost Of Living Crisis: The Liverpool Archdiocese

Venues continue to be open 1pm to 3.30pm across the archdiocese with St Mark’s Parish Centre available on

Wednesday's. Please come along for a chat over a cuppa!

Could you be a Deacon?

As we start to implement our new 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 some of their stories and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team at a 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, 29 November, 7.30pm-9pm, St John Vianney Meeting Room, Christ the King Church, 78 Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool, L15 6YQ.

For more information, please email p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

News from Nugent

Nugent are delighted to invite you to their Light up a Life services this year taking place as follows:

Sunday, 11 December, 3pm, St Teresa's Church, Upholland led by

Father Philip Kehoe followed by refreshments and also Friday, 16 December, 12:30pm at the The Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool led by Bishop Tom Williams followed by refreshments.

If you would like to take part contact the Fundraising team by emailing fundraising@wearenugent.org or calling 0734 186 4180, having your dedication name(s) and your debit or credit card details ready.

Christmas Wreath Making

At the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. Join us on Friday, 2 December at 10.30am and learn how to make your very own Christmas wreath. We are asking for a donation of £15 to cover the cost of the materials, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 949 1199 to book your place.

What's On at our Cathedral

Advent Sequence, Sunday, 27 November, 5pm-6pm. Each Sunday throughout Advent, you can hear our Cathedral Choir sing a sublime selection of seasonal music designed to reflect the wonder and joy of Advent. Entrance is free and no tickets are required.

NSPCC Carols by Candlelight. This will return to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday, 6 December at 7pm. Check Events page on Cathedral website for tickets.

Caring for our Housebound Parishioners

If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with our Eucharistic Ministers from there.

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

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

Due to staff holidays, finance figures for this week will be published next week.

Second Collections: 20 November, Animate Youth Services. 11 December, SVP.

Recycling

You can now recycle used batteries and empty tablet blister packs at the back of church. Please bring these along, pop them in the box provided and we'll do the rest.

Church Cleaning

St Mark's,
9am, Wednesday, 30 November.

Holy Family,
Speak to Teresa or Ann for days and times.

If you can spare an hour or so, please come along and help, everyone is welcome and your help is really appreciated.



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

19 November – 27 November 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 19 November,
5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Pious List

Sunday, 20 November,
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal king
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's
11am – Mass, Holy Family

Michael Carr, John Quirk
People of the Parish

Monday, 21 November,
Memorial: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family

Tuesday, 22 November, Memorial of St Cecilia
9am – Mass, Holy Family

Mark, David Powell,
Dawn Hampson

Wednesday, 23 November,
Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's

12 noon – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Eileen Gustafson

Thursday, 24 November,
Memorial: St Andrew Dung-Lac
9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website)

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Ronnie Brown, Gerard Coyne,
Sammonds Family

Friday, 25 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time
9am – Mass, St Mark's

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3pm – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Elaine Lynch

Saturday, 26 November
5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Carmel Malone, Ann Talbot,
Frank Noccetti

Sunday, 27 November, First Sunday of Advent
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's
11am – Mass, Holy Family
12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

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