

# Newsletter

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**14 August 2022**

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Luke 12:49-53**

### Pointers for Prayer

1. The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at what you desired?
2. Jesus recognised that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or in others?
3. Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?

### Prayer

To set the earth ablaze, O God, your Son submitted to a baptism unto death, and from his cup of suffering you call the Church to drink. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and give us strength in time of trial to run the race that lies before us.  
Amen.

## **Mask Wearing**

With the rise in COVID cases, a reminder that mask wearing is an option that any of us may feel is appropriate.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

John James Birkenhead RIP, Mark Loughhead, 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, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Children's Liturgy**

There will be no Children's Liturgy during August, sessions will resume in September.

When these sessions do resume and with the increased numbers we are welcoming to them, we really need additional support at all Masses but in

particular 11am Mass. If you would like to become part of this wonderful team, please leave your details with the office or approach a current volunteer for more info.

## **A Message from the Family of Rita Shreenan**

"I am emailing you on behalf of the family to thank you for your help and support in organising Auntie Rita's funeral on Wednesday. The requiem Mass was thoughtfully conducted ... and we have received some lovely comments from people who attended the funeral. Auntie Rita would have been absolutely delighted to have seen the church so full of family, friends and fellow parishioners. Please can you pass on our thanks to all of the parishioners who attended and also for the cards and messages of condolence we have received.

Jack and Norman (auntie Rita's neighbours) kindly placed the funeral flowers in Auntie Rita's back garden where they look beautiful.

Thank you once again, Rita  
Wrightson“

## **Holy Family Presbytery The Big Clear Out**



On Friday, 19 August a skip will be delivered to Holy Family church to enable a group of volunteers to clear out the former presbytery. If you can pop along and help out we'd really appreciate as many hands on the job as possible. The skip will arrive at 8am and be collected at 4pm. If you can join us for the whole day that'd be great but even if you can pop in and help out for an hour or so we'd be truly grateful. Just turn up on the day or contact Peter for any further info on 07707 917 554. Thank you so much.

## **St Mark's Church Cleaning Dates**

Wednesday, 24 August, 9am  
Wednesday, 7 September, 9am

Wednesday, 5 October 9am

Many thanks to all our cleaning volunteers, everyone is welcome to pop along.

## **Exam Results**

Exam results day is approaching for many, please keep in your prayers all those currently waiting on these.

## **News from CAFOD**

Did you know? CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We work with some of the most hard-to-reach communities around the world and those living in the hardest of circumstances. We believe in tackling the root causes of poverty and this is why we ask our supporters to take part in our campaigns which address poverty and injustice head-on.

We encourage people to sign petitions, meet their MPs and contact big businesses etc. Together we've witnessed some historic

breakthroughs such as debt relief for struggling countries, action by government on climate change and large companies signing up to ethical agreements.

Thank you for joining us in this work. Do have a look at our current campaign which is about food [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food) and help make the world a better place for all. Many thanks and best wishes

### **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Only a few dates remaining in December.

### **With You Always Programme**

We are currently updating our preparation programme for First Holy Communion (With You Always programme). Information will be available in the newsletter and on our

website in December. It is likely that the programme will start early 2023. Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at [jayne.wya@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.wya@gmail.com)

### **St Mary's, Woolton**

Love to move - age and dementia friendly seated movement programme. Next sessions in their parish hall are Tuesday, 16 and 30 August from 1.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

Next monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong takes place on 26 August in their parish hall.

### **The Irenaeus Centre and St Thomas' Oratory**

Opening in September with many different activities. Dementia support and activities, art and reflection, book shop and cards, drop in for a coffee or tea and time for a chat. [irenaeus.co.uk](http://irenaeus.co.uk), 0151 949 1199, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD.

What's On at the Irenaeus Centre.  
Women's Weekend 'The Call of Creation' 16-18 September 2022.  
Residential places available for more info contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or telephone 0151 949 1199.

### **A day of prayer for Ukraine**

The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine on Wednesday 14 September. The Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration. In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

### **Halewood Foodbank**

Over the past few weeks Halewood Foodbank has seen an increase in numbers of people accessing their service. So we can support their activities we are reinstating the boxes at the back of Church where if you are

able, you can leave tins or non-perishable goods which the SVP will take to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generous support.

### **Lourdes, December 2022**

Northern Star Travel are running a trip to Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception flying from Manchester on 5 December 2022. Flights, 4 nights half board, carry on luggage from £495. For more info ring 0161 773 2115 and leaflets at back of church.

### **What's on at our Cathedral**

The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage, Friday, 23 September, 7.30pm-9.30pm. The Sixteen return in 2022, presenting a powerful programme of English choral music centred around Parry's emotional Songs of Farewell.

Deeply affected by the First World War, Parry sought poetry that would reflect not only peace and unity and the search for a better world, but also an escape from the horrors of war.

Tickets are priced between £8 and £16. For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2022-liverpool/>

### **RCIA Meetings**

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our parish community at friendly, informal meetings that start in the Autumn. Contact Peter for more info on 07707 917 554.

### **St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022**

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, arrive 3.30pm, Saturday, 17 September until 7am, Tuesday, 20 September.

### **The Ascension of the Lord**



### **Caring for our Housebound Parishioners**

Thanks to the generosity of our Eucharistic Ministers we are beginning to take Holy Communion to those who are unable join us at Mass.



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.

Figures for Sunday, 7 August

Gift Aid Envelopes	£258.00
GASDS Loose	£274.25
Non Gift Aid	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£384.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>£962.02</b>
Bonus Ball 30	£ 58.00



# Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**13 August – 21 August 2022**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 13 August**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 14 August,**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Joseph & Agnes Carden,  
Rita Randles  
Angela Lamb, Susan Savage

**Monday, 15 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tuesday, 16 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Tony Caslin, Tony Crompton

**Wednesday, 17 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Thursday, 18 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

George Biggs, Ian Brunt

**Friday, 19 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am - Mass, St Mark's

Mignonne & Family

**Saturday, 20 August**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Teresa Griffiths,  
Charles Frost

**Sunday, 21 August,**

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Ann Parks  
People of the Parish