

Newsletter

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Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, p83

John 6:51-58 Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?
2. Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?
3. Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?
4. The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you.
5. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you?

Prayer

O God of pilgrims, you accompany us always on the road of life. You fed the people of Israel in the desert. Today, you feed your people through Jesus Christ, our living bread of life. May this food so satisfy us that we may always hunger for that true life found in you alone. Amen

Mission Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr Mike Heap of Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) who will be making an appeal at all Masses.

The White Fathers are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many other countries around the world. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with media, involvement in justice and peace, education and social welfare etc they aim to work in partnership with the church in Africa.

We thank Fr Mike for visiting our parish and sharing his experiences of mission life with us.

Keep In Your Prayers

Joan Carr RIP, Eileen Ireland RIP, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Sonny Joseph Barnes,
Jamie Michael Barnett

9.15 am: Elias -Reign Jeremiah May

11am: Matilda Moore, Molly Moore,
Daniel Jiri Pospisil

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 3 July, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:
Kai Joseph Thomas Wafer
Aubrie Olivia
Indie Catherine Culvin

**Please note there is no Baptism
Registration meeting in August and
we now have just a few dates
available for November and
December 2023.**

Ordination of Peter Renwick Sunday, 16 July 2023

At 3pm in the Cathedral on 16 July our very own Peter Renwick will be ordained as a permanent deacon at the Cathedral along with 3 others who have been training with him over these last years.

A coach has been booked from St Mark's leaving at 2.15pm to take those who want transport to the Cathedral and will be returning to St Mark's leaving the Cathedral at 4.30 pm.

There will be a celebration at St Mark's Parish Centre when we return, say around 5ish. If you are interested in catching the coach please let the office know asap. A small donation

towards the coach hire would be appreciated.

From the Deanery Synodal Council

In recent Pastoral Letters the Archbishop has acknowledged the work of the Synod is continuing in various ways across the Archdiocese but it might appear that nothing has been happening locally. Since July 2022 a small group of priests and people from across the Deanery have been working together as members of the Deanery Synodal Council.

The four meetings since September have seen the real work begin. We have explored something of the richness of what is happening in our Deanery and sought to interpret what this idea of “Families of Parishes” means. As we explored further, the enormity of the task ahead has become clearer and we have considered some of the limitations we might face because of geography and resourcing. We decided at our last meeting that the most effective way forward would be to take a step back and examine a little more the purpose of our group and how “Families of Parishes” might shape the work in our area.

In mid-June we are meeting again to focus on these questions and will report back the fruit of our discussions at the start of the autumn term. Please keep the Deanery Synodal Council members in your prayers.



Animate Youth - Faith in Action A Little More Info

This is a national award and pre covid the archdiocese had 2000 young people involved.

It runs along the lines of the Duke of Edinburgh award in that it has Bronze, Silver and Gold, various ages but with a Christian spirit.

The junior stage is called pin and they are seekers, they follow the programme set out and actions during the churches year could include making clay poppies for remembrance, reading prayers at Mass, at Advent making Christingle candles for the children's liturgy.

This course is run through the Animate team. The group would meet weekly from September/October and ideally would be parish based, perhaps the annexe but a venue is still to be decided.

This is a fantastic programme for our young people to get involved with so please contact the parish office asap if you would like further details.

St Mark's Cleaning Sessions

Saturday, 17 June, 8.30am

Wednesday, 21 June, 9am

Saturday, 1 July, 8.30am

Many hands make light work, we could really do with more helpers, if you can spare a couple of hours, everyone is welcome!

St Mark's Reading Rota

The latest version is now at the back of church. If you have to make any changes to this (say for holidays etc) please amend this copy accordingly.

Missio – Red Boxes

During June, please leave your boxes at the back of the church or pass into the parish office for emptying. Many thanks.

The Good Companions Group

The Parish Office need a contact name and number for this group. If you can help then please ring the office on 486 3992.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

Great news! Alison Worthington, Joss Williams and Mark White will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers to the Parish of St John Vianney on 18 June at 9.15am Mass.

Well done and welcome to an amazing way to serve our parish.

Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

On Saturday, 17 June there will be a refresher/reflection session for Eucharistic Ministers in St Mark's annexe, 9.30am-12 noon.

Following this, during the 3 Masses on that weekend (17/18 June), ministers will be re-commissioned to serve our parish.

It would be helpful if Eucharistic Ministers would text on the WhatsApp group which Mass they intend to attend that weekend or phone the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Archdiocesan Resources & Events

Training – The archdiocese are now accepting applications for anyone wishing to join us on the Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. It is a 2 year course exploring topics such as Scripture, Catechesis and Leadership and Ministry. Previous participants have described that their experience helped to deepen their faith and help them find practical ways of supporting their church.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/loyola> and complete the application form or join us on a zoom call on the evening of the 27 June at 7pm. To receive this zoom link, please email loyola@rcaol.org.uk

Social Action Networking On Environment: Investments as a force for good? – Thursday, 15 June, 6.30pm, online special network event focusing on how church funds are used in relation to action on climate change. Contact Pablo or visit

https://Archdiocese_environment_net.work.eventbrite.com

‘Every Migrant Has A Name, A Face and A Story’ – Friday, 23 June, 4pm-5pm, online to celebrate Refugee Week, this online event will discuss the principles set out in “Love the Stranger” - a new document from the Bishops’ Conference. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit https://love_the_stranger.eventbrite.com

Welcome Churches: Welcoming Displaced People – Monday, 19 June, 1-3pm at St Barnabas, Penny Lane. This event will be an opportunity to hear more about the needs of refugees and asylum seekers in your community, how you can get involved and how Welcome Churches can support you. To book go to <https://tinyurl.com/4p4wnzpv>

Mass for the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes

A reminder that there is a Mass on Sunday, 25 June at 5pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are very welcome, including pilgrims past and present.

RCIA - Mass for the New Catholics

The Mass for the new Catholics will now take place on 21 June at the Metropolitan Cathedral, 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend.



Gentle chair based exercises, tea and chat on Tuesday's, 1.30pm-3pm, free but donations always welcome in St Mary's Parish Hall, 13 and 27 June, 11 & 25 July. All welcome. For further info contact Ann on 428 2256.

Exam Season

Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for success in examinations prayed before the examination.

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination, only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return, I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord. St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us.

Music for a King

The joint choirs of Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will join together on Saturday, 8 July at 7.30pm in a festive programme of 'Music for a King' in this coronation year.

Coronation classics by Handel (Zadok the priest), Parry (I was glad) and Walton (Crown Imperial) are presented. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the combined choirs of Liverpool's two cathedrals in concert together.

Please see the poster at the back of church for more details, tickets at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

Volunteer Your Teaching Talent

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? If so, you could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful Cathedral.

For more information, contact education@metcathedral.org.uk

Christmas 2023!

Do you enjoy performing? We are looking for singers aged 6-22 and dancers aged 6-10, actors aged 6-22. No experience required. We are planning to put on a Nativity Play/Concert. Auditions to be held mid-July. Rehearsals begin after the summer break. Concert to take place just before Christmas at Holy Family church. If you are interested, please contact Angela on 07407 024 102.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

The programme has recently been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children**

can register at the end of a Mass and work their way through a series of leaflets and books to help them prepare. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can work through it at their own pace.

If anyone would like any more information or a registration form please speak to one of the catechists at the end of Mass.

Prayer Requests

Do you have someone or something you would like to pray for?

Please feel free to fill in one of the prayer request forms at the back of church. Place it into the box provided, which will be brought to the altar by our children during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Our Housebound Parishioners

If you are no longer able to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!**

Communion at Home can be arranged, but you need to let us know! Please get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will pop round to pray with you and see what 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

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Collection for Sunday, 4 June 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£259.00
GASDS Loose	£427.80
Non Gift Aid	£ 73.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1127.03
Bonus Ball 50	£ 58.00

Second collections:

11 June, Missionaries of Africa

18 June, Day for Life

25 June, Peter's Pence

SJV Bonus Ball

Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in to win it!



For Refreshments

St Mark's annexe - every Sunday
after 9.15am Mass.

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome!



Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

10 June – 18 June 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 10 June

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Eileen & Cliff Stanton

Sunday, 11 June,

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Jean Carlisle
People of the Parish

Monday, 12 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 13 June, Memorial of St Anthony of Padua

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Special Intention, Tony Milligan,
Barry Jackson

Wednesday, 14 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, St Mark's annexe

Thursday, 15 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

1.45pm – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Eileen Ireland

John Ireland, Fr Vin McShane

Friday, 16 June,

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Tony Crompton, Anne, Denis Jones

Saturday, 17 June

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 18 June, Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms

Catherine Fletcher, Mary Warbrick,
Mrs Kelly
Catherine Wafer, Alma Fagan