

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant

Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel. It is not an Infancy Narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning of time and presents Creation as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis, "In the beginning was the Word."

The story of Jesus' birth, which begins with a reference to Caesar Augustus, concludes with the shepherds, people looked down on by most of society, visiting the infant. As the angels return to heaven, the shepherds decide to go see "this thing" that has happened in Bethlehem. Their visit confirms everything the angels had told them about the birth of the Saviour and

Messiah. They then spoke publicly about all they had seen, to the great astonishment of all who heard. Mary ponders all this in her heart and the shepherds return to their fields praising God. What had been told to them really happened. This account does not tell us very much about the infant Jesus because Luke's concern is that God's action of sending a saviour be publicly proclaimed. As Paul says before King Agrippa in Acts of the Apostles 26:26, "None of this was done in a corner." The picture is simple, two parents and an infant in a stable. But the reality is great, God's salvation offered to all.

Keep In Your Prayers

Our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please pray also for Father Vin who is currently in hospital and would welcome your prayers 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

If anyone is in need of receiving the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick please approach Fr Matthew at Mass or contact the 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.

Private Prayer & Exposition

This will resume week commencing Monday, 10 January 2022.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 3 January 2022, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

With You Always Programme

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

Parish Council

Tuesday, 11 January 2022, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room unless otherwise informed.

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.

Knights of St Columba

Council 9 have kindly sent our parish £336 from their annual sponsored walk, thank you so much.

Memorial Lecture 2022

Sunday, 16 January, 2pm-4pm

Speaker: Dr Lorna Gold. The J&P Commission is delighted to confirm that Dr Lorna Gold will be joining us on Zoom for what promises to be a very relevant and timely talk looking at the environment in relation to Synodality for the Memorial Lecture 2022. To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuf->

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Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's

All Welcome

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.

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.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or

Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£234.00
GASDS Loose	£315.10
GASDS Envelopes	£ 130.00
Standing Orders	£356.15
Total Offertory	£1035.25
Bonus Ball 54	£ 86.00

Christmas Day Collection

Please note this collection is solely for Nugent, there is no second collection.

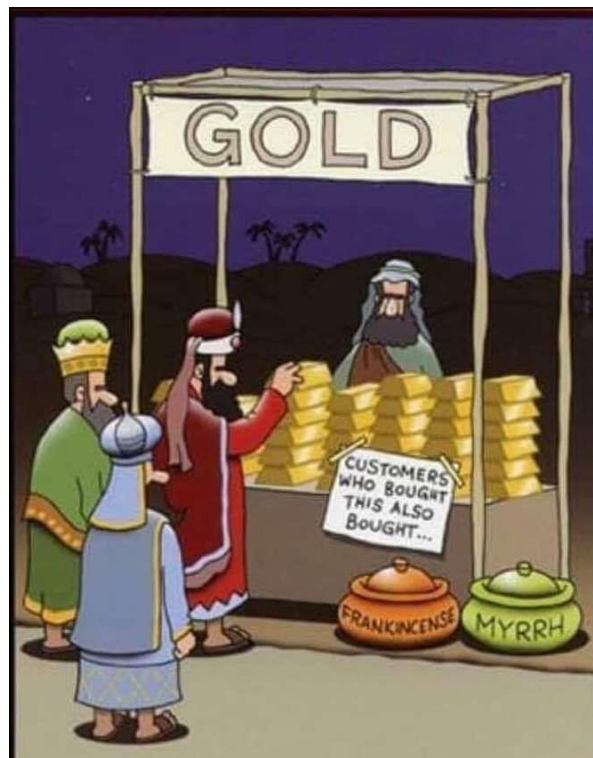
Unwanted Laptops/Tablets

An SVP group in Liverpool have made an appeal for the above, if you have one that you no longer need and it is in working order with a charger, can you drop it off at the office who will deliver it to the group. Many thanks.

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

Join us to celebrate the end of 2021 and start 2022 with fantastic female vocalist Amanda Lee and top DJ Paul

Davis. Doors open 7.30pm, tickets £10.



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!
www.justgiving.com/campaign/cafodchristmasfunrun



Homelessness is a real and growing social issue on the streets of

Liverpool. People sleeping rough in England has more than doubled in recent years, so we're raising funds to help those who need our support.

On Saturday 5 February 2022, Nugent will be asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to be homeless. The event's venue is Strawberry Field based in Woolton the iconic site is where John Lennon used to play as a child. Today, it provides sustainable employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties. For nearly 70 years, it gave some of Liverpool's most vulnerable children a refuge from turmoil and unhappiness – a safe, calm and spiritual home. By taking part in Sleep Out with Nugent, you will help to raise money for our New Beginnings project which aims to provide good quality temporary accommodation for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have support needs.

The funds raised will provide support packages for those who have been suffering from homelessness when transitioning into their accommodation. It will provide the basic essentials such as pots, pans and towels, items which we often take for granted. To help raise money for Nugent, you can set up a free fundraising page with Local Giving where you can keep track of your donations, have your own fundraising link and thank your supporters. Visit the link for more info
<https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/>

A Message from our Parish Admin Team

Thank you all for your cards and best wishes. Wishing you the peace and blessings of Christmas.

Jacqui and Maureen



*Wishing all parishioners and visitors to the parish over
these days a peaceful and blessed Christmas,
and a very happy 2022.*

Fr Matthew

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



25 December 2021 – 2 January 2022	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 25 December, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Sunday, 26 December, Feast of the Holy Family 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	John Carden Kevin & Urdhin Family
Monday, 27 December, Feast of St John	
Tuesday, 28 December, Feast of the Holy Innocents 9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Eileen Ireland
Wednesday, 29 December, Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury 12 noon – Requiem Mass for Christina Bowman at Holy Family Church	
Thursday, 30 December, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity 9am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Colin Birkett
Friday, 31 December, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity 9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Marie Culshaw
Saturday, 1 January 2022 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church	Alan Bartham
Sunday, 2 January 2022, 2nd Sunday after Christmas 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Mary & Ron Baker People of the Parish