

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Luke 24:13-35 **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Jesus joined them and listened to them. “We had hoped” They poured out to Jesus their disappointments. When you have been upset or disappointed who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a ‘Jesus person’ to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?

2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. Have you had the experience of new hopes being formed after disappointment? When has your heart been burning within you? What helped you to form new hopes in the light of the new reality? Who was with you in this?

3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table - there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way and in a way that leads us to know people and to be known by them in a way we had not done before. With whom has this happened for you? Where in these relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?

4. Jesus vanished but first he had given them life and they took up life in a new way. Can you name those moments of disclosure that enabled you to return to daily life renewed?

Prayer

O God of mystery, out of death you delivered Christ Jesus and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of his word and our eyes be opened to recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr Vin McShane RIP

Our sincere thanks to everyone who took some time to be with Father Vin as he rested in St Mark's church, it was greatly appreciated.

Please send all cards to Denise Flanagan (his sister), 40 Kiln Hey,

Eaton Road, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 2AL.

Keep In Your Prayers

Father Vin McShane RIP, Joan Carr, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and 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, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lectio Divina, Praying the Gospels

This will continue at St Mark's and we are currently looking at what is possible at Holy Family.

Safeguarding Information

The Archdiocese Safeguarding Department have informed us that all

DBS holders in the parish will have their DBS status rechecked early 2026, unless in the meantime they take on additional responsibilities for which their original DBS did not cover.

Lourdes Fund Donation

The parish office wishes to acknowledge receipt of the recent anonymous donation towards the Parish Lourdes Fund.

Rite of Welcome

11am: Oscar Cunningham
Orla Cunningham

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 8 May, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

Phoebe Susan Hart
Cooper Szabo

Roman Firmino James Gary Murray

Bereavement Drop In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 9 May, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Mass in Servite Court

Father Matthew will be celebrating Mass at Servite Court on Friday, 28 April at 2pm, all welcome.

Divorced? Separated?

Meet in a small group for a gentle day of accurate information, non-intrusive support and confidential encouragement. Saturday, 13 May, 10am to 4pm at the Irenaeus Centre, Great George's Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. Free, but donations welcome. A light lunch will be provided. For more information or to make a booking (essential), please contact Frances Trotman on 727 2195.

Update from the Pastoral Development Team

Catholic Social Action – Saint Oscar Romero’s Legacy Lives on Outside of El Salvador, only Liverpool has held a Mass to mark the anniversary of the martyrdom of St Oscar Romero every year since his assassination. At this year’s event Rev. Dominic Curran welcomed people to the church of St Edmund of Canterbury in the Parish of St Oscar Romero, a parish that was formed with St Thomas of Canterbury in 2020.

After the Mass Peggy spoke of her work in Central America, meeting Oscar Romero and the murder of her fellow Maryknoll sisters in 1980. Following this, the audience reflected how they could continue the legacy of Saint Romero in their own communities. Working towards what Saint Romero said, “using what we have received from the Spirit, we can build a common homeland”. If you would like to watch the Vigil Mass or listen to Peggy’s talk, please contact

Pablo, Catholic Social Action
Coordinator p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk
Pablo.

Training Development – I would like to thank everybody involved in the Chrism Mass. It was a wonderful service that included a variety of people from every corner of our diocese. I would also like to say thank you to all those people who have contacted me regarding their background as a catechist or RCIA coordinator. If anyone else would still like to express their interest in being involved in a discussion about catechetical training, please email me at e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk I will be arranging a meeting in the next 2 weeks so that we can begin our conversations and I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible. I promise to be considerate of your time and not ask too much. Elizabeth.

Welcoming People with Autism in
Our Parishes - The Archdiocese are

pleased to announce that Susan Hartley will be providing a Zoom workshop on 'Welcoming People with Autism in our Parishes' on 29 April 2023 between 10am–1pm. The link to register can be found on our parish website.

Divine Renovation - Clothed in Power is an opportunity for parishes to explore the topic of the Holy Spirit as the driving force behind mission, evangelisation and parish renewal. The video includes Dr Mary Healy, Fr Alex Colautti, Sarah Kaczmarek, and Fr John Adams who will share their experiences and insights on the topic. To watch the video visit: <https://divinerenovation.org/clothed-in-power/>

RCIA - Mass for the New Catholics - The Mass for the New Catholics will now take place on 21 June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further

questions, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk or speak with Peter Renwick.

Time Out Tuesdays at the Cenacle
9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December. Take a break from your daily routine and have some space to reflect, be still and be refreshed. Day begins at 10.30am and ends about 4pm, suggested offering for the day £10, bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. For further info ring 722 2271.

A similar programme is running on Saturday's - 22 April, 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 28 October, 25 November.

Recruitment for Boy and Girl Choristers 2023

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers.

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and St Edward's College meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Visit <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

First Holy Communion

Preparation Programme

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

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 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

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£176.60
GASDS Loose	£358.35
Non Gift Aid	£ 78.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£980.18
Bonus Ball 37	£ 58.00

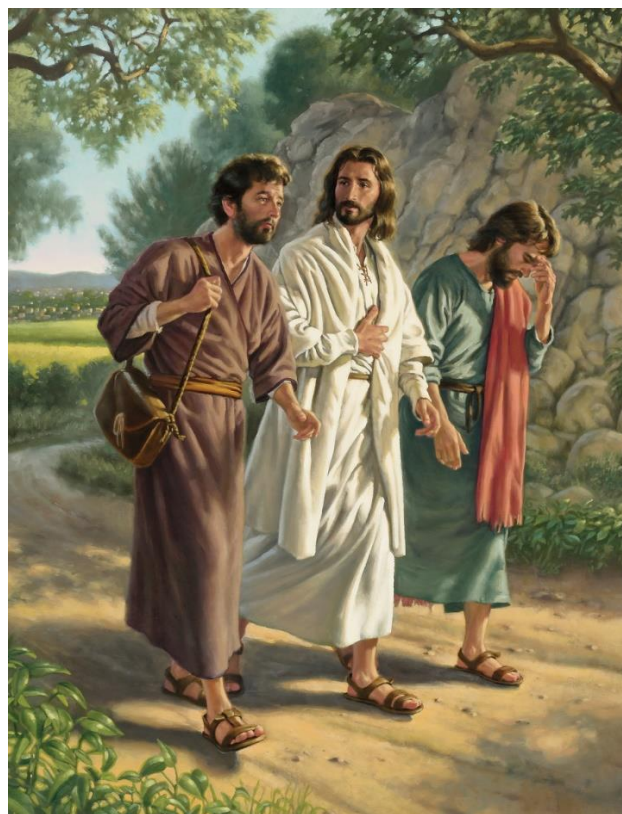
Second collection:
30 April, Priests' Training Fund



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome!



Third Sunday of Easter

22 April – 30 April 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 22 April

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Peter Murphy, Jackaline Mosley,
Teresa Davies

Sunday, 23 April, Third Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Fr Vin McShane, Fr Pat O'Brien,
Fr Matthew Nunes

12.15pm – Baptisms

Monday, 24 April, Solemnity of St George

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 25 April, Feast of St Mark

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Special Intention,
Harry Montgomery

**10.30am – Mass, St Mark's church
with St Mark's School**

Parishioners of SJV

Wednesday, 26 April, Weekday of Easter

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 27 April, Weekday of Easter

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Kathy Smith, Yolanda Byrne,
Betty McLindon

Friday, 28 April, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Jacqui Bakstad, Alma & Joe Fagan,
Winnie Currie

2pm – Mass, Servite Court

Residents

Saturday, 29 April

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Margaret Smith, Mary Warbrick

Sunday, 30 April, Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

CB, Catherine Jamie Darcey
People of the Parish