

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**20 March 2022
Third Sunday of Lent**

Luke 13:1-9 Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time and opportunities at your disposal?
2. "I'll wait till tomorrow to do that". Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story, we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. NOW is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?
3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable - useless, merely a waste of space. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

Prayer

God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground, for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed wherever your mighty deeds are remembered. Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of repentance. We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and our hope, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen

Healing

In the Sacrament of the Sick, the person who is ill or suffering is anointed with holy oil to strengthen them. They may be strengthened to face illness or surgery. They might also be strengthened to face death. Anointing is also often a healing act and that can mean healing of mind, body or spirit. As part of that healing we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain.

In order to make the sacrament more widely available Fr Matthew will be available after all the Masses **next weekend** for anyone who might like to receive the sacrament.

Crisis in Ukraine Update

Thank you again for your support with our Ukraine appeal.

We have received an overwhelming amount of donations to our parish centre, with some centres reaching capacity on a daily basis.

Due to this, we would kindly request that people call the parish centre before making the donation to check for capacity – 486 4908. We have also reduced the opening hours of our parish centres to 7pm-11pm every day, to streamline the donation process.

A reminder that we are no longer accepting donations of clothes, but we are still welcoming donations of

medical supplies, baby products (such as nappies and formula), toiletries, clean bedding/sleeping bags and rucksacks, as well as financial donations.

Please do not drop off household ornaments/items not listed.

All donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. The text numbers are:

- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.)

Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion. Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works. Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with

your gifts of liberty, peace,
tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God,
look with grace upon those who
courageously defend their land.
Remember the mothers and fathers,
the innocent children, widows and
orphans, the disabled and helpless,
those seeking shelter and refuge, who
reach out to you and to their fellow
human beings looking for mercy and
compassion. Bless the hearts of those
who have already shown great
generosity and solidarity, and those
who prepare to receive their
Ukrainian brothers and sisters in
Ukraine's greatest time of need.
Bring us together as your children,
your creation, and instil in us your
strength, wisdom and understanding.
May you be praised and glorified,
now and forever, and to the ages of
ages. Amen.

+Kenneth Nowakowski Eparchial
Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic
Eparchy of the Holy Family of
London We pray for the local
Eparchy of SambirDrohobych and its
bishops.



Covid

The call of Christian charity requires
us to be concerned for each other and,
in particular, those who are most
vulnerable or who may be anxious.
**We will therefore continue with the
expectation that face coverings will
be used by those attending church.**

Keep In Your Prayers

Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie
Hennessy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father
Vin McShane, John Birkenhead our
sick and housebound and all those
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

*Please note all our baptism places
are now filled until September 2022
but you can still come along and
register to secure a future date.*

Next meeting to register and find out
more Monday, 4 April, 6pm, St
Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask
when attending a meeting.** All
enquiries please ring Chris Myles on
07443 018 816.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Bow-Isla Warner
Elisabeth Grice

11am: Paris Sophia Dreary

With You Always Programme

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

Thank You

The Ladies Group wish to thank Matt Talbot for his recent generous donation.

Washing of Feet

Volunteers required. Please leave your name and contact number on the form at the back of church.

Garden of Repose



Our annual appeal for any plants/greenery, real or artificial to enhance our Garden of Repose for Maundy Thursday evening is here. Please leave any plant donations at either church.

Youth Club Hampers

Raffle tickets on sale shortly with all proceeds going towards the Parish Lourdes Fund.

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 bereavement drop in session will take place on Tuesday, 22 March at 2pm.

Music for Lent

The Metropolitan Cathedral, Sunday, 20 March, 3pm-4pm. Join us throughout Lent for a special programme of sacred music sung by our Cathedral Choir. Entrance is free, and all are welcome.

Sunday, 20 March

The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross – *César Franck*

Sunday, 27 March

Stabat Mater Dolorosa – *Giovanni Battista Pergolesi*

Sunday, 3 April

The Lamentations of Jeremiah – *Thomas Tallis*

Lunchtime Concert

Friday, 1 April, 1pm-1.45pm

The choir of The West London Free School will perform an informal lunchtime concert at the Cathedral, admission free.

Missionaries of Charity Carrying of the Cross

This annual event will take place on Saturday, 9 April at 2pm. Join at the junction of Church Street/Lord Street. Stewards required please email Jim Ross jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

The Liverpool Passion Plays

This is Our Story

11 April, Liverpool Cathedral,
6.30pm-8.30pm

The Liverpool Passion Plays tells the story of the last supper as well as

Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. Using the Cathedral's architecture and artwork as a backdrop, the audience will 'walk with Jesus' through his story, starting as a young boy, and witnessing his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas, and his trial and crucifixion. The performance will move West to East in the Cathedral, stopping at different locations as each scene unfolds. All will travel back to the Central space to witness the crucifixion that will take place on the Nave Bridge. The performance combines music, script and liturgy to demonstrate what Christ's suffering and resurrection means for us today. The five acts have been put together by the cast, crew and musicians who are volunteers from the congregation, cathedral choirs and the public. Entry is free but we welcome your donations to support our choir tour fund. <https://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-playsthis-is-our-story>

SFX College Proudly Presents School of Rock, The Musical

Wednesday, 6, Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 April, 7pm, doors open 6.30pm, tickets adult £4, child £2, family £10, tickets available through ParentPay or on the door.

Cleaning Vacancy

An opportunity is available for an experienced cleaner to be based at Philip Neri House, 30 Catharine Street, Liverpool L8 7NL. The successful candidate will be required to work closely with the parish priest,

Fr Neil Ritchie. This is a permanent post working 4 hours per week, Monday and Thursday 10.00am-12.00pm. The successful candidate will be required to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service ensuring the chaplaincy areas are clean at all times. Closing date: Friday, 1 April. To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

Silence in the Pinewoods

An introduction to contemplation through the gateway of Centering Prayer led by Father Richard Sloan, St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Saturday, 2 April, 10am-4pm, registration

<https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>

Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's All Welcome

Many thanks to those who came along to our church cleaning sessions. The next dates are:

Wednesday, 6 April, 8.30am
Wednesday, 4 May, 8.30am

Belong & Believe

How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday Reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7pm-8pm on zoom using the Café resource: Belong and Believe during

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.

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	£ 300.00
GASDS Loose	£ 295.65
GASDS Envelopes	£ 55.00
Standing Orders	£ 297.77
Total Offertory	£ 948.42
Bonus Ball 12	£ 56.00

Second collection next weekend SVP.

Donations of Lenten Alms can be put into weekly collections during Lent - please mark your donation 'Lenten Alms.

Advance Notice

Clocks spring forward next Sunday,
27 March!

Mother's Day at St Mark's Parish Club FREE Admission!

Next Sunday, 27 March,
Disco and Karaoke from 5pm
Main Act from 8pm
Please come along and support our club if you are able.



Parish Club = 486 4908

Third Sunday of Lent

19 March – 27 March 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 19 March

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Fr Colbert, Fr Des Power

Sunday, 20 March, Third Sunday of Lent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish
David Moore,
Peter Crompton

Monday, 21 March, Weekday of Lent

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

Tuesday, 22 March, Weekday of Lent

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

**1pm – Requiem Mass for Anthony Crompton
at St Mark's Church**

Andrew Ritchie, Angela Lamb,
Marie Morris

Wednesday, 23 March, Weekday of Lent

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

Thursday, 24 March, Weekday of Lent

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Michael Morris, Michael Watson,
Abbie Green

Friday, 25 March,

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St Mark's Church

Maureen Fleming, Peter Renwick,
Michael Rice

Saturday, 26 March

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 27 March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Betty Cullen, Father Vin McShane
Sally Moore

Kerry O'Neill, Marion Colvin,
Joan Morris