

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Third Sunday of Lent, p154

John 2:13-25

Pointers for Prayer:

1. We all tend to confine God to received traditions (places, images, words) but we know that “God is greater than our conscience. How do I experience that “more” of God and keep it before my eyes?
2. Jesus himself is the “locus” of God’s presence for us, a presence found in life, through others, in the Word of God and in the sacraments. What have been my own moments of encounter, with him who gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction?

Prayer

Holy God, the folly of the cross mocks our human wisdom and the weakness of the crucified puts worldly power to shame. Banish from our hearts every pretence of might and knowledge, that, by the power flowing from Christ’s resurrection, your people may be raised up from the death of sin and fashioned into a living temple of your glory. Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

Healing

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered during periods of illness, in order to bring a person receiving it spiritual and physical strength. As a sacrament, it is performed to give God's grace, through the Holy Spirit. Father

Matthew will be available **at the end of all Masses THIS weekend (2/3 March)** to administer this to all those who wish to receive it.

Keep In Your Prayers

Ann Davies RIP, Tony James RIP, Linda Levy RIP, Jacqueline Wilson RIP, Sara Eccleston, Maureen Skillicorn, Karen Smith, John & Enid Allerston, Eileen Prescott, Kay Thomas, Katie Whitehead, Kathy Murphy-Malpas, Mila Facenfield, Mary Lonsdale, Mary Ireland, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Ron & Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Families of Parishes for the Liverpool South Deanery

The Deanery Synodal Council were asked to consider Area 4 of the 2021 Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan: how we might organise our parishes into Families of Parishes in order to:

- make our parishes places where individuals and families encounter Jesus anew,
- grow as disciples,
- to work synodally,
- be equipped to accompany one another within our communities and beyond their boundaries.

The DSC are proposing to the Archbishop that there be an:

Inland Family of Parishes:
Christ the King, Our Lady of the Assumption, St Mary's, Bishop Eton, St John Vianney

Riverside Family of Parishes:
St Ambrose & St Christopher, St Wilfrid's, St Charles, St Anthony's and St Clare's

By embracing our baptismal vocations, using our complementary skills and experiences and working together, we will be able to achieve things we wouldn't have been able to do on our own and be "The Church God is calling us to be". Come along to one of the following meetings to find out about the discernment process of the Deanery Synodal Council and to begin to explore what our next steps should be.

Wednesday, 6 March, 7pm-9pm
St Francis' Church, Earp Street,
Garston, L19 1RT

Saturday, 9 March, 11am–1pm
Carmel Convent, 28 Maryton Grange,
L18 3NU

Everyone is welcome.



The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool has asked that we please pray this prayer with him as we journey together through Lent to the light of Easter.

God our Father,
Through your mercy you have called
us to become your children.

Help us to walk with your Son
through his passion, death and
resurrection so that by the power of
the Holy Spirit we may rise with him
on Easter Day.

Show us your mercy and love every
step throughout our lives that we may
grow in friendship with you, now and
forever, Amen

A video link for the Pastoral Letter
from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon
can be found on our parish website.

Stations of the Cross

This will take place each Friday
during Lent as follows:

Friday, 8 March, 6pm, St Mark's
Friday, 15 March, 6pm, Holy Family
Friday, 22 March, 6pm, St Mark's
Friday, 29 March, 10am, Holy Family

Lenten Alms

Lenten Alms can be donated
throughout Lent. Please place in an
envelope marked Lenten Alms and
pop into weekly collection. All
donations will go to The Children of
Gaza and The Holy Land.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Lola Elizabeth Stebbings
Layton David Alexander Stebbings
Caleb David Bailey

9.15am: Leonardo Francis Wall
Florence Mae Wall

11am: Tommy Alen Revell

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out
more is Monday, 4 March at 6pm, St
Mark's annexe. All enquiries please
ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms:

Bella Marie Armstrong
Lennie Terence James Lynch

St Maria Goretti Appeal for Newborn Baby Items

If anyone has any newborn baby items
that they no longer need, could they
please consider donating them to our
parish. Items needed range from
prams/buggies, newborn clothes,
changing mats etc and should be in

good condition. Please leave at back of church or with parish office.

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, 5 March, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Ladies Group

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 6 March, 7pm, St Mark's annexe.

Parish Retreat

Last Few Spaces Remaining!

This has been booked for Saturday, 9 March and will take place at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo between 10am-3pm. The cost is £20 pp which includes lunch. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to be together in prayerful reflection outside of our usual parish environment. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending asap and if you have signed up, payment is now due either by cash, cheque, bank transfer and if you are using BACS, then please enter your surname as the reference.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Our Soup Lunch event raised an incredible £121. Thank you so much!

Vianney's Voice, Youth Group

Our wonderful youth are now arranging an Easter Quiz Night on Friday, 22 March and would be grateful to receive donations for raffle prizes for their fundraiser, these can be left with the office or at the back of church.

Archdiocesan Environment Conference 2024

9 March 10.30am-3.30pm

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Hardybutts, Wigan, Lancashire, WN1 3RZ) will play host to the annual archdiocesan environment conference.

Speaking at the conference is Environment and Issues Lead for the Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Salford Bishop, Bishop John Arnold; Sister Margaret Aitken, and John Paul Dequay. In groups, delegates will begin to think about what environment and sustainability plans and pledges they can make moving forward. The event will also be attended by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P. and a cold buffet-style lunch will be provided. There is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your free tickets via the parish or archdiocesan website.

The Belle Vale Passion

A community passion play
in the heart of Belle Vale

Rehearsals are now well underway for this musical drama taking place in Belle Vale Shopping Centre, Gateacre on Holy Saturday. The team now need people willing to deliver leaflets to homes, local shops, cafes and restaurants, medical centres, libraries, community centres etc, in the area and a little further afield, to promote the production, so if you can spare an hour to deliver these in the roads where you live and the shops that you pop in to locally, that'd be great.

If you can help, then please contact Jacqui on 07864 511 807. We'd also be pleased to hear from anyone with contacts in say, TV, local radio and newspapers who would like to feature this work on their platform. Thank you so much for your kind support.

Carrying of the Cross

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday, 23 March at 2pm. The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (the Bombed Out church), and will be followed by a short service. Could anyone wanting to take part please arrive at 1.45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street for 2pm prompt start.
****Stewards Required**** Please contact Jim Ross on email:

jimmy.ross7@gmail.com See poster at back of church.

St Julie's Big Lent Walk

This Lent, the St Julie's school community will take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. The walk is a way to get out in the fresh air and raise money at the same time to help CAFOD support those communities most in need.

Students will undertake a walk around the school grounds during Holy Week during one of their PE lessons and will learn about some of the amazing work CAFOD does along the way. We ask that you support our students in prayer or by donating to our school's Just Giving Page if you can at <http://tinyurl.com/3xkaa2tr>



You can also access this QR code! Thank you for any support you can give!

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass which takes place on Wednesday, 27 March at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral, is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the

archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful.

Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination: to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments and to pray for God's people.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy, enhanced by the Cathedral Choir and experience the richness of our local church, especially if you have never been before.

March Is Red Box Month

The need to stand alongside our missionaries in prayer and solidarity has never been so urgent and necessary. In many areas of the world, they will be the first to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of our sisters and brothers who are suffering. Your gift will reach missionaries and communities who need our help as soon as possible. Our collectors will be organising emptying your Red Box shortly so if you could bring it to church that would be greatly appreciated.

Lent Talk

Monday, 11 March from 7pm-8pm. St Anne's in Ormskirk are having a Lent Talk from theologian David

McLoughlin from Birmingham entitled Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross. All welcome.

Lenten Music at the Cathedral

Programme of sacred music at the Metropolitan Cathedral over Lent at 3pm as follows: Sunday's, 3, 10 and 17 March.

LOUDFence Event Against Abuse

The first annual Ecumenical LoudFENCE event will be taking place in Liverpool on Saturday, 9 March. This will start with a Non-Denominational Blessing and Ribbon Tying Ceremony at the Anglican Cathedral, followed by a walk along Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral where a Prayer Service and Ribbon Tying Ceremony will also be held. See poster at back of church.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 **closes on 15 March 2024**. To register please visit: www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in the programme. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can start when they are ready and work through it at their own pace.

Registration forms are available from a catechist at the end of every

Mass of the last week of the month.
Please note you must produce your child's baptism certificate.

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, **don't just disappear!** Get in touch with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office and we can see how best we might be able to support you. But we can't do that if you don't let us know! You are still a vital and essential part of the 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 (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection 25 February 2024:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£264.20
GASDS Loose	£384.40
Non Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 77.30
Standing Orders	£349.07
Total Offertory	£1074.97
Bonus Ball	£ 58.00
Second Collection	
CAFOD:	£460.05

Second Collection:

10 March, Nugent

17 March, Easter Flowers



St Mark's Parish Centre

Sunday, 10 March, Mother's Day
Special Show, superb vocalist Ian
Christie plus DJ Mack, 5pm until
late, save the date!

Third Sunday of Lent

2 March – 10 March 2024

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 2 March

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Mark Gerard Hawkins, Junior
Winifred Tracey, Sean Ferris

Sunday, 3 March, Third Sunday of Lent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms

People of the Parish
Brian Rigby,
Cath & Con O'Byrne

Monday, 4 March, Weekday of Lent

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 5 March, Weekday of Lent

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Valerie Fairburn, Norah Potter

Wednesday, 6 March, Weekday of Lent

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe

Thursday, 7 March, Weekday of Lent

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

12noon - Funeral Service, Holy Family

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Jacqueline Wilson
Danny Fox, Mr & Mrs Hannah,
Sister Dominic

Friday, 8 March, Weekday of Lent

9am – Mass, St Mark's

6pm – Stations of the Cross, St Mark's

Special Intention,
Arthur Edwards, Kathy Fox

Saturday, 9 March

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Liz Morris, Mary Reid,
Margaret Greenwood

Sunday, 10 March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Betty Flynn, Tony Crompton,
Smith Family
People of the Parish