

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**23 January 2022
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 Pointers for prayer

1. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
2. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. When have you had a NOW moment of liberation? When has bible reading been an experience of liberation for you?
3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have I been, or am I, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you?

Prayer

Lord, God, whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it.

Keep In Your Prayers

Robert Joseph Maguire RIP, Maureen Fleming, Peter Crompton (Snr), Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, Fr Vin McShane, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thank You

The Parish Office received a letter from Fr Vin thanking you all for your prayers, Christmas and Get Well cards. Although not out of the woods just yet, he is making really good progress so please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 7 February, 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

The next With You Always Preparation sessions for families who have already registered are:

Catch up session if you have missed session 1 or missed session 2:

31 January (Monday Group)

5 February (Saturday Group)

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

Zero Waste Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 26 January at 6.30pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room for all those who have expressed an interest in getting involved. This is a service we are hoping to introduce whereby local, excess food, close to it's use by date can be given out to those in need within our area. If you'd like to get involved in any way please come along to this meeting, everyone is welcome!

Exploring ways in which we can we deepen our friendship with God

The Parish Council is exploring ways in which we can “deepen our friendship with God”. One suggestion was to compile a set of parishioners favourite New Testament stories which could be used as a basis for either personal or group reflection. Please submit your favourite New Testament story/passage with a reason why it’s your favourite (it can be very brief) either to the office or in the basket at the back of church or speak with Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487.

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.

Liverpool Notre Dame Association

Please find here an extract from a letter received in the parish office from the above. “We are very pleased to announce our first event of the year which will be an Afternoon Tea and Social at St Mary’s Church Hall Woolton on 19 February from 12.30-3.30pm. We are ordering the afternoon tea from caterers so will need definite numbers and payment by 8 February. The cost will be £10 pp which can be paid by BACS or cheque, payable to Mrs M B Shaw. We will not be asking you to spend any more money on the day so leave your purse at home and enjoy the afternoon. Please let Bernie know when you have paid so she can add you to her list, also advise her of any dietary requirements when booking your place. Bank details for BACS payments sort code 08-90-66, a/c number 08046820, a/c name Mrs M B Shaw. If you joined the Association in

2019 your subs are now due for 2022, £6 per year, if you joined in November 2021 you have nothing to pay until January next year.”

Holy Family Floral Arrangements

Kathy Riley has carried out this important ministry for almost 20 years at Holy Family which involves purchasing flowers and displaying them within the church along with keeping water levels topped up and removing any tired stems. Kathy is now unable to continue her role and we are looking for a volunteer who could replace her asap. This is a weekly commitment and Kathy is more than happy to show you the ropes and where everything is. Flowers are purchased by the volunteer and the office reimburses on production of the receipt. Please contact the office if you feel this is a role you could fill. Thanks Kathy for your many years of service and for keeping the floral arrangements looking so beautiful.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on 1 March at 6pm, venue to be confirmed.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Any young person currently in Year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on Monday, 21 March. To register they should visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click ‘Register for Confirmation’ at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald OBE

Congratulations to Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald who was appointed an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire), in the Queen’s New Year’s Honours list for his work in interfaith and interchurch partnerships.

Next month, you can hear from Cardinal Michael as he will be

delivering a distinguished lecture on human fraternity – a proposal and a project for relations between Christians and Muslims. The lecture is on Thursday, 17 February at 5.30pm at Liverpool Hope University. All welcome. Email to register at rectorate@hope.ac.uk by Monday, 7 February.

Social Media and the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has launched new social media channels on Facebook and Instagram. The links are as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/liverpoolarchdiocese>

<https://www.instagram.com/liverpoolarchdiocese/>

Dementia Awareness

Sr Moira Meeghan is hosting an online dementia awareness session on Tuesday, 8 February. The session will explore issues of dementia and how you can help someone to live well

with dementia. For the link to access the session which starts at 7pm, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk.

SVP Training

Tom McHale from SVP Training will be conducting a Safeguarding Course on Thursday, 3 February at 7.15pm (after Thursday evening Mass) in St Mark's Annexe for SVP members, however, all parishioners are welcome to attend this training. Please can you RSVP to Terry Fitzsimmons or the office.

Cleaning Session at St Mark's

All Welcome

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.

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	£ 285.15
GASDS Loose	£ 295.60
GASDS Envelopes	£ 160.00
Standing Orders	£ 356.15
Total Offertory	£1096.90
Bonus Ball 58	£ 58.00

Nugent

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 where today it provides sustainable employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties. 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/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 Joint Service in Liverpool

On Sunday, 23 January there will be a Joint Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3pm. It will be a service of Choral Vespers with the Choirs of Liverpool and Liverpool

Metropolitan Cathedrals. You are warmly invited!

“A life lived with grace”

On 2 June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join in a unique musical celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

‘Churches Together in England’ is encouraging churches, congregations and parishes throughout England to get involved. For more info visit <https://cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/>

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.



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

22 January – 30 January 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 22 January,

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Geraldine Poole,
Peter Mackrell

Sunday, 23 January, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish
Jim & Catherine Wafer,
Mignonne Urdhin & Family

Monday, 24 January, Memorial of St Francis de Sales

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

Tuesday, 25 January, Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Blanche Ming,
Diane Heathcote

Wednesday, 26 January, Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus

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

Thursday, 27 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Morning Prayer – Online via zoom (see website)
6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Ann Stanley,
Fr Matthew Nunes & Family

Friday, 28 January, Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11.20am – Funeral Service for Robbie Maguire at Anfield
Crematorium

Brenda Duffy,
Fr Tony Reynolds

Saturday, 29 January

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 30 January, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Mary Pitt, Robinson Family
Albert Lamb,
Pat & Peter Crompton