

Newsletter

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Matthew 4:12-23 **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Jesus moved to Capernaum to establish a home there, a home that would be secure and give him a base for his future ministry. Where have you found a secure base for your life and work?
2. “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light” ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
3. “From that time Jesus began to proclaim....” This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus. From now on his mission was clear to him and he spoke out. Can you recall turning points in your life after which the future became more clear?
4. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
5. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. What have been the occasions in your life when you have had an invitation to join someone in a great project? What was that like for you? Have you given that invitation to others?

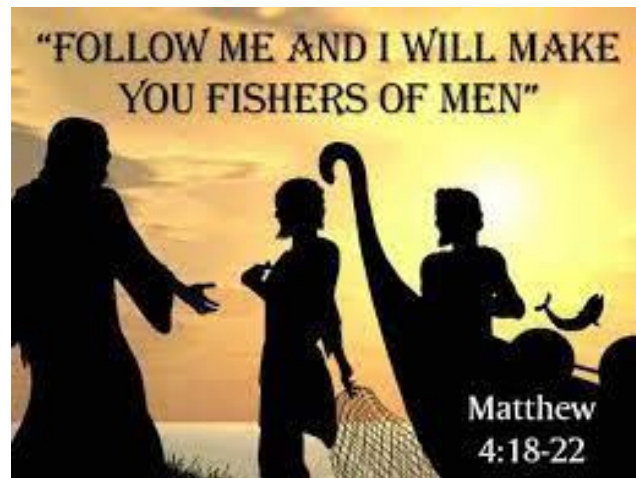
6. In responding, the disciples “left their nets” to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being “enmeshed” and being free?

7. In v23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – “proclaiming the good news of the kingdom” and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who has been such a witness to you? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

Prayer

God of salvation, the splendour of your glory dispels the darkness of earth, for in Christ we behold the nearness of your kingdom. Now make us quick to follow where he beckons, eager to embrace the tasks of the gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



Keep In Your Prayers

James Hayes RIP, Florence Fiddes RIP, Ruth Dutton RIP, Angela Welsh RIP, Mary Nuttall RIP, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Freda Tansey, 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, Father Vin McShane our sick and

housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 6 February, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. If you are looking to book a baptism in 2023, please register now as dates are filling up. Please note, children due to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in 2023 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation then please register at:

Liverpoolcalled.co.uk

Registration is open:

16 January - 17 March 2023

St Mark's Cleaning Sessions

Wednesday, 25 January

Wednesday, 1 February

9am-10am, all welcome.

SJV Bonus Ball

Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Two Cathedrals

Joint Ecumenical Service

Sunday, 22 January 2023, 3pm at Liverpool Cathedral, all welcome.

Prayer for Christian Unity Week

Gracious and loving God,

expand our vision

that it may be wide enough

to recognise the beautiful complexity of the tapestry you chose to weave with each and every one of us.

Gather our frayed edges,

our loose ends

and bind us together for your glory

Eucharistic Minister Training Day

Saturday, 18 February, 9.15am-4.15pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo,

Liverpool, L22 1RD. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister then please contact Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691 no later than Sunday, 5 February.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

26 June 2023, £699.00pp sharing, price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board, all entertainment and excursions included, day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Vocations Weekend for Women Theme: Discerning God's Call in Your Life

Date: 3-5 February 2023, London. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will

give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more info contact Sr Lynne fcJ:

fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit their website www.fcjsisters.org

Could you be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday, 8 February, 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the

diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 22nd February. CAFOD's challenge is to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, (5k a day) when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down England and Wales conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter. Remember: every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on! Why not form a group in the parish who will walk together once a week? Sign up www.walk.cafod.org.uk

Join us for Quiet Prayer

Wondering what to do in your spare time? Why not join us for some prayer, a chat and a cuppa?

When: Wednesday's 25 January, 1 and 15 February and 1 and 15 March at 2pm - 3.30pm or,

Saturday's 14 and 21 January, 25 February, 4 March at 10am - 11.30am.

Where: The Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree. No need to book just come along and maybe bring a friend.

For more info contact: Sr Winnie, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW; 722 2271.

Nugent Sahara Desert Trek!

This year Nugent have teamed up with Tribal Tracks to bring you the opportunity of a lifetime whilst fundraising for Nugent! Departing on 12 November 2023, you will embark on the most amazing 7 day adventure,

trekking through stunning desert landscapes by day and camping under the stars at night. Experience the varied terrain and the wildlife of the Sahara Desert and trek over plateaus and sand dunes and through valleys, gorges, and stunning oases. The experience will be fully supported with camels and desert guides and cooks!

If your new year's resolution is to try something new, get in touch and find out how you can take part. Stacey Ellison, Fundraising Coordinator, Nugent.

E: Stacey.Ellison@wearenugent.org

Recycling Available at the back of Church

Used batteries

Empty tablet blister packs

Used postage stamps

Funny money

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.

Links to Access Livestream Masses

These are available on our parish website, Latest page.

Save the Date

Saturday, 15 April, St Mark's Parish Centre, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the centre.

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	£298.10
GASDS Loose	£233.75
Non Gift Aid	£ 69.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£968.08
Bonus Ball 53	£ 54.00

Local Roadworks

You may be aware that Cadent Gas Network are due to commence work on local gas mains from 23 January for 14 weeks. A diversion will be in place along Wood Road and along Higher Road to include temporary traffic lights, road closures and general disruption so please take care when in this area and allow extra time to reach your destination.



Coffee & Chat

Every Sunday after 9.15am Mass
in the annexe.

All welcome!

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

21 January – 29 January 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 21 January

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Dave McLoughlin

Sunday, 22 January, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Alex Waving
People of the Parish

Monday, 23 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, 24 January, Memorial of St Francis de Sales

9am – Mass, Holy Family

11.30am - Funeral Service, Holy Family

Valerie Donegan, Urdin Family

Ruth Dutton

Wednesday, 25 January,

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

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

2pm – Mass at Maple Lodge

Residents of Maple Lodge

Thursday, 26 January,

Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Mary Pitt, Susan Wilson,
Alan Mulcahey

Friday, 27 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Patricia Marlin & Family,
Albert Lamb

Saturday, 28 January,

5.15pm - Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 29 January, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Peter Crompton, George Biggs
O'Gorman Family,
Frank Gallagher