

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Matthew 10:37-4 Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if anyone was going to follow in his footsteps promoting love and respect for every person, they would meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?
2. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
3. 'Hate' (in the Lucan version) is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

Prayer

All-powerful God, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Keep In Your Prayers

Joan Carr RIP, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Praying the Rosary

This will take place on Monday, 10 July at 6pm in St Mark's church for Joan Carr RIP. Please note there will be no Exposition at Holy Family on this date.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm:

David Kinslow

Nathan Jordon Kinslow

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 3 July, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

Isabelle Ann Croft

Michael Harry Croft

Kai James Hoolahan

Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and we now have just a few dates available for November and December 2023.

Ordination of Peter Renwick Sunday, 16 July 2023

At 3pm in the Cathedral on 16 July our very own Peter Renwick will be ordained as a permanent deacon at the Cathedral along with 2 others who have been training with him over these last years.

A coach has been booked from St Mark's leaving at 2.15pm to take those who want transport to the Cathedral and will be returning to St Mark's leaving the Cathedral at 4.30 pm.

There will be a celebration at St Mark's Parish Centre when we return, say around 5ish. If you are interested in catching the coach please let the office know asap. A small donation towards the coach hire would be appreciated.

*** Important ***

Church Buildings Key Holders

The parish office are updating their records and require all key holders to get in touch and confirm which buildings they have key access to. If of course you have keys and no longer require them, please return these to the office asap. Many thanks for your assistance.

The Big Picture

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Would you like to understand the Bible and God's Big Plan?

Take your faith journey further by digging into the scriptures and crying out to the Holy Spirit to unlock His plan. The Big Picture is a bible sharing journey over 12 sessions with accompanying videos, book and group discussion. We will be doing this in the annexe at St Mark's at a time to suit most people. Leave your name and number with the parish office (486 3992) if you are interested.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting takes place on Tuesday, 4 July at 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

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 drop in session takes place on Tuesday, 4 July, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Ladies Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 5 July at 7pm in St Mark's annexe. All ladies welcome.

CAFOD: Conflict in Sudan

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine.

Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan.

God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters and brothers in Sudan.

Bring comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those who are homeless, and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.

God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace, so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to take action.

Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm, which brings hope in place of despair.
Amen.

News from Pablo on Catholic Social Action

Pablo is the CSA Coordinator for the Archdiocese and works in the Pastoral Development Department.

“These last few weeks I have had the privilege of facilitating 4 workshops with priests from across the archdiocese. The aim of these meetings was to help them explore their on-going formation needs and

ways in which they can better work together. This is in response to Synod Recommendation #3. During one of these workshops, I was reminded of the word of St Francis de Sales:

“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instead set about remedying them, every day begin the task anew.”

It has been humbling to work with people who have dedicated their lives to Christ, who also are reaching out for support from both the Church and the laity. Let us pray for them, Fr Grant and the Inch Group, as they enable new relationships to emerge and open the possibility of new ways of being church.”

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry – Apply Now

The Archdiocese are now accepting applications for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry run by Loyola University, Chicago. It is for anyone interested in beginning to support their church, as well as those who already are. Whether you're a Parish Secretary, a School Chaplain, a Catechist, a general helper or involved in any other form of Pastoral Ministry, this course could be for you.

The teaching format is flexible and is perfect for those with busy lives as well as for people with a little time on their hands. There is a cost of £2,100

but it is possible to apply for funding, so please contact Elizabeth in the Pastoral Development Department for more info: tel: 522 1094, mob: 07464 378 773,
email: e.williams@rcaol.org.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation

Over the next few weeks, our young people will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation. We pray that during this time they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that their faith in God is strengthened today and always.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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.

It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics. It is a process, a journey of faith, by which we engage with those who are seeking the face of Christ today.

The Rite tells us that it 'is suited to a spiritual journey of adults that varies according to the many forms of God's grace'. It involves the whole parish and is the responsibility of all the baptised.

Each year there are people who enquire about becoming a Catholic, often with no previous religious affiliation. They are accompanied by RCIA teams who guide them through the different stages of the RCIA process and prepare them to celebrate the liturgies which mark these stages.

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or you may have been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic Church.

Whatever your starting point you are very welcome. Please speak with Father Matthew or Peter Renwick (07707 917 554) in the first instance or contact the parish office directly on 486 3992.

RCIA Catechists

Peter Renwick is now looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly on 07707 917 554.

SFX Music Department

Summer Gig in the Ox, Thursday, 6 July, 7pm, free entry, donation on the night, bring a picnic and enjoy some live music including The Manic Street Teachers! All welcome.

His Excellency

Archbishop Paul Gallagher

On Wednesday, 5 July at 12.15pm there will be a Capitular Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral at which His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher will be installed as an Honorary Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of Liverpool. The Chapter of Canons is looking forward to welcoming Archbishop Paul back to his home diocese for this. All are very welcome to attend this special celebration.

St Patrick's Church, Liverpool 8

Early Music Youth Orchestra, 15 July, 7.30pm, free admission, all welcome.

Love to Move

Chair-based Exercise Class

Gentle chair-based exercises, tea and chat on Tuesday's, 1.30pm-3pm, free but donations always welcome in St Mary's Parish Hall, 11 & 25 July. All

welcome. For further info contact Ann on 428 2256.

Time Out at The Cenacle
Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree
Tuesday's: 11 July, 10 October,
14 November, 12 December

Saturday's: 22 July,
28 October, 25 November

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.

Scam Warning from Merseyside Police

Merseyside Police has informed the Archdiocese about an incident whereby a male has presented himself as homeless to a church in Southport and a member of the congregation has given the man a large sum of money, effectively falling for a scam.

Our parish website has a link to more information on scams and fraud issues and what to look out for.

If anyone notices anything suspicious like the above then please call police on 101 (or if an emergency 999).

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

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 are no longer able to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** **Communion at Home can be arranged, but you need to let us know!** Please get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will pop round to pray with you and see what 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.

Collection for Sunday, 25 June 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£197.80
GASDS Loose	£401.45
Non Gift Aid	£ 60.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1026.48
Bonus Ball 20	£ 58.00

Second Collection for
Peter's Pence £191.15

Second collections:

16 July, Priests in Retirement

30 July, Parish Lourdes Fund

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 to win it!



Coffee & Chat

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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 July – 9 July 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 1 July

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Charles & Brenda Frost,
Mr & Mrs Whittle

Sunday, 2 July, Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

John & Vera Leonard,
Jimmy Farrelly, James Dowdall
People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

Monday, 3 July, Feast of St Thomas

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 4 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

Wednesday, 5 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 6 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Service of the Word, St Mark's

Friday, 7 July, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

Saturday, 8 July

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Margaret Whittle

Sunday, 9 July, Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

People of the Parish
Anne & Matt