

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Sunday, 24 October 2021 **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays,

however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Our Eucharistic Ministers recently met together and began to consider how to resume taking Holy Communion to those who are unable to be with us in church for Mass. As we wait for the system of visiting to crank up once again, one important element is 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.

Healing

It is difficult to comprehend the impact that the last 18 months has had on us all. For some who have lost a

loved one there will be the acute pain and sadness of their loss in such difficult circumstances. Isolation, mental health issues, worry about work or family all take their toll. There is such a need for healing. The Church offers us the sacraments to help us and to bring God's healing. Most beautifully, of course, in receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, the Eucharist. But also through the **Sacrament of the Sick**. Although the sacrament is often celebrated for those with severe illness or perhaps before someone goes into hospital for an operation, it is actually a sacrament for anyone who is in need of any kind of healing. And in receiving the Sacrament of the Sick we also receive absolution, the forgiveness of our sins. In order to make the sacrament more available, especially given all that we have been through recently, Fr Matthew will be available after all the Masses **this weekend** for anyone who might like to receive the sacrament.

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.

Today is World Mission Sunday

'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' Acts 4:20. World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk or bring your red box to church.

November Pious List

Lists and envelopes are now available at the back of church. Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory or post into parish office. Through the month of November, one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the lists.

Keep In Your Prayers

Our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more information 1 November, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. This weekend, the

following will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

*Lyra Li Rowan
Esme Lucia Perryman
April Louise Carol McAlister*

With You Always Programme

There will be an information meeting on Monday, 1 November, 6pm at St Mark's church for all parents/carers who wish to register their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist (Holy Communion). Children need to be in Year 4 and above.

21 October, St Mark's
Darcie-May Wishart

23 October, Holy Family
*Ava Hughes
Bonnie Poole
Mack Philip Sampson*

24 October, St Mark's
*Niamh Williams
Sienna Morris
Jake Meyler
Freya Cox*

24 October, Holy Family
*Elliott Ming
Heidi Eves
Maisie Getty*

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

Age & Dementia

Friendly Activity Programme

On Tuesday, 2 November, 1.30pm-3.30pm a new 'Age and Dementia Friendly' activity programme will be starting at St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton. The sessions will be fortnightly taking place on 16, 30 November and 14 December. There will be no charge for the sessions, though donations are welcome. The programme is called *LOVE TO MOVE*, a chair based activity programme developed by a physiotherapist working for the British Gymnastics Association (BGF). If you'd like to find out more please go to
<https://britishgymnasticsfoundation.org/lovetomove/>

Many of you have supported the dementia and age related activities held at St Mary's in the past and we wondered if you might like to join this new programme.

The intention is that from 1.30pm there will be a 'Dementia Café' and time to chat over tea/coffee (though not exclusive to people living with dementia) followed by chair based activities and ending at 3.30pm. We are hoping that once the sessions get going, a team from the Admiral Nurses will join us to provide a professional listening/guidance service in the privacy of the small room, where people with dementia and/or their carers may wish to discuss their concerns.

Parish Memorial Service

This will take place on Wednesday, 10 November at 7pm in St Mark's Church. Please bring a photo of your loved one or Order of Service to be placed on altar.

Remembrance Mass for Priests

On Friday, 12 November at 7pm at the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcolm will be celebrating a Mass for all those priests who have died from Covid or other causes, since the beginning of the pandemic, including Bishop Vincent Malone who died in May 2020. This will be a chance for us to come together as an archdiocese to pray for those priests whose funerals we could not attend because of Covid restrictions. All welcome.

Bereavement Drop In

The next meeting takes place at 2pm on Tuesday, 16 November.

Bonus Ball

This has now restarted in Holy Family Church and St Mark's Church.

Over 50s Club

This popular get-together has now resumed and takes place on Wednesday's, 1.30pm in our Parish Club. Come along for a chat, cuppa, bingo, quiz, day trips.

Receive this Newsletter via Email

To register please email
sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

Lourdes 2022

Thursday, 21 July-Saturday, 30 July.
Liverpool Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage,
for more info and an application form
visit
www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk

Friday, 22 July-Friday, 29 July,
Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage to
Lourdes St Bernadette Team, for more
info visit animateyouth.org

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.

Job Opportunities within the Archdiocese

For details please visit
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

IT Technician, Parish Centre
Manager, Billinge and Tuebrook,
Parish Centre Manager, Formby and
Penwortham.

St Hilda's Brownie Pack

Now recruiting girls aged 7-8, the
pack meet at St Hilda's Church, Hunts
Cross, Monday's, 6.30pm-7.45pm
during term time. Come along and
have fun whilst making new friends.
Please register your interest at the Girl
Guiding website.

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	£226.00
GASDS Loose	£270.95
GASDS Envelopes	£ 75.00
Standing Orders	£336.53
Total Offertory	£908.48

Second Collection

This weekend APF World Missions.
Next weekend Parish Lourdes Fund.

New RCIA Come and See 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. It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics.

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 to one of our Tuesday evening come and see meetings which start at 7.30pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you or someone you know may be interested in finding out more then please contact Peter Renwick on 07707 917 554 or the parish office.

St Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti (SVP) need your help. We currently have just 3 members, 2 females and 1 male. For more info contact Cathy Bradley, 07534 780 731, email chattymc6@gmail.com

Reminder

Clocks fall back one hour next
weekend Sunday, 31 November

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

23 October – 31 October 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 23 October	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Irene Myles
Sunday, 24 October, Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, St Mark's Church	Gaynor Moreco People of the Parish
Monday, 25 October, Feast of St Luke	
6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 26 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Len Williams
Wednesday, 27 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 28 October, Feast of Sts Simon & Jude	
9am-9.45am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Stephen McShane
Friday, 29 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Brian Kelly
Saturday, 30 October	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pat Hoare
Sunday, 31 October, Solemnity of All Saints	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish Parish Ladies Group