

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Matthew 22:34-40

Pointers for Prayer:

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. But have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

Prayer

Your love, O God is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children. We who were defenceless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your deeds of mercy, that we may love you with all our heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. 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.

Holy Day of Obligation

On Wednesday, 1 November we remember the Solemnity of All Saints. Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm at Holy Family.

Alternative Masses in our area:

Our Lady of the Assumption,
Gateacre,
7pm, Vigil, Tuesday,
12noon, Wednesday

St Ambrose, Speke
12noon, Wednesday

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Registration forms for our programme are available from a catechist at the end of every Mass of the last week of the month. Please note Baptism Certificates are required to be produced.

The programme has been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children can register at the end of a Mass** (see above) 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.

Keep In Your Prayers

Brian Rigby RIP, Sheila Parkinson RIP, Maria Jones RIP, Mary Town RIP, John & Enid Allerston, Clare Williams, 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, Silva, Gerry Marsh, 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.

Family of Parishes Roadshows

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our archdiocese. It says this: "Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes." In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes.

To explore what this means, there are three roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come. They will take place on:

Saturday, 4 November, 10am-12noon
at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA.

Tuesday, 7 November, 7pm-9pm at St Anne's s Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk.

Wednesday, 8 November, 7pm-9pm
at St Julie's, Eccleston, St Helens.

For further information, please contact
Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk)
More details can be found on our
parish website.

Baptismal Information

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

Rite of Welcome:
Benjamin Sergeson
Daniel James Jardine

Baptisms:
Edie Elizabeth Grace Donohue
Penny Jessica Joni Donohue
Thea Alexandra Astles
Emmie Caitlin Shields
Oliver James Shields

Thank You

Chris Myles and family would like to
express their thanks to Fr Matthew
and parishioners for all their support
and kind words on the recent death of
her mum, Yolanda Byrne. Thanks
also to those who attended the rosary
and funeral mass and sent cards, you
will be remembered in our prayers.

Annual Service of Remembrance

Throughout the world, November is
the month when the Church
remembers to pray especially for all
our deceased benefactors, relatives
and friends. The secular world also
remembers those who have given their
lives for their country in war.

The Ladies Group have organised a
Remembrance Service for all those
who have died from our parish in the
previous twelve months and this will
take place on Wednesday, 22
November, 7.30pm in St Mark's
church followed by refreshments in
the annexe. All welcome.

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, 7
November, 2pm in St Mark's annexe,
all welcome for a confidential chat
and a listening ear over a cuppa.

Parish LiveSimply Meeting

Thursday, 2 November, 7.15pm in St
Mark's annexe.

Ladies Group

Please note there is no meeting on
Wednesday, 1 November.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2024 Coach 1 (Liverpool)

Are you in year 10 or above? Would
you like to learn more about yourself
and meet new people? Why not
experience the Lourdes pilgrimage
next summer?

As a member of the youth pilgrimage
you will play a vital role in helping our
assisted pilgrims move around the
town. And you will also have a
chance to learn more about who you
are whilst meeting lots of other young

people from across the city and the surrounding area.

The Lourdes pilgrimage has been a highlight in the lives of so many people in our parishes and many of them will tell tales of how being a member of the youth pilgrimage helped them see the world differently and helped make them into the person they are today. It can be an experience to remember for the rest of your life!

To sign up to Coach 1 please visit:
liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

Costs can be staggered through the year and cover all transport, accommodation and meals (full board). Fundraising opportunities will be available through the year to help with costs.

Volunteer Required: Financial Officer

Cathedral House are currently looking for a volunteer to assist their Finance Officer every Monday from 9.30am – 11am at Cathedral House. If you think you may be able to spare some time for this rewarding opportunity please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk for more details. Full training will be given.

Organ Recital

There is to be an Organ Recital in Our Lady of the Assumption, Gateacre on Friday, 3 November at 6.30pm. All are warmly welcome, free admission, with a retiring collection for CAFOD.



CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. With your help, CAFOD can continue supporting local experts to get help to families and communities when they need it most.

Mission Sunday

Thank you so much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of this day will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor and in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we remain strong to our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

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.

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.

Do you know anyone who wants to become a Catholic? Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along. The programme for 2023/24 has started and meetings take place at 6pm on Tuesday's in St Mark's annexe. All enquiries to Deacon Peter on 07707 917 554.

Parish Council

Dates for next meetings are 5 December and 6 February, 6pm. All minutes are available on the parish website.

Facilitation Training

The Pastoral Development Department are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they're for praying, liturgy or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together as a group to discuss the format of the group and to discuss new ideas that can support the facilitation of this group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

Young Adults

Every Friday at 6pm there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There

is a short time of sharing the Sunday readings followed by snacks and social time and ending with night prayer. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. The group is held at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. If you want more info please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07394 503 911.

Journey into Prayer

An opportunity to explore different ways of praying. January-July 2024 at The Cenacle Convent, Tithebarn Grove, L15 6TW, cost £160 pp, can be paid session by session. Ring 722 2271 for more info.

Vatican II Constitutions Lecture & Seminar Series

The Vatican II Constitutions lecture & seminars is a series of events with Liverpool Hope University in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool. These events are in advance of the Year of Prayer 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. These events are free and are available to everyone, but places are limited so it is essential to book tickets in advance. Next dates and speakers are:

Thursday, 7 December:
Paul McPartlan (Lumen Gentium)

Wednesday, 17 January:
Peter McGrail
(Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Wednesday, 28 February:
Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes)

You can find more information on each lecture/seminar on the archdiocese website.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Embarks on Sixth Ukrainian Trip to Deliver Essential Aid

The sixth consignment of the #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal has set off recently for the Ukrainian border. A 12-tonne vehicle will transport goods including medical supplies, toiletries, crutches, Zimmer frames, blankets and blow-up mattresses. Read more on the archdiocese website.

Plaza Cinema, Waterloo Thursday Afternoon Club

Over 50s welcome for games, refreshments and watch a film! Doors open at 1pm, ends about 4pm, just £5.

St Mark's Parish Centre

Motown Night in aid of Zoe's Place, 7.30pm til late, Friday, 24 November with the great Miggy Lates performing live. Please support this evening if you are able. Tickets £7 from the club. Club number 486 4908.

Coffee Pot Social

Every Wednesday between 10am-12 noon at St Columba's. All welcome. Also here, every Friday between 10am-1pm South Liverpool Zero Waste Community Group distribute surplus food to local people in need.

Fauré Requiem Friday, 10 November

The Cathedral Youth Choir will be singing a parish requiem Mass at St Francis De Sales, Walton L4 3TL on Friday, 10 November. Start time 7pm. All are welcome.

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

Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community. Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection for Sunday, 15 October 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£316.00
GASDS Loose	£363.60
Non Gift Aid	£ 49.70
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1096.53
Bonus Ball 38	£ 58.00
SVP	£192.15

Collection for Sunday, 22 October 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£538.00
GASDS Loose	£344.35
Non Gift Aid	£ 38.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1287.58
Bonus Ball 21	£ 58.00
Mission Sunday	£247.40

Second Collections:
5 November, Parish Lourdes Fund
26 November, Animate Youth



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

Holy Family church, every Sunday after 11am Mass.

St Mark's Exposition & Lectio

Please note the change in time this week due to the Requiem Mass.

Gospel Power Meditation Book

We have received requests for 8 of these, another 2 orders will attract a 10% discount so if you would like a copy of this pocket sized daily meditation book please let the office know asap.



Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

28 October – 5 November 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 28 October

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Gemma Griffiths

Sunday, 29 October,

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Stephen Moran

Monday, 30 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 31 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Yolanda Byrne, Margaret Saleh,
Fr Joseph O'Connor

Wednesday, 1 November, Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

10am-10.30am - Exposition, St Mark's

10.30am-11am - Lectio Devina, annexe

11am – Requiem Mass, St Mark's

6.30pm – Mass, Holy Family

Mary Town
Pious List

Thursday, 2 November,

Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Special Intention, Alma Fagan,
Catherine Faragher

Friday, 3 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

11.45am – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Ron & Mary Baker, Eileen Waugh
Maria Jones

Saturday, 4 November

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Pious List

Sunday, 5 November,

Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Ann Culshaw, James Culshaw,
Michael Hegaghty, John Cross

People of the Parish

