

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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5 November 2023

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Matthew 23:1-12

Pointers for Prayer:

1. When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.
2. Jesus also has hard words for those whose priority lies in cultivating flattery and attention. Even for the people honoured, such words and gestures can have an empty feeling. How much better for us to be comfortable in our own skin, recognising our goodness and acknowledging our limitations.
3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus, the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?

Prayer

Sovereign God, we have no father but you, no teacher but Christ. Conform our lives to the faith we profess, preserve us from arrogance and pride and teach us in Christ the greatness of humility and service. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Parish Office

The office will be closed on Monday, 6 and Tuesday, 7 November.

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 you must produce your child's baptism certificates.

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

Michael Collins, Brian Rigby RIP, Sheila Parkinson 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.

Ladies Group Autumn Fundraiser

Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported this afternoon, once again the Ladies created a delicious buffet which was decorated seasonally. Thanks to Peter and Matt for providing music and to the Parish Centre for allowing the event to take place. The Ladies Group will discuss at their next meeting how the funds will be distributed. See photos on website.

The Ladies Group meet next on Wednesday, 8 November, 7pm, St Mark's annexe.



Save The Date

Parish Christmas Concert. Saturday, 16 December, 3.30pm, St Mark's church. More details to follow.

Family of Parishes Roadshows

The first roadshow took place on 4 November. If you were unable to attend, alternative dates are available, see below.

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:

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 then Monday, 4 December at 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Rite of Welcome: 5.15pm
Rosie Kathryn Gorman
Mable Rosabella Williams

Baptisms:
Hallie Sophia Jones
Teddy Patrick Shaun Ashton
Francis Edward James Ashton
Harriet Billie Sandison
Albie Lucas Heron

Annual Service of Remembrance

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.

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.

Parish Council

All minutes are available on the parish website.

The Communion and Liberation Catholic Movement in the Northwest of England

This is a small community of families who meet regularly to share their faith and the teachings of Servant of God Fr Luigi Giussani who founded the Communion and Liberation Movement in Italy in the 1950s and which continues internationally today.

A free exhibition on the life and teachings of Fr Giussani – From My

Life to Yours - will take place at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday, 18 November, 10am-7pm and Sunday, 19 November, 10am-5pm in the Gibberd Room. All welcome. Coffee and tea will be served.

Catholic Multi Academy Trust Directors Recruitment Events

Please see notice at the back of church.

Flower Arranging

A group meets at All Hallows Church Hall, L18 6JJ (almost opposite the large Tesco store on Allerton Road.) The group run demonstrations and raffles usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next dates are 14 November then 7 December starting at 7.30pm. All welcome, cost £8.

Cost Of Living Assembly

Taking place online on 16 November, 7pm-8.30pm. This Assembly is co-hosted by Together Liverpool, a social justice charity of the Diocese of Liverpool and Church Urban Fund, with the Archdiocese of Liverpool's social action coordinator. The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and will talk about working for lasting change and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For more information and registration check parish website for the link.

Bach Cantata

Sunday, 19 November, 7pm

As we near the end of the liturgical year, the Cathedral Choir,

accompanied by members of the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra, sing Bach's cantata 140 'Wachet auf' (Sleepers wake). See poster at back of church.

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.

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 our parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

Christian Leadership Formation Programme 2024

Tomorrow's leaders need to be prepared today. Lower-sixth? Want to build a society founded on Christian principles? This is your chance. See poster at back of church or visit: christianleadershipformation.com

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.

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.



A Celebration of Christmas

Saturday, 16 December, 7pm. A magical night of Christmas carols and seasonal favourites at our cathedral. Featuring The Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir and special guests The Rock Choir.

NSPCC Carols by Candlelight

Taking place at our Cathedral to celebrate the festive season on Tuesday, 5 December. Performers include PopVox Choir, Cheshire Chord Company, Wirral Youth Brass and Whitefield Primary School Choir. Tickets are priced at £10 and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. Check cathedral website.

Advent Sequence

Each Sunday throughout Advent, you can hear our Cathedral Choir sing a sublime selection of seasonal music designed to reflect the wonder and joy of Advent. Entrance is free and no tickets are required.

Sunday, 3 December, 5pm-6pm

The Cathedral's Advent wreath will be blessed during this service and the choir will sing a selection of music for the season.

Sunday, 10 December, 3pm

Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence will be sung following a shorter Evening Prayer.

Sunday, 17 December, 5pm

Festival Carol Service. A mix of seasonal music and readings as well as congregational carols.

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, 29 October
2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£235.00
GASDS Loose	£310.30
Non Gift Aid	£ 53.00

Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£965.53
Bonus Ball 50	£ 58.00

Second Collections:

5 November, Parish Lourdes Fund
26 November, Animate Youth

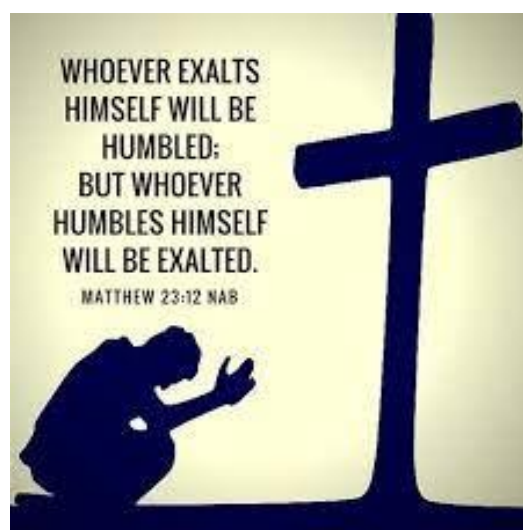


St Mark's annexe, every Sunday after
9.15am Mass.

Holy Family church, every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

And Finally ...

Many thanks to the 3 parishioners
who gave funds to buy more felt tip
pens, the children were very pleased
with them. Both churches now have
a good stock of pens and pencils.



Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

4 November – 12 November 2023

We Pray Especially For

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

Monday, 6 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 7 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

1.45pm – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Pious List
Brian Rigby

Wednesday, 8 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe

Thursday, 9 November,

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Francis Cannon, Jennifer Williams,
Oakley & Needham Families

Friday, 10 November, Memorial of St Leo the Great

9am – Mass, St Mark's

1pm – Funeral Service, St Mark's

Special Intention, Maria Jones,
Jimmy Cody
Michael Collins

Saturday, 11 November

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Maureen Thompson,
Dave McLoughlin,
Cathy McNielles

Sunday, 12 November,

Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Pious List