

Newsletter

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Sunday, 7 November 2021 **Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions, two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Before the pandemic our Eucharistic Ministers were able to regularly take Holy Communion to those unable to come to church for Mass. We wait to see when and how this important ministry may safely be resumed. In the meantime, we need 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.

Sacrament of the Sick

Many parishioners took advantage of the opportunity recently to receive the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick. If you didn't have a chance to take part and feel the need for the healing that is offered through the sacrament please talk to Fr Matthew.

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.



St Mark's Church July 2022

Next year our parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee opening of St Mark's Church. As we look to plan an event to observe this important time in the history of our community, we would like to invite parishioners to provide memorabilia of the actual opening occasion which they may have and are happy to share.

Please if you could have a little rummage and drop any items you feel may be useful for a display with the parish office.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on 15 and 16 November for staff holidays.

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.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm, Holy Family: Willow-Rose Catherine Soderberg-Dean, Orla Ruth Riley, Leo Anthony Stewart.

11am, Holy Family: Lillia Rae Ennis, Lola Sue Askew, Lennon Peter Richardson.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more 6 December, 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 children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*George Owen Twiggs
Theo Marvin Grant
Izobel Patricia Martin
Zach Kenneth Martin*

With You Always Programme

The cut off date to register your child for the next First Holy Communion programme is Monday, 8 November, after this date, no registrations will be accepted.

The following children will celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

6 November, Holy Family

*Billie Caddick
Pippa Ellis
Pheobe Hunt
Grace Woods*

7 November, Holy Family

*Kayleigh Meads
Ethan Weston
Libbie Ellis
Amelia Murray*

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

DBS Forms

Any volunteers who have not passed their forms in to Margaret Campbell or Chris Myles, please do so as soon as possible.

Parish Council

Next meetings Tuesday, 9 November and Tuesday, 7 December, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

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. In accordance with archdiocesan guidelines face coverings must be worn. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bereavement Drop In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.
The next meeting takes place at 2pm on Tuesday, 16 November in St Mark's Annexe.

SVP Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 17 November, 7pm in St Mark's Annexe.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along to these meetings which take place every Tuesday, 7.30pm, St Mark's Annexe. Contact Peter for more info 07707 917 554.

Rotas

It's really important that you check the rotas on display. If you should be on the rota but have been missed off, please let the office know asap and remember, if you are unable to carry out your ministry on your scheduled date, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's All Welcome

Wednesday, 1 December, 8.30am
Wednesday, 12 January, 8.30am
Wednesday, 2 February, 8.30am

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.

Age & Dementia

Friendly Activity Programme

The next sessions take place on 16, 30 November and 14 December at St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton.

Also, could we ask any Dementia Friends and Sight Loss Friendly church members in the archdiocese to get in touch with the Pastoral Development Department at pd@rcaol.org.uk, please? We would like to see how we can work with you to foster greater awareness in the archdiocese.

Advent Mondays

Advent Reflections - On 29 November, the Pastoral Development Department invite you to a Zoom time of reflection and discussion for an hour each Advent Monday from 7pm. Please register for your Zoom link on <https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>

Pastoral Development Department
Who are we? Travelling around the diocese, we have encountered puzzled faces when we tell them that we work in the Pastoral Development Department. Perhaps then, now is a good time to say something more about it.

The Archdiocesan Office (former LACE) underwent a large-scale reorganisation during the Covid pandemic. The old Pastoral Formation Department ceased to exist in the process and a new Pastoral Development Department was erected to oversee some of the old functions as well as to actively support the fruits of the Synod 2020. (This restructuring was, understandably, a very painful reality, so we want to acknowledge everything good and creative that has gone before us with gratitude.)

When the Pastoral Development (PD) is fully staffed, we will aim to provide comprehensive resources and support for the mission of our parishes and deaneries. While carrying forward some existing provision of pastoral training and support, we will aim to respond to the evolving needs in the light of the new Pastoral Plan. We will certainly tell you more after the Plan is out on the first Sunday of Advent.

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

Choir director, 2 posts, visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Can you play a pivotal role in supporting the Archdiocese with a bold and exciting new venture, engaging children and young people across the Archdiocese and enabling evangelisation through music in schools? If so, then we would welcome an application from you for the post of Choral Director. The Choral Directors will lead high quality weekly choral singing sessions in schools, conducting choirs and helping to shape the ministry of music throughout the Archdiocese. These are new roles, and we are looking for two individuals who have a passion for enabling singing to act as a vehicle for social change and empowerment amongst our young people. Closing date 17 November 2021.

Also, chief financial officer at St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The new job role is a perfect opportunity for a qualified accountant looking for an exciting, challenging and highly rewarding role. Essential must be a fully qualified accountant (ACA/ACCA/CIMA or CIPFA), ideally with up to date knowledge and understanding of the Schools' sector. It is not an essential requirement that the post holder be a practising catholic. The closing date is Tuesday,

9 November. Ring Ian Dowds for an initial chat on 01737 652 043.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Mass will take place at All Saints, Anfield on Sunday, 5 December at 12.30pm followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families and friends but also to anyone who would like to come along. It would be helpful to know who might attend for catering purposes. If you are intending to come along you are very welcome but please do let us know. Ring 0151 287 8787 or email frsmaloney@aol.com

Also, LGBT+ Social Group in the Parish of Sts Agnes and Aidan for members of the LGBT+ community. This group gathers regularly on every third Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, L36 5SQ. The Group has gathered monthly for 6 months, with the next meeting occurring on Sunday, 21 November.

St Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti - special works conference within our SVP, is appealing to all parishioners for help. We currently have just 3 members, 2 females and 1 male. More info available on our website or contact Cathy Bradley, 07534 780 731, email chattymc6@gmail.com

St Hilda's Brownie Pack

This pack is now recruiting and calling all girls aged 7-8 to consider joining. 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	£ 329.00
GASDS Loose	£ 320.65
GASDS Envelopes	£ 65.00
Standing Orders	£ 336.53
Total Offertory	£1051.18
Second Collection	£ 366.60
(Parish Lourdes Fund)	

Second Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend SVP.

COP26

31 October – 12 November 2021

Novena for Creation for any who wish to pray it during COP26 <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/environment-novena/>

Also, CAFOD webinar, join CAFOD to hear Neil Thorns Head of Advocacy, Communication and Education and a Vatican representative from the Vatican delegation live from Glasgow on the

progress made at the COP26. An opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global United Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it. Information at <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-update>

The Laudato sí Movement have launched a Catholic petition regarding COP15 and COP26. Details at www.thecatholicpetition.org

Prayer for Cop26

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.



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Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

6 November – 14 November 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 6 November	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pious List
Sunday, 7 November, Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, St Mark's Church	Ann Culshaw People of the Parish
Monday, 8 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 9 November, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pious List
Wednesday, 10 November, Memorial of St Leo the Great	
10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 11 November, Memorial of St Martin of Tours	
9am-9.45am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Jordan Brophy
Friday, 12 November, Memorial of St Josaphat	
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Bernard McDougall
Saturday, 13 November	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish
Sunday, 14 November, Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	John Finnigan Pious List