

Newsletter

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12 November 2023

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Matthew 25:1-13

Pointers for Prayer:

1. While the parable has clear end-of time applications, it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, remove the obstacles that stand in our way, that unimpeded in body and soul, we may freely devote ourselves to your service. 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.

Keep In Your Prayers

Michael Collins, Sheila Parkinson
RIP, Amber and Zoe Lynch, Karen
Smith, 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.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out
more is Monday, 4 December at 6pm,
St Mark's annexe. All enquiries
please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018
816.

Rite of Welcome:

5.15pm: Josh Alexander Jachym
Lilly Tiana Ebieri Diboe-Rooke

11am: Sebastian Philip
Harrison, Breno Meschesi

Baptisms:

Anya Rose Gornell
Phoebe Grace Gornell
Lucia Rose Stewart
Leilah Mae Stewart
Delilah Rachael Shaw
Leo Anthony Shaw

Gospel Power Daily Meditation

If you ordered one of these books,
your copy is now available for
collection from the parish office
(£5.99).



Vianney's Voice Youth Group

Our parish youth group is back! Our
first meeting will take place on
Wednesday, 29 November, 6pm in St
Mark's Annexe. The Youth Group is
open to those aged 14-23 and involves
connecting with similar ages in our
parish, reflecting as part of our faith,
coming up with creative and bold
ways to support our parish through
fundraising particularly for our
Lourdes fund. At the first meeting we
are suggesting each person brings
along two items for our Christmas
hamper which we will put together
that evening. Drinks and snacks will
be provided. Please join us, this is a
great way to get to know other young
people from our parish.

World Youth, Sunday, 26 November

The role and presence of young people
in the Catholic Church has always
been of the utmost importance and the
Catholic Church in England and
Wales has a rich history of
recognising this every year by
celebrating National Youth Sunday.
As John Paul II noted "All young

people must feel that they are cared for by the Church. Therefore, may the entire Church on a worldwide level be more and more committed to young people."

Youth Sunday is a chance for the Church to reflect on how we engage with young people and celebrate what many young people bring to the Church, including: Lourdes, Ministers of Holy Communion, Faith in Action, Youth Alive, Confirmation and Retreats and Missions.

In order for the diocese to continue with its work, please consider donating to the second collection of 26 November and if you can gift your donation, then please use the envelopes available at the back of church.

Visit the link for more information:
<https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>

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.



This will take place on Wednesday, 22 November, 7pm in St Mark's church followed by refreshments in the annexe. All welcome.

Ladies Group Autumn Fundraiser
Proceeds from this afternoon will go to the Parish Lourdes Fund and also St Andrew's school. Donations are given to our primary schools in turn.



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

Family of Parishes Roadshows
If you were unable to attend the above please check the archdiocese website for updates.

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.

CAFOD

Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Also, please consider giving a CAFOD World Gift this Christmas. Catalogues at the back of church.

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 date is 7 December starting at 7.30pm. All welcome, cost £8.

Parish Choral Offering at Blessed Sacrament Church Friday, 17 November

The choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will visit the Blessed Sacrament Church, Aintree (L9 2DG) to present a Parish Choral Offering. The choir will sing a wide variety of music including movements from Mozart's Requiem and the much loved 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franck.

All are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of beautiful music. The offering begins at 6.30pm and admission is free (with a retiring collection).

Newman Association Talk

Thursday, 16 November 7.30pm

"The Coronation: what did it mean for Catholics, Anglicans and contemporary Britain?" Speaker Fr Tom Carpenter. All welcome at St Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby L23 7TQ (on the 53 bus route from Liverpool City centre). Tea & coffee

will be available from 7.15pm. The event is free to attend.

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.

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.

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.

Used Postage Stamps & Funny Money

The parish office collects both of these so please pass yours in. We send them off to Nugent who do something magic with them that turns both into much needed funds to support local families in crisis.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in the programme. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can start when they are ready and work through it at their own pace.

Registration forms 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 certificate.

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.

Figures for Sunday, 5 November will be available next weekend.

Second Collections:

26 November, Animate Youth

10 December, SVP

*Everyone
is
Welcome*

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

Holy Family church, every Sunday
after 11am Mass.



Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

11 November – 19 November 2023

We Pray Especially For

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

Monday, 13 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 14 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Jonathan Hannah, Margaret Saleh,
Sheila Parkinson

Wednesday, 15 November Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe

Thursday, 16 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Pious List

Friday, 17 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Jimmy Cody, Michael Harraghy,
Mary Town

Saturday, 18 November

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Sunday, 19 November,

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Pious List
Emmett Howard, Yolanda Byrne,
Mrs E Clintworth