

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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Sunday, 14 November 2021 Thirty Third of Ordinary Time

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches

that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.



St Mark's Church July 2022

Next year our parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee opening of St Mark's Church. In looking to plan an event to observe this important time in the history of our community, it would be helpful to gather any memorabilia of the actual opening occasion which you may be happy to share.

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

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, 15 and Tuesday, 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

Esther Harris, RIP

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

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.

Rite of Welcome
Willow-Rose Catherine
Soderberg-Dean

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.

Paddy Ray Sylvester Clarke
Aoife Bernadette Clarke
Charlotte Treacy-George
India Grace Harrison

With You Always Programme

The cut off date to register your child for the next First Holy Communion programme was Monday, 8 November. 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 meeting Tuesday, 7 December, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Youth Sunday/World Youth Day

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and asked the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 21 November 2021. It will be a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church. For us, in England and Wales, there will be a number of resources made available for all settings including home, school, parish, university and individual. Everyone is invited to join in with World Youth FUNday on Friday, 19 November, a live interactive day of quizzes, prayer, input and activities for schools and families, all live streamed on the CYMFed YouTube channel. You can register for yourself or your school by visiting worldyouthsunday.com/funday and you can find resources to help celebrate World Youth Day at home or in school at worldyouthsunday.com

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 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.

Mary's Meals

Have you heard the Good News? Mary's Meals seeks to bring joy to those who are marginalised, those who feel like they have been overlooked and forgotten. From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of

generous supporters, up to £1.6m. Your kindness will help serve life-changing school meals and will bring joy to more than two million children around the world – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. There are many ways to donate, including choosing Mary's Meals gift cards as a meaningful gift this Christmas, or setting a virtual place at your Christmas table. Visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove for more info.

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.

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 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	£270.00
GASDS Loose	£279.50
GASDS Envelopes	£ 30.00
Standing Orders	£336.53
Total Offertory	£916.03

Second Collection

This weekend SVP, next weekend Animate Youth Services and envelopes are available at the back of church.



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To register please email sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

6 November – 14 November 2021	We Pray Especially For
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
Monday, 15 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 16 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pious List
Wednesday, 17 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 18 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am - Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Valerie German
Friday, 19 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Mike Carr
Saturday, 20 November	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Peter Bebbington
Sunday, 21 November, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Pious List People of the Parish