

# Newsletter

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**13 November 2022**

**Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, p164**

### **Luke 21:5-19**

#### **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace, or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?
2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?
3. In any walk of life troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them 'your endurance will win you your lives'. When you are in the midst of inner turmoil and/or outer trouble or opposition, what have you found gives you the strength and ability to endure

#### **Prayer**

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in the time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Parish Office Closure**

Due to staff holidays, the office will be closed on Monday, 14th and Tuesday, 15th November.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Jacqui Bakstad RIP, Eileen Gustafson RIP, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, Father Vin McShane our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **November Pious List**

Through the month of November, one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the lists. Envelopes at back of church.

## **Rite of Welcome**

5.15pm: Harry James Hunt,  
Millie Samantha Mills

11am: India Marie McAleavey,  
Pheobe Annie Coburn,  
Grace Violet Ellis

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 December, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:  
Jidenna Jayden Keke

Elizabeth Francesca Ainsworth

Charlotte Anne Craven

Ronald George Craven

If you are looking to book a baptism in 2023, please register now as dates are filling up.

Please note, children due to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in 2023 require to have first received the Sacrament of Baptism.

## **With You Always Programme (First Holy Communion 2022/23)**

Please note when the information for the next group of candidates is available, it will be published in this newsletter and on our website. Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at [jayne.wya@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.wya@gmail.com)

## **Thank You**

A number of parishioners have been in touch with the parish office to express their sincere thanks to all those who were involved in arranging our Annual Bereavement Service. Thank you for giving your time to prepare such a thoughtful service it was appreciated by so many.

The Ladies Group will keep all your bereaved loved ones in their prayers.

## **Parish Council**

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 15 November, 7pm, Holy Family meeting room.

## **SVP Meeting**

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 16 November, 7pm in St Mark's annexe.

## **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 will take place on Tuesday, 22 November at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

## **Free to a Good Home**

Pat Sammonds has been given a crib. If anyone is interested please speak to Pat directly.

## **Appeal for Local Refugee**

Our SVP have received a request from a Ukrainian mother now living within our community, for some items for her 5 year old son. The mother would be grateful to receive suitable reading books, jigsaws and craft items and if anyone has a spare tablet that they perhaps no longer need this would be put to good use!

If you are able to support in any way, please speak directly to Ron Smith or Terry Fitzsimmons or leave a message with the Parish Office.

## **Children's Liturgy Refresher Training**

For those delivering and/or interested in delivering or supporting Children's Liturgy, you are invited to attend two sessions of training/coaching.

All sessions will be at St Mark's annexe and the same session will be repeated.

**Session 1**, Saturday, 26 November, 10.30am-12 noon and repeated on Tuesday, 29 November, 6pm-7.30pm.

**Session 2**, Saturday, 3 December, 10.30am-12 noon and repeated on Tuesday, 6 December, 6pm-7.30pm.

Please note, everyone is welcome, come and find out what we do and how you could support us. Please sign up by emailing or texting Ann Farrell at 07855 981 691 or [anski@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anski@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **Christmas Afternoon Tea**

The Ladies Group will be holding a Christmas Afternoon Tea in St Mark's Parish Centre on Friday, 2 December, 2pm-4pm. There will also be a display of books to view or purchase by one of our parishioners who is an author of books suitable for adults and children.

Please come along and join us in this festive celebration, cost £3 adults and £1.50 children. Pay at the door for this charitable fundraising event. Don't forget your Christmas hats and

jumpers for what we hope will be a few hours of fun, food and festive cheer.

### **Halewood Foodbank**

Halewood Foodbank has seen an increase in numbers of people accessing their service. Food collection boxes are available at the back of church if you are able to contribute any tins or non-perishable goods which the SVP will take to the Foodbank. Thank you for your generous support.

### **‘Come away to a quiet place for a while’ Advent reflection days at Ince Benet Retreat Centre**

Christmas Presence 1: Enthusiasm and hope in the world. A day of reflection on responses to John the Baptist, then and now. People came to the River Jordan to prepare for the coming of the Messiah; they returned to daily life full of enthusiasm and hope. We can repeat the journey, Sunday, 4 December, 10.30am-3.30pm.

Christmas Presence 2: ‘Be it done unto me according to your word’. A day of reflection on Mary’s doubts and response to God’s call. Mary had many good reasons to say, ‘Not me, Lord’, but said ‘Yes’. We can respond either way to our call to bring Christ into the world. Wednesday, 7 December, 10.30am-3.30pm.

Ince Benet, in Ince Woods 3 miles from Crosby, is a beautiful and

convenient place to accept Jesus’ invitation to ‘Come away to a quiet place’ at a busy time of the year.

See the website, [incebenet.co.uk/](http://incebenet.co.uk/) to see the facilities and the surrounds. If you wish to turn the day into a retreat, accommodation is available for one or more nights.

For further information or to book for either or both of these days contact Martin and Maria Bennett or Canon Rod Garner: phone: 07931902346 email: [ince.benet@gmail.com](mailto:ince.benet@gmail.com)

Suggested donation for the retreat days: £10 per person. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Martin Bennett writes weekly reflections on Scripture, leads Scripture groups and gives talks and retreats on living the Gospel in daily life.

### **World Youth Sunday**

“Mary arose and went with haste” This theme for World Youth Sunday reflects a call to stand up again, together, to find fresh strength and to help others to rise up too. It reminds us that young people must commit again to use the energy, gifts and talents they have in new ways. Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day in November 2020 and asked the global community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King which this year falls on Sunday, 20 November. Resources are available at: [worldyouthsunday.com](http://worldyouthsunday.com)

Everyone is also invited to join in with World Youth FUNday on Friday, 18 November, a live interactive day of quizzes, prayer, input and activities for schools and families, all live streamed on the CYMFed YouTube channel.

Animate will also publish their second 'Car Pool Karaoke' on the Animate YouTube channel talking especially about Lourdes. Beyond this day, there are other opportunities for young people to be more involved with the life of the Church and more information on Lourdes, training as a Minister of Holy Communion and the trip to Wembley for the Flame Congress – visit [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org)

### **CAFOD World Gifts**

Consider giving the gift of opportunity this year with a gift from their catalogue which can be found at the back of church

### **Magical Winter Musical Extravaganza**

St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, Liverpool, L7 3HJ, 7pm, Friday, 18 November in aid of destitute asylum seekers and refugees. Tickets £5, all welcome.

### **Could you be a Deacon?**

As we start to implement our new Pastoral Plan which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins,

the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear some of their stories and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team at a meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday, 29 November, 7.30pm-9pm, St John Vianney Meeting Room, Christ the King Church, 78 Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool, L15 6YQ.

For more information, please email [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk)

### **The Letter: A Message for our Earth, produced by the Laudato Si Movement**

Fr Peter at St Anne's in Edge Hill has kindly offered to show this film in his church. The film will be shown while the COP27 in Egypt will still be taking place, on Wednesday, 16 November from 2pm-4pm. It would be wonderful to see you there if possible!

### **News from Nugent**

Nugent are delighted to invite you to their Light up a Life services this year taking place as follows:

Sunday, 11 December, 3pm, St Teresa's Church, Upholland led by Father Philip Kehoe followed by refreshments and also Friday, 16 December, 12:30pm at the The Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool led by Bishop Tom Williams followed by refreshments.

If you would like to take part contact the Fundraising team by emailing [fundraising@wearenugent.org](mailto:fundraising@wearenugent.org) or calling 0734 186 4180, having your dedication name(s) and your debit or credit card details ready.

**Liverpool Welsh Choral  
Messiah, Saturday 19 November,  
The Tung Auditorium**

Handel's Messiah in November? Audiences have perhaps become used to attending performances of Handel's Messiah just after Christmas despite the fact that it was first performed in the season of Lent in 1742. Given that this glorious piece of music uses as its text, Scripture passages which relate to the foretelling and birth of Christ, his passion and death and resurrection, this is a piece which has relevance to all our liturgical seasons.

Visit [lwcw.co.uk](http://lwcw.co.uk) for further details, and to book tickets.

**An Evening of Celtic Music &  
Music of The Isles  
in Aid of Marie Curie Hospice**  
Saturday, 19 November from 6.30pm for a prompt start at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. There is hot food and a

raffle, tickets £7. Contact Andrew on 07874 748 746 or Irene on 07824 641 966.

**Notre Dame Association  
Mass & Afternoon Tea**

Saturday, 26 November, 11am-4pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD, for more info visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8478835557/>

**Christmas Wreath Making**

At the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. Join us on Friday, 2 December at 10.30am and learn how to make your very own Christmas wreath. We are asking for a donation of £15 to cover the cost of the materials, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or 0151 949 1199 to book your place.

**Northampton Diocese:  
“Making the most of the Mass”**  
7.30pm-8.30pm, Monday, 14 November. In conversation with Paul Turner via zoom - “making the most of the Mass”, for anyone in a liturgical ministry or anyone who would like to go deeper with their experience of Mass. All welcome, more info at [https://making\\_the\\_most\\_of\\_mass.eventbrite.co.uk](https://making_the_most_of_mass.eventbrite.co.uk)

**What's On at our Cathedral**  
NSPCC Carols by Candlelight. This will return to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday, 6 December at

7pm. Check Events page on Cathedral website for tickets.

## **Job Opportunities within Archdiocese of Liverpool**

Please visit

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

## **Caring for our Housebound Parishioners**

If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with our Eucharistic Ministers from there.

## **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**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£519.50
GASDS Loose	£240.70
Non Gift Aid	£ 68.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1195.43</b>
Bonus Ball 08	£ 58.00
Parish Lourdes Fund	£159.50

Next second collection is 20 November Animate Youth Services and envelopes are available at back of church.

## **Church Cleaning**

St Mark's,

9am, Wednesday, 16 November.

Holy Family,

Speak to Teresa or Ann for days and times.

If you can spare an hour or so, please come along and help, everyone is welcome and your help is really appreciated.



## Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**12 November – 20 November 2022**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 12 November,**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 13 November,**

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms, Holy Family

Jonathan Hannah, Alan Hanson  
Pious List

**Monday, 14 November,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 15 November,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Ann Howard, Ellie Davies

**Wednesday, 16 November,**

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's

**Thursday, 17 November,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Stewart Targett, Mary Johnson

**Friday, 18 November,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Pious List

**Saturday, 19 November**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Pious List

**Sunday, 20 November,**

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Michael Carr, John Quirk  
People of the Parish