

Newsletter

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**** This Newsletter covers the next two weekends: ****

19 November 2023

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, p155

Matthew 25:14-30

Pointers for Prayer:

1. A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?

2. On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be “traded” with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?

3. Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?

4. Pope Francis in his letter *The Joy of the Gospel* wrote, “I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities. ... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters.

Prayer

O God, from whose own abundance, all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed, encourage us to use our talents as generously as you have allotted them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may become sharers in your glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

26 November 2023 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, p158

Matthew 25:31-46

Pointers for Prayer:

1. This judgment scene contains surprises for us. One is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Jesus is telling us that being his disciple is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?

2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up yourself? Is your life not better and often more

enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?

3. The standard of love and concern that Jesus presents challenges us to look beyond our comfort zone to those who are most in need. Who are those most in need in your world? When have you been able to move beyond your comfort zone in reaching out to them?

4. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it as done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?

5. The story is about the judgment of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

Prayer

Almighty God, you have conferred upon Christ Jesus sovereignty over every age and nation. Direct us, in the love of Christ, to care for the least of his brothers and sisters, that we may be subject to his dominion and receive the inheritance of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Office

Due to staff holidays, the parish office will be closed on Thursday, 23 and Friday, 24 November.

Bishop Tom Williams Parish Visitation

Over the weekend of 2/3 December, we look forward to welcoming Bishop Tom who will celebrate all Masses of the First Sunday of Advent.

Keep In Your Prayers

Geraldine Marsh (Gerry) RIP, 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.

Family of Parishes Roadshows & Important Synod Update

If you were unable to attend the above please check the archdiocese website for updates.

The first-ever **Archdiocesan Synodal Council** for the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be taking place on

Saturday, 25 November from 10.30am. This is a significant moment in our realisation of the Pastoral Plan's commitment to embed synodality in every aspect of archdiocesan life.

The Pastoral Plan gave to the ASC the task of monitoring the development and progress of the Pastoral Plan. This is what Saturday, 25th is all about – but in addition to that, through a process of conversation in the Spirit and discernment, we are being invited to shape the priorities for the work of the Archdiocese in the next 12 months.

Anyone can watch the ASC online and can submit questions by clicking the link on the Archdiocese of Liverpool's homepage:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

The archdiocese want as many people as possible to be able to be part of this gathering. This is an event that you do not want to miss.

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: 25 November
Sebastian Philip Harrison

Baptisms: 19 November
Ella Grace Murphy

Oliver David Murphy
Penelope Fleetwood
Rowan Christian McNeilis

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, 5 December, 2pm in St Mark's annexe, all welcome for a confidential chat and a listening ear over a cuppa.

First Aid Kits & Bleed Control Packs

Please note our parish have the above available in both St Mark's and Holy Family churches.

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

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 aid your donation, then please use the envelopes available at the back of church. Visit the link for more information:

<https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>

Bereavement Service

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

Save The Date

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

Thank You

Many thanks to the Ladies Group for their kind donation to the Parish Lourdes fund.

Catechist Training

Beginning on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 until June, the archdiocese will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks offering training for Catechists. Whether you are considering being a catechist or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you.

This course is initially being offered on Wednesdays at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre at 7pm-8.30pm for free. To register your interest email training@rcaol.org.uk

Facilitation Training

The archdiocese is 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 to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas that can support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for the parish please contact: e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

LGBT+ Catholic Gatherings

Sunday, 10 December, 2pm, All Saints Church, High Street, Golborne, WA3 3BG (Please note this Mass is NOT in Anfield, it is in Golborne just off the East Lancs Road.)

**Notre Dame Association
Mass and Afternoon Tea
26 November, 11am - 4pm**

There will be an Annual Mass of deceased pupils/sisters and staff of Notre Dame at The Irenaeus Centre on Great George's Road, Waterloo, Crosby. This event is for any ex-pupils and staff of all Notre Dame schools and the cost is £12 per person. For further details please ring Angela Swift on 07866 033 227.

What's on at Our Cathedral

A Celebration of Christmas. Saturday, 16 December, 7pm, Christmas carols.

NSPCC Carols by Candlelight, Tuesday, 5 December. Tickets priced at £10 and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. Check cathedral website.

Advent Sequence, each Sunday throughout Advent. Entrance is free and no tickets are required:

Sunday, 3 December, 5pm
Sunday, 10 December, 3pm
Sunday, 17 December, 5pm

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.

Collection Sunday, 5 November 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£241.60
GASDS Loose	£356.10
Non Gift Aid	£ 50.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1014.93
Bonus Ball	£ 58.00
Second Collections:	
Parish Lourdes Fund	£182.20

Collection Sunday, 12 November 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£275.00
GASDS Loose	£388.05
Non Gift Aid	£ 71.20
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1101.48
Bonus Ball	£ 58.00

Second Collections:

26 November, Animate Youth
10 December, SVP

All Welcome for Refreshments

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

Holy Family church, every Sunday after 11am Mass.

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

18 November – 26 November 2023

We Pray Especially For

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

Pious List

Emmett Howard, Yolanda Byrne,
Mrs E Clintworth

Monday, 20 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 21 November,

Memorial Presentation of the BVM

9am – Mass, Holy Family

11am – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Oakley & Needham Families,
Brian Rigby
Sheila Parkinson

Wednesday, 22 November, Memorial of St Cecilia

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

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe

7pm – Bereavement Service, St Mark's

Thursday, 23 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Kathleen Adamson, Pat & Mary,
Thomas Eaton

Friday, 24 November,

Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Pious List

Saturday, 25 November

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ronald Evans

Sunday, 26 November,

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Pious List

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

25 November – 3 December 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 25 November

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ronald Evans

Sunday, 26 November, Solemnity of Our Jesus Christ

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Pious List

Monday, 27 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 28 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Cameron Dunmore & Family,
Maria Jones

Wednesday, 29 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

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

11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, St Mark's

2pm – Mass, Maple Lodge

Vera Forster

Residents

Thursday, 30 November, Feast of St Andrew

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

12.15pm – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Geraldine Marsh
Pious List

Friday, 1 December, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Catherine Fletcher,
Kavanagh Family, Teresa Doyle

Saturday, 2 December

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Patricia O'Donovan,
Yolanda Byrne

Sunday, 3 December, First Sunday of Advent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Mattie Rosemons, Dawn Hanson,
Dennis Jones & Family,
Josephine Cassidy
People of the Parish