

Newsletter

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Matthew 10:26-33 Pointers for Prayer

1. 'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you?

2. The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?

3. There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?

Prayer

True and faithful God, you give courage to the fearful and endurance to martyrs. Sustain us as followers of your Son Jesus that with boldness and conviction we may acknowledge him before the world. 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

Joan Carr RIP, Margaret Grace RIP, Jack Curtis, Catherine Atkin, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, 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, Maureen Skillicorn, Frank and 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, 3 July, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and we now have just a few dates available for November and December 2023.

Ordination of Peter Renwick Sunday, 16 July 2023

At 3pm in the Cathedral on 16 July our very own Peter Renwick will be ordained as a permanent deacon at the Cathedral along with 2 others who have been training with him over these last years.

A coach has been booked from St Mark's leaving at 2.15pm to take those who want transport to the Cathedral and will be returning to St Mark's leaving the Cathedral at 4.30 pm.

There will be a celebration at St Mark's Parish Centre when we return, say around 5ish. If you are interested in catching the coach please let the office know asap. A small donation towards the coach hire would be appreciated.

*** Important ***

Church Buildings Key Holders

The parish office are updating their records and require all key holders to get in touch and confirm which buildings they have key access to. If of course you have keys and no longer require them, please return these to the office asap. Many thanks for your assistance.

The Big Picture

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Would you like to understand the Bible and God's Big Plan?

Take your faith journey further by digging into the scriptures and crying

out to the Holy Spirit to unlock His plan. The Big Picture is a bible sharing journey over 12 sessions with accompanying videos, book and group discussion. We will be doing this in the annexe at St Mark's at a time to suit most people. Leave your name and number with the parish office if you are interested.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, 29 June is a Holy Day of Obligation when we remember the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul. Along with our own Mass at 6.30pm in St Mark's, other Masses are available in our area as follows:

St Mary's, Woolton
Wednesday, 28th, 7pm
Thursday, 29th, 12noon

St Ambrose, Speke
9.15am

What is Peter's Pence?

"The Lord Jesus and who, in his name, come close to the least and the suffering, seeking to offer a little relief, comfort and peace". Pope Francis.

This weekend's second collection is Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value – it is a

concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father.

Peter's Pence helps the Holy Father exercise his universal mission in two ways: makes possible many works of service throughout the universal Church, carried out by the Dicasteries that assist the Pope in evangelisation, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication etc and contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support).

CAFOD: Fix the Food System Campaign

"God blessed them and said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food,'" [Gen. 1: 29].

CAFOD's Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world's food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank.

Please support these farmers by signing the letter at the back of church to the World Bank to address this abuse at their October meeting please. The letter requires your signature only.

St Mark's Cleaning Sessions

Saturday, 1 July, 8.30am

Many hands make light work, we could really do with more helpers, if you can spare a couple of hours, everyone is welcome!

Chronic Pain Group

The next meeting takes place on Friday, 30 June at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. The group meet for support, advice, tips and chat over coffee.

Ladies Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 5 July at 7pm in St Mark's annexe. All ladies welcome.

Bereavement Meeting

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

The Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Team

During 2023, they are holding 9 events across the country to celebrate and champion their volunteers, but to also raise awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking. Anyone is welcome to attend and there are free tickets on sale via the Eventbrite page. Please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/atms-roadshow-53861196523> to purchase a ticket.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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.

It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics. It is a process, a journey of faith, by which we engage with those who are seeking the face of Christ today.

The Rite tells us that it 'is suited to a spiritual journey of adults that varies according to the many forms of God's grace'. It involves the whole parish and is the responsibility of all the baptised.

Each year there are people who enquire about becoming a Catholic, often with no previous religious affiliation. They are accompanied by RCIA teams who guide them through the different stages of the RCIA process and prepare them to celebrate the liturgies which mark these stages.

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or you

may have been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic Church.

Whatever your starting point you are very welcome. Please speak with Father Matthew or Peter Renwick (07707 917 554) in the first instance or contact the parish office directly on 486 3992.

RCIA Catechists

Peter Renwick is now looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly on 07707 917 554.

SFX Music Department

Summer Gig in the Ox, Thursday, 6 July, 7pm, free entry, donation on the night, bring a picnic and enjoy some live music including The Manic Street Teachers! All welcome.

St Patrick's Church, Liverpool 8

Early Music Youth Orchestra, 15 July, 7.30pm, free admission, all welcome.

Lourdes Centenary Mass

Sunday, 25 June at 5pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are very welcome, including pilgrims past and present.

Christmas 2023!

Do you enjoy performing? We are looking for singers aged 6-22 and dancers aged 6-10, actors aged 6-22. No experience required. We are planning to put on a Nativity Play/Concert. Auditions to be held mid-July. Rehearsals begin after the summer break. Concert to take place just before Christmas at Holy Family church. If you are interested, please contact Angela on 07407 024 102.

Love to Move

Chair-based Exercise Class

Gentle chair-based exercises, tea and chat on Tuesday's, 1.30pm-3pm, free but donations always welcome in St Mary's Parish Hall, 27 June, 11 & 25 July. All welcome. For further info contact Ann on 428 2256.

Music for a King

The joint choirs of Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will join together on Saturday, 8 July at 7.30pm in a festive programme of 'Music for a King' in this coronation year.

Coronation classics by Handel (Zadok the priest), Parry (I was glad) and Walton (Crown Imperial) are presented. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the combined choirs of Liverpool's two cathedrals in concert together.

Please see the poster at the back of church for more details, tickets at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

Cathedral Walking Group

The Cathedral have a regular walking group to which everyone is welcome to pop along. Their next walk is on Saturday, 22 July at 10am meeting at The Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Road E, Birkenhead CH42 1LS, phone 644 5893.

Train: Rock Ferry (and then a 15 min walk to meeting place - use Google maps or ask for directions from organisers), David and Dee Stevens 07578 831 431 or 97879 995 127.

Bring a picnic lunch, drinks though coffee can be bought at Port Sunlight. It's about 7 miles gentle terrain and climbs on mixed footpaths taking approximately 3-4 hours depending on pace and weather.

Time Out at The Cenacle

Tithebarn Grove, Wavertree

Tuesday's: 11 July, 10 October,
14 November, 12 December

Saturday's: 22 July,
28 October, 25 November

Take a break from your daily routine and have some space to reflect, be still and be refreshed. Day begins at 10.30am and ends about 4pm, suggested offering for the day £10, bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. For further info ring 722 2271.

Priests Live in Concert

The Priests will be performing live in concert on Thursday, 12 October at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The concert is part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage. More details can be found on poster at back of church.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

The programme has recently been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children can register at the end of a Mass** and work their way through a series of leaflets and books to help them prepare. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can work through it at their own pace.

If anyone would like any more information or a registration form please speak to one of the catechists at the end of Mass.

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, **please don't just disappear!**

Communion at Home can be arranged, but you need to let us know! Please get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will pop round to pray with you and see what might be helpful. You are still a vital and essential part of our 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

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Collection for Sunday, 18 June 2023:
Gift Aid Envelopes £297.00

GASDS Loose	£410.55
Non Gift Aid	£ 56.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1130.78
Bonus Ball 50	£ 87.00

Second Collection for Day for Life	£169.40
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Second collections:
25 June, Peter's Pence
16 July, Priests in Retirement
30 July, Parish Lourdes Fund

SJV Bonus Ball

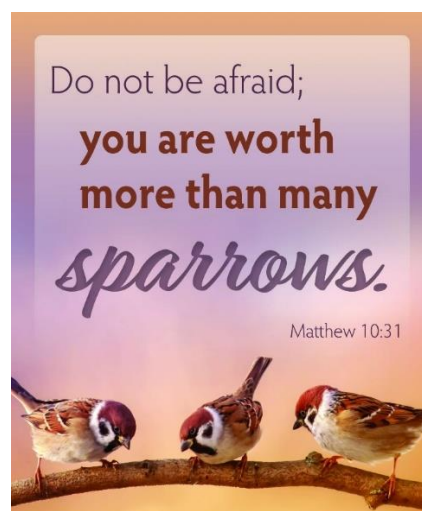
Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game at the back of church for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in to win it!



Coffee & Chat

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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.



Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

24 June – 2 July 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 24 June

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Sheila Owens,
Baby Joseph Matthew

Sunday, 25 June, Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Pat Williams, Joan Carr
People of the Parish

Monday, 26 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 27 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Mary Russell, Fr Vin McShane

Wednesday, 28 June, Memorial of St Irenaeus

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

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

Thursday, 29 June, Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul

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

2.45pm - Funeral Service at Springwood Crem

Margaret Grace

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

John Ross, Eileen Ireland

Friday, 30 June, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Danny, Alma Fagan

Saturday, 1 July

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Charles & Brenda Frost,
Mr & Mrs Whittle

Sunday, 2 July, Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm - Baptisms

John & Vera Leonard,
Jimmy Farrelly, James Dowdall
People of the Parish