

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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**20 August 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p117**

### **Matthew 15:21-28**

#### **Pointers for Prayer**

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes towards Gentile territory and encounters faith in an unexpected place, in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
2. The Canaanite woman was not concerned for herself but for her daughter. Recall people you have known who have been committed to a noble cause.
3. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
4. Who are the “Canaanite women” who call out for attention today - people in church or state whose needs are not being attended to?

## **Prayer**

God of the nations, to your table all are invited and in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy the hunger of those gathered in this house of prayer and mercifully extend to all the people on earth the joy of salvation and faith. Grant 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

## **Parish Office**

Please note the office will be closed on 21 and 22 August next week. Please get in touch as usual as staff are working remotely on these days and will respond to emails and messages left on the answerphone as soon as possible.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Rosemary Asiwe RIP, Alexander Irving RIP, Mila Facenfield, Mary Lonsdale, Mary Ireland, Jack Curtis, 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, 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, 4 September, 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 have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

## **Exam Results**

As many students receive and await their exam results, please keep them in your prayers that their hard work is rewarded.

## **SVP Annual Day Retreat**

Each year, our SVP team arrange a retreat day St Winifred's Well and Pantasaph and this year it will take place on Tuesday, 19 September. A packed lunch will be provided and there will be a voluntary donation towards the cost of the coach. Please sign up at the back of church and if you have any questions then please approach a member of the SVP. The list will close on Tuesday, 12 September.

## **Mass in Servite Court**

Father Matthew will be celebrating Mass at Servite Court on Wednesday, 23 August at 2pm, all welcome.



Sally Moore will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21 August. Sally is the widow of the late Jim Moore who was a sacristan, eucharistic minister and parish council chair for many years, the couple also organised numerous parish trips, with Sally herself supporting a number of parish priests as housekeeper. Sally and Jim had been attending Holy Family church from its inception with Sally now resident at Arncliffe Court. The parish of St John Vianney wish you a wonderful birthday. May God keep you safe and well on this day and throughout the year.

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

### **Thank You from Missio Red Boxes**

Thanks to you, Missio – which is supporting the outreach of the Church in South Africa and 156 countries across the world - is working hard to

bring people together and build a better world for all God's children. Your prayers and your gifts enable the long-term support of missionaries and communities overseas, which are bringing people together in Christ.

### **World Alzheimer's Month - Dementia Information Session**

**Monday, 11 September,  
7pm-8:30pm,**

### **St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton**

September marks World Alzheimer's Month and this session aims to raise awareness and demystify dementia. You are invited to join us for an evening of talks from the experts in the area of dementia and carer support services. Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for one-to-one advice from NHS Mersey Care Dementia Services' staff and representatives from the Alzheimer's Society. Come along and join us to learn more about dementia from the professionals. All welcome. Refreshments from 6.30pm.

### **Halewood Uni Wise Uniform Exchange**

This is a partnership between St Nicholas' and St Mary's churches and Halewood Town Council. Open every Saturday to 26 August, 10am-12pm at St Nicholas Centre, Church Road, L26 6LA. Open to everyone for collection of free preloved items of school uniform for Halewood schools and for donations of uniforms in good and clean condition. This is an opportunity for anyone with school

age children to pick up some nearly new items.

### **RCIA Catechists**

Peter Renwick is 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.

The archdiocese are running an RCIA workshop so if you'd like to find out more then please register at: email: [rcia@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:rcia@rcaol.org.uk)

### **Workshop dates:**

•18 September: 6.45pm-8pm  
St Joseph's Church, Wrightington,  
WN6 9PA

•25 September 6.45pm-8pm  
St Bede's Guild Hall, Widnes,  
WA8 6EL

•30 September 11am-12.30pm  
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral,  
L3 5TQ

### **Snack & Stay or Snack Away!**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool recently launched snack away or snack and stay in our parish centres, to allow children to access a free meal.

They are now in a position to be able to confirm days and times in our area as follows:

Parish Centres between 1pm-3.30pm:

### **Monday**

Our Lady of the Assumption -  
Hartsbourne Avenue, Gateacre,  
L25 2RY

St Ambrose - Heathgate Avenue,  
Speke, L24 7RS

### **Tuesday**

St Basil - Hough Green Road,  
Widnes, WA8 4SZ

Christ the King - Score Lane,  
Childwall, L16 6AW

### **Wednesday**

St Mark - Penmann Crescent,  
Halewood, L26 0UG

For updates on this, please visit:  
[liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news)

### **Mass at the Chantry, St Helens**

On 9 September at 2pm, it will be the first time that Mass will be celebrated at the historic site in eight years. Four volunteers have been restoring the site which has thousands of graves, including 31 priests, 1 bishop and soldiers. All are welcome to attend.

### **Newman Circle Talk on Lourdes**

Mgr John Butchard was the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Director for 25 years and a most dedicated pilgrim since 1968. He will be presenting a talk on the Lourdes pilgrimage, outlining the evolution of facilities and support for pilgrims over the years. The talk on 7 September, will begin at 7.30pm, it is free to attend and

free parking is also available, with tea and coffee served from 7pm. Please contact [helen.flynn@googlemail.com](mailto:helen.flynn@googlemail.com) for more details. (St Helen, Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TG)

### **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 (486 3992) if you are interested.

### **Liverpool Cares**

Liverpool Cares is a community network of younger and older neighbours hanging out and helping one another in our rapidly changing city. Liverpool Cares brings older and younger people together – to share time, laughter, new experiences and friendship – so that everyone can feel part of our changing city, rather than left behind by it.

For more info on what they do and how to get involved telephone 659 1789 or visit:

<https://liverpoolcares.org.uk/about-us>

### **Craft Workshop**

The Irenaeus Project will be putting on regular craft workshops, you must book in order to secure your place. To do so, contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or phone 0151 949 1199. The Irenaeus Project, Liverpool, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

### **Talks at Irenaeus**

The Shaping of Things to Come: Reflecting on the life and ministries of our parishes. How can we move into the future? A series of talks throughout September by the Irenaeus Project on 12, 19 and 26 September, 7pm-8.30pm. For more information, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or phone 0151 949 1199.

### **Summer FREE Family Film Schedule at the Victoria Gallery (University Clocktower Building)**

Visit the parish website for the full schedule of movies.

### **Many Hands Make Light Work**

If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks to help keep our churches clean then please contact:

Julia Clark on 07925 368 140  
for Holy Family

Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691  
for St Mark's

Cleaning dates are as follows:

Holy Family church:  
Tuesday mornings from 9.30am

St Mark's church:  
Wednesday, 23 August, 9am

Of course, if these dates and times are unsuitable, alternatives can be arranged.

### **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, **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.

If you would like to make your donation via Standing Order – this is the best and easiest option for those who are able – just contact your bank online or on the phone and set up a standing order for whatever amount you would like to give to the collection, our parish account details can be found below.

Alternatively, print off and complete the form which is available on the parish website. Please use your surname as the reference number. If you would like help completing a form then please just call in to the parish office on either Monday or Tuesday mornings.

Name: St John Vianney (240)  
 Bank: HSBC  
 Sort Code: 40-29-12  
 Account number: 8221 5810 and do please send an email to let the office know that this is what you are doing.

Collection for Sunday, 13 August 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£289.70
GASDS Loose	£485.85
Non Gift Aid	£ 54.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1196.78</b>
Bonus Ball 26	£ 58.00

### Second Collections:

27 August, Parish Building Fund

10 September, Catholic Education Service

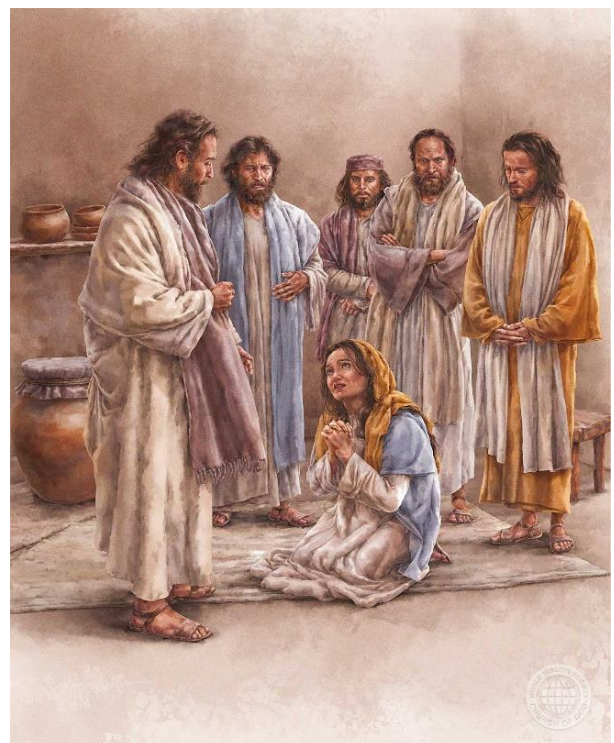
17 September, Home Mission Sunday



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday after 11am Mass.

All welcome.





## Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**19 August – 27 August 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 19 August**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 20 August, Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Dora Kavanagh  
Ann Parks, Sally Moore

**Monday, 21 August, Memorial of St Pius X**

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 22 August,**

Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

9am – Mass, Holy Family

The Addy Family

**Wednesday, 23 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

2pm – Mass at Servite Court

Residents

**Thursday, 24 August, Feast of St Bartholomew**

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Susan Sammonds

**Friday, 25 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Lillian Barnes

**Saturday, 26 August**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Maureen White

**Sunday, 27 August,**

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Brian Kelly, Fr Vin McShane  
People of the Parish