

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Sunday, 10 October 2021 **Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to *this* specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom

of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

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.

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.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting 1 November, 6pm in 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 will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

*Beatrix Lily Fowler
Mitchell Thomas Bailey-Richards
Shea Francis O'Brien*

Parish Memorial Service

This will take place on Wednesday, 10 November at 7pm in St Mark's Church.

Parish Council

Next meeting Tuesday, 19 October, 6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Bonus Ball

This has now restarted in Holy Family Church.

Receive this Newsletter via Email

To register please email
sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

Keep In Your Prayers

George Pinnington, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

With You Always Programme

Please keep the following and their families in your prayers.

7 October, St Mark's

*Millie Rose Savage
Evie Culvin*

9 October, Holy Family

*Kaylen Alexander
Oscar Brennan*

10 October, St Mark's

*Olivia Falcon Smith Taylor
Elizabeth Rose Hessey*

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at
jayne.wya@gmail.com

Lourdes 2022

Thursday, 21 July-Saturday, 30 July.
Liverpool Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage, for more info and an application form visit
www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

Friday, 22 July-Friday, 29 July, Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes St Bernadette Team, for more info visit animateyouth.org

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.

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	£ 276.10
GASDS Loose	£ 339.75
GASDS Envelopes	£ 70.00
Second Collection	£ 375.00
(Catholic Education Service)	
Standing Orders	£ 336.53
Total Offertory	£1397.38

Second Collection

This weekend none. Next collection 24 October APF World Missions.

Missio Red Box Collection

If yours needs emptying, please leave it at the back of church or hand it in to the office.

Forthcoming Events

There are a number of events taking place in the coming months, visit <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events-calendar> for details.

New RCIA Come and See 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. It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics. 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 to one of our Tuesday evening come and see meetings which start at 7.30pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you or someone you know may be interested in finding out more then please contact Peter Renwick on 07707 917 554 or the parish office.

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

What's Going on at St Columba's?

Coffee Pot takes place at St Columba's every Wednesday between 10am and 12noon. All welcome. Also at St Columba's the South Liverpool Zero Waste Community Group distribute surplus food to local people in need every Friday from 10am to 1pm.

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9 October – 17 October 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 9 October	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Margaret Files
Sunday, 10 October, Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, St Mark's Church	People of the Parish Thanksgiving
Monday, 11 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 12 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Rita Hayes
Wednesday, 13 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 14 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am-9.45am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Christine Mee
Friday, 15 October, Memorial of St Teresa of Avila	
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church	Frank Pitt
Saturday, 16 October	
1pm – Marriage of Thomas Wafer & Danielle Platt, Holy Family Church	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish
Sunday, 17 October, Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Tom Farrell Peter Bebbington