

# Newsletter

## Parish of St John Vianney

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

**15 October 2023**

**Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p140**

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

#### **Pointers for Prayer:**

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. It is not meant to be taken only as referring to life after death but it also shows how God wants us to be in our relationships with one another in this life. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had “banquet” experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life, as parents, teachers, friends etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. There are many ways in which we can reflect on the guests invited, e.g. a) The ones invited first all found excuses to refuse the invitation. How do you feel when someone turns down an invitation you offer? Have there been times when you have found excuses to refuse an invitation from the Lord or from others? What effect did this have in your life or on others? b) The second round of invitations went out to “everyone in the streets, good and bad.” What is it like for you to

receive an invitation, particularly when you do not consider yourself worthy of that invitation? c) Notice that the banquet of the kingdom is an inclusive one. When have you given an open, inclusive invitation to others?

4. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

5. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?

### **Prayer**

God of all goodness and kindness,  
you invite all peoples to the banquet  
and offer them a feast beyond  
compare. Give us your saving grace  
to keep unstained the robe of our  
baptism until that day when you  
welcome us to heaven's joyful table.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**22 October 2023**  
**Twenty Ninth Sunday**  
**of Ordinary Time, p143**

### **Matthew 22:15-21**

#### **Pointers for Prayer:**

1. The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?

2. Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Christian or a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a believing Christian or still go to church?

3. Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right?

## **Prayer**

O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the power and rulers of this world you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love. 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**

Due to staff holidays, the parish office will be closed week commencing Monday, 16 October and re-open on Monday, 23 October.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Yolanda Byrne RIP, Maria Jones RIP, Mary Town RIP, John & Enid Allerston, Clare Williams, Brian Rigby, Eileen Prescott, Kay Thomas, Katie Whitehead, Kathy Murphy-Malpas, 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, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Family of Parishes Roadshows**

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our archdiocese. It says this: "Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes." In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes. To explore what this means, there are three roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come. They will take place on:

Saturday, 4 November, 10am-12noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA.

Tuesday, 7 November, 7pm-9pm at St Anne's s Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk.

Wednesday, 8 November, 7pm-9pm at St Julie's, Eccleston, St Helens.

For further information, please contact Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk)

## **Mass at Servite Court**

Father Matthew will be celebrating Mass here at 2pm on Wednesday, 18 October, all welcome.



On Saturday, 14 October, Philip Riphagen and Samantha Gilson were married at Holy Family church. Congratulations to you both and your parish family wish you a lifetime of happiness and love together. Please

keep Philip, Samanatha and their families in your prayers.

### **Baptismal Information**

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

#### *Rite of Welcome:*

5.15pm: Benjamin James Sergeson  
Daniel James Jardine

9.15am: Zachary Peter Leyshon  
Phoebe Wendy Leyshon

11am: Rose Kathryn Gorman

#### *21 October 2023, 5.15pm:*

Francis Edward James Ashton  
Teddy Patrick Shaun Ashton  
Roman Michael O'Malley  
Rosie Hayley O'Malley

#### *Baptisms: 22 October*

Nola Stewart  
Harper Alexander Bragger  
Rosa Teresa Kenny

### **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.

### **Missio**

Sunday, 22 October is World Mission Sunday. Please pray for the mission of the church throughout the world

and give what you can to this very important collection.

### **October Month of the Rosary**

FREE Praying the Rosary Guides available at the Piety Stall.

### **Autumn Fundraising Afternoon Tea**

The Ladies Group have organised the above which will take place in St Mark's Parish Centre on Friday, 27 October, 2pm-4.30pm, pay on the door, £3 adults/£1.50 children. Please save the date and support this event if you are able.

### **RCIA 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.

Do you know anyone who wants to become a Catholic? Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along. The programme for 2023/24 will commence at 6pm on Tuesday, 17 October in St Mark's annexe. All enquiries to Deacon Peter on 07707 917 554.

### **Gospel Power**

Pope Francis says, "It is so important to be familiar with the Gospel, to always have it at hand: to read and reread - to be passionate about it".

Gospel Power - an invaluable little book with new insights and depth of

meaning to enrich our reading of God's word in the daily Gospel throughout the liturgical year. A copy costs £6.99. If you are interested in purchasing a copy then please contact the Parish Office. If we receive enough requests for a bulk order then a discount will be applied.

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

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting two information evenings for men who may feel called to the diaconate. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7pm and finish by 9pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome.

- Thursday, 26 October, St Margaret Mary's Presbytery, Pilch Lane, L14 0JG.
- Thursday, 23 November 7.30pm-9pm in St Bede's Guild Hall, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL.

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend either of these evenings, please email Fr Chris Fallon, [c.fallon@racol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@racol.org.uk), or Deacon Paul Rooney, [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

### **St Mark's Parish Centre**

Motown Night in aid of Zoe's Place, 7.30pm til late, Friday, 24 November with the great Miggy Lates performing live. Please support this

evening if you are able. Tickets £7 from the club.

Parish Centre Job Opportunity – Bar Assistant – no experience necessary, flexible, team player. Please speak to a staff member at the centre.

### **St Mark's School Makes the News**

Heptathlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson says a mural painted in her honour at her former school is "worth more than any medal". The World Athletics Championships winner unveiled the artwork recently which was broadcast on local news. The mural also depicts Paralympian Jack Hunter-Spivey who was originally from Anfield.

### **Church Cleaning Days**

Contact Julia Clark on 07925 368 140 for Holy Family, Tuesdays from 9.30am.

Contact Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691 for St Mark's, next session is Wednesday, 18 October, 9am.

### **First Holy Communion Preparation Programme**

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in our preparation programme for First Communion. You can join at any time and there is no time limit so families can work at their own pace. For more information or a registration form please speak to one of the volunteers (catechists) before or after Mass.

**Please note: your child will need to have been baptised before you can join the First Communion programme.**

### **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**

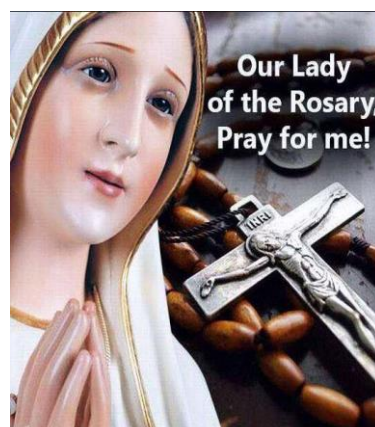
Our parish exists and functions only with the financial support of the members of our community. Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection for Sunday, 8 October 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£265.15
GASDS Loose	£391.90
Non Gift Aid	£ 68.65
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1092.93</b>
Bonus Ball 58	£ 58.00
CAFOD:	£173.25

Second Collections:  
15 October, SVP

22 October, APF World Missions  
5 November, Parish Lourdes Fund



## Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**14 October – 22 October 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 14 October**

**1pm – Marriage, Holy Family**

**Philip Riphagen &  
Samantha Gilson**

**5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family**

Johanah Monaghan,  
Damon & Gill,  
Ronnie & Kevin Griffiths

**Sunday, 15 October,**

**Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**9.15am – Mass, St Mark's**

Brian Kelly, Liz Morris,  
Marie Hines  
People of the Parish

**11am – Mass, Holy Family**

**Monday, 16 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family**

**Tuesday, 17 October,**

**Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch**

**9am – Mass, Holy Family**

Janet Conning

**Wednesday, 18 October, Feast of St Luke**

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

**11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, annexe**

**2pm, Mass, Servite Court**

Residents

**Thursday, 19 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**10am – Funeral Service, Springwood Crem**

**6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's**

**Terence Owings**  
George Biggs, May McGrath,  
Mrs E Clintworth

**Friday, 20 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**9am – Mass, St Mark's**

Marie Culshaw, Special Intention,  
Robert & Christine O'Donnell

**Saturday, 21 October**

**5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family**

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 22 October**

**Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**9.15am – Mass, St Mark's**

**11am – Mass, Holy Family**

**12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family**

Eileen Keating, Thomas Gallagher  
Stephanie Ford

## Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**21 October – 29 October 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 21 October**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of the Parish

**Sunday, 22 October,**

Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Eileen Keating, Thomas Gallagher  
Stephanie Ford

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

**Monday, 23 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 24 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Mark Sullivan, Jimmy Cody

**Wednesday, 25 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

**Thursday, 26 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

McGrath Family, Emily & Stephen

**Friday, 27 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Special Intention, James Culshaw

**Saturday, 28 October**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Gemma Griffiths

**Sunday, 29 October,**

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

People of the Parish  
Stephen Moran