

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Sunday, 19 September 2021 **Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

Priest Cover

We welcome Fr Tony Reynolds this weekend to our parish as he celebrates Mass for our community. Thanks for being with us Fr Tony, it's always lovely to see you! Fr Vin will celebrate a further two Thursday Masses and all being well, Fr Matthew will return refreshed at the end of the month.

Many Hands Make Light Work

As we are trying to provide as many services as possible for parishioners - the need for more help for both of our churches is as urgent as ever. If you volunteered in any role before the pandemic please consider coming back and helping out again.

If you didn't get involved before please consider it now. There are many roles in front of and behind the scenes in the life of our parish. In

order to provide the Masses, services and sacramental programmes, now, more than ever before, we need volunteers to come forward to help prepare and deliver these opportunities for us to come together.

If you would like to know more or feel you can help out please speak to the volunteers at Mass or leave your name and number with the Parish Office.

11am Mass, Sunday's at Holy Family

All being well, this Mass will be re-introduced next Sunday, 26 September, please check the website for confirmation of this.

There is a desperate requirement for helpers to come forward to support our Children's Liturgy at this particular Mass. If this could be you, please approach one of the current volunteers to express an interest or perhaps request to sit in on a session to see what goes on before you commit.

Road Closure/Diversion

Knowsley Highways Department have been in touch with the Parish Office advising us of forthcoming disruption. Leathers Lane is to have some repairs undertaken over the coming weeks so traffic diversions will be in place at some point. They will try and inform us of exact dates which we will publish here.

Parish Council

Next meeting Tuesday, 21 September at 6pm via zoom.

Youth Group

Meeting for current members only on Wednesday, 29 September at 7.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Bereavement Drop In Session

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 5 October, 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Keep In Your Prayers



Margaret Files, RIP

Eternal rest, give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace, Amen.

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

Parish Office Opening Hours

The office is now open as usual, see front cover for times.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting on 4 October, 6.00pm 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.

Sophia Grace Carlisle

Meadow Grace Shaw

Delilah Rose Kearney

With You Always Programme

During the months of October and November we will have 62 children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Each week we will print the names of the children who will be celebrating this so please do keep them and their families in your prayers.

2 October, Holy Family

Chloe Muddiman

3 October, St Mark's

Eva Nolan

Sophie Hodgson

Shania McDonald

Elissa McDonald

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

SFX Open Evening

Year 6 Open Evening takes place on Thursday, 23 September, 5pm-8pm.

What's Going on at St Columba's?

Coffee Pot takes place at St Columba's every Wednesday between 10.00am and 12noon. All are welcome to enjoy a cuppa with some toast/teacake and have a chat about what's going on in the local community and in particular at St Columba's such as the South Liverpool Zero Waste Community

Group. They distribute surplus food from supermarkets to local people and will be using St Columba's Church on Hillfoot Avenue, Hunts Cross, L25 0NR every Friday from 10am to 1pm. This vital service stops good food going to landfill.

Also why not join St Columba's for a Holiday@Home. This is for anyone unable to have a holiday but would like to enjoy a "virtual" balloon safari trip across 4 countries in East Africa and an actual visit to Knowsley Safari Park!

This year Holiday@Home is happening from 27 September to 1 October. Each day starts with tea and toast at 10.30am followed by crafts and games, lunch and finishes at 3.30pm. Participants can come for 1 day or take part in the whole week. The cost is £6 per day. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487. Margaret says "there is so much fun

and laughter, it is one of my most enjoyable weeks."

It's Back, Lourdes 2022

Be part of the Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As part of the St Bernadette Team, a group of over 18s offering service and care to our assisted pilgrims. Friday, 22 July – Friday, 29 July 2022, cost £600, deposit £50, apply online from 4 October at animateyouth.org. If events mean we cannot run the pilgrimage we will offer a refund.

Employment Opportunities within Archdiocese of Liverpool

Check our website for more details.

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To register please email sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

Need a Lift To and From Mass?

Please contact the parish office and we can put you in touch with someone who might be able to help.

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	£ 917.38
GASDS Loose	£ 674.40
GASDS Envelopes	£ 260.00
Second Collection	£ 436.85
(SVP)	
Total Offertory	£2288.63

Second Collection

19 September,
Knights of St Columba

Season of Creation

World Day for

Migrants and Refugees



Next Sunday is the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees – a day the Church has kept since 1914. It is appropriate that this day falls during the Season of Creation because, in addition to war and persecution, the climate emergency is a direct cause of migration.

Towards an ever wider “we” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It’s an appeal to build a universal “we” rather than a national “we”. Instead of repeating mantra’s we’ve heard, such as “our country is full”, or “they come over here and take our jobs”, Pope Francis invites us to

look at the reality of why people leave their homes and countries, often risking their lives. He asks us to enter into the experience of these vulnerable people who are running from situations we can barely imagine, and to pray for them as they face so many challenges, including hostility, rejection and closed doors. Pope Francis also asks us to become aware of the opportunities migration offers of countries and communities.

The Vatican has an extensive website directed personally by Pope Francis which aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind: For more info visit <https://migrants-refugees.va>

Walk of Witness For Climate Change

Check our website for more info on how to take part.

Parish Office Numbers

Mass times can and do change to allow for funerals so please always check before you travel.

St Ambrose, 425 2289

OLA, 487 9372

Christ the King, 722 2231

St Mary's, 428 2256

Bishop Eton, 737 4110

Parish Website

Our website is updated regularly and should be your first port of call for the very latest parish information. The website enables us to share with you more details of events within our parish, the wider community and Archdiocese. Please visit us at parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk

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Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

18 September-26 September 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 18 September	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Brian Banner
Sunday, 19 September, Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 12.30pm - Baptisms, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish
Monday, 20 September, Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
6.00pm-7.00pm Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 21 September, Feast of St Matthew	
9.00am-9.45am – Morning Prayer Online Zoom <i>9.15am - Mass, St Ambrose*</i>	
12.45pm – Funeral Service for Margaret Files, Holy Family Church	
Wednesday, 22 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10.00am-11.00am Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 23 September, Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	
<i>9.30am - Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption*</i> 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Pat Hoare
Friday, 24 September, Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	
<i>9.15am - Mass, St Ambrose*</i> <i>12.00noon - Mass, Christ the King*</i>	
Saturday, 25 September	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish
Sunday, 26 September, Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
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