

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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24 September 2023

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Matthew 20:1-16

Pointers for Prayer:

1. “I was there first”. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities etc.

2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a “Jesus person” in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.

3. Generosity can make us uncomfortable. We feel more comfortable when we see ourselves as having done something to deserve the generosity. But perhaps you can recall a moment of great need, when you were at the receiving end of someone’s generosity, a time when you recognised you had done nothing to ‘deserve’ that response, a time when all you could do was to say “thanks”?

4. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God’s love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gift that God’s love is to you.

5. "It is too late now" are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was "too late"?

Prayer

God most high, your ways are not our ways, for your kindness is lavished equally upon all. Teach us to welcome your mercy towards others, even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves. 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

Thank You So Much

As we look forward to Father Matthew's return to the parish next weekend we once again say thank you to Fr Colin Wilson, Fr Dennis Amal Raj SSS, Fr Ramesh Amaldoss SSS and Fr Antony Praveen SSS for being with us to celebrate Mass these last few weeks.

SVP Annual Day Retreat - A big thank you to those involved in organising this parish retreat day. The office has received a number of calls from parishioners expressing their thanks

for a wonderful day which was attended by so many. See the parish website for photos.

Finally, Jenny Leftley would like to express her thanks to those ladies of the parish who attended her breast cancer fund raiser recently which raised over £80! Thank you all for making and bringing along cakes and for all the support offered to her mum as she recovers.

Keep In Your Prayers

Christopher Kelly RIP, Margaret Kennelly RIP, Frank Henesy RIP, Eileen Prescott, Kay Thomas, Katie Whitehead, Sheila Fairclough, 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, Maureen Skillicorn, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Reminder - This weekend is the first weekend that we are offering registration for the First Holy Communion programme at our weekend Masses which include Thursday evening Mass.

Please note Baptism Certificates are required to be produced and registration forms will be available after Mass.

The programme has 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.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 2 October, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms:

Lacey Violet McAdam
Cohen John Williams
Elias-Reign Jeremiah May



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.

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, Tuesday, 7 and Wednesday, 8 November. The Saturday will be 10am-12 noon and the two evening meetings will be

7pm-9pm. Further details will follow but for now, save the date!

Pause for Hope

Sunday, 24 September

The 25th Annual Ecumenical Service will be held at 3pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The main speaker will be Dean Sullivan, the service will feature music from Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. Tickets are not required and all are welcome. Please see poster at back of church.

Relaunch of Faith in Action Award

Monday, 25 September

News from Animate - The national awarding body of the Faith in Action award, which rewards young people for their work in service of others in the community, is relaunching the award to better align with the original plan and the Archdiocese of Liverpool would like to invite you to our own Diocesan relaunch of the programme. You may wish to learn how the award might help in your own parish, or you might want to encourage staff at the local school to attend. For more info email admin@animateyouth.co.uk

SVP Rededication Mass

Saturday, 30 September

The Mass is at 12 noon at St Teresa of Avila church, Devon Street, St Helens, WA10 4ES. Bishop Tom

Neylon, the SVP central council spiritual director for Liverpool, will be celebrating, alongside other clergy, all welcome.

Handcrafted Bible Exhibition

Monday, 2 – Thursday, 5 October at the Irenaeus Project, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, 10am-4pm, refreshments available and all are welcome.

LGBT+ Catholics

The next gathering for LGBT+ Catholics will be on Sunday, 8 October at St Bede's church in Appleton Village, Widnes. Mass will begin at 2pm and all are welcome.

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

The Priests Live in Concert

Thursday, 12 October

The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage and the work of the friends of the

Metropolitan Cathedral. For tickets ring 07860 129 589.

Annual Nugent Gala

When: Thursday, 9 November

Where: Rum Warehouse, Titanic Hotel, Liverpool

Nugent invite you all to an evening of welcome drinks, a three-course meal, entertainment and an opportunity to engage in fundraising for Nugent!

During the evening you will be able to hear more about the vital work Nugent carry out within our communities and help raise funds to extend their community support even further!

To book your tickets, please visit <https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/events/gala/> If you are interested in sponsorship or prize donation opportunities, please get in touch with their Fundraising Team - fundraising@wearenugent.org or ring Emma Foy, Fundraising and Events Coordinator, Nugent, E: Emma.Foy@wearenugent.org M: 07341 864 180.

Lourdes 2024 Youth Pilgrimage

Be part of something special, be part of the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage! It is for ages 15 (or in Year 10) to 22. Deposit paid at time of application (£100). Contact 01744 740 461 or

admin@animateyouth.co.uk for more information. Application forms for 2024 will be online from 2 October at: www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 or above will open on 15 January and end on 15 March 2024. More details on how to register will be available nearer the time.

PACT

Pact is the national Catholic prison charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. Pact provide caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice system, in court, in prison, on release and in the community. On Sunday, 8 October the Church marks Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action. Please pray for those who have taken the wrong road and ended up in prison.

Young Adults

Every Friday at 6pm there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There is a short time of sharing the Sunday readings followed by snacks and social time and ending with night prayer. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. The group is held at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. If

you want more info please contact
James: djmoroney@cantab.net or
07394 503 911.

Plaza Cinema, Waterloo Thursday Afternoon Club

Over 50s welcome for games,
refreshments and watch a film! Doors
open at 1pm, ends about 4pm, just £5.

Journey into Prayer

An opportunity to explore different
ways of praying. January-July 2024 at
The Cenacle Convent, Tithebarn
Grove, L15 6TW, cost £160 pp, can be
paid session by session. Ring 722
2271 for more info.

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
Saturday, 30 September, 8.30am.

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, 10 September 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£221.55
GASDS Loose	£354.55
Non Gift Aid	£ 35.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£978.33
Bonus Ball 06	£ 58.00

Collection for Sunday, 17 September 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£239.00
GASDS Loose	£387.25
Non Gift Aid	£ 40.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1033.48
Bonus Ball 50	£ 58.00

Second Collections:

1 October, CAFOD

15 October, SVP

REFRESHMENTS



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.

Lost & Found

A white jacket was found in church recently, if it's yours then please pop along to the parish office!



Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

23 September – 1 October 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 23 September

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ronnie Griffiths, Senior

Sunday, 24 September,

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Vivien & Family
People of the Parish

Monday, 25 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 26 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

Wednesday, 27 September,

Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

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

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

Thursday, 28 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Teresa Davies,
Bernard Crompton,
Ronnie Hannah

Friday, 29 September,

Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

Saturday, 30 September

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Mr M Moore, Fr Vin McShane

Sunday, 1 October

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Maria Nolan, John Carden,
Joan Carr
People of the Parish