

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Sunday, 22 August 2021 **Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number and John no longer references them or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will

follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Advance Notice Parish Office Opening Hours

w/c Monday, 30 August =
Office closed all week.

w/c Monday, 6 September =
Office closed all week.

w/c Monday, 13 September =
Usual opening hours resume.

Some newsletters may cover 2/3 weeks so if you have an item to be included please forward it to the office asap.

Parish Council News

The Council met via zoom this week and was sad to receive the news that Carole Clancy has decided to stand down from her role. Carole was a founding member of the council and has been a dedicated participant of the group, she has made many contributions and been a valued parish representative, giving her support to our parish through volunteering her time so freely and sharing her knowledge and experiences with us enabling us to grow. As a parish we thank Carole for being so generous

with her time and are sure she will fill the hours previously dedicated to our community with another project.

Keep In Your Prayers

Our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Bereavement Drop In Session

Starting at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 7 September in St Mark's Annexe.

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.

Ladies Group

Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1 September at 7pm in the Annexe. New faces welcome and will be made very welcome.

Parish Website

The 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

A Message from CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are supporting local aid workers in Haiti, Afghanistan, Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Your compassion, generosity and prayers continue to support communities in these difficult times.

Visit

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> for more info.

SVP District Meeting

Thursday, 2 September, 7.30pm, St Mark' Annexe.

Employment Opportunity within Archdiocese of Liverpool

Cleaner in Cathedral, 20 hrs per week, closing date 17 September. For more info visit

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

Baptism Registration Meetings

Next meeting on 6 September, 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe. Please wear a mask. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

With You Always Programme

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

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To register please email
sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

Directories & Ordos

Ring bound directory = £4.00

Standard = £3.50

Ordo = £5.00

All orders to be received by office no later than 6 September. We are unable to process late orders.

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	£228.00
GASDS Loose	£207.15
GASDS Envelopes	£196.80
Total Offertory	£631.95

Upcoming Retiring Collections

22 August,
Catholic Education Service

5 September,
SVP

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

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

21-29 August 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 21 August	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Ann Parks
Sunday, 22 August, Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.00am – Mass, Livestream	Dora Kavanagh People of the Parish
Monday, 23 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9.15 am - Mass, St Ambrose* 12.00noon - Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption* 6.00pm-7.00pm Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 24 August, Feast of St Bartholomew	
9.00am-9.45am – Morning Prayer Online Zoom 9.15am - Mass, St Ambrose* 12.00noon - Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption*	
Wednesday, 25 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10.00am-11.00am Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 26 August, Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi	
9.30am - Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption* 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Stephen McShane & Family
Friday, 27 August, Memorial of St Monica	
9.15am - Mass, St Ambrose* 12.00noon - Mass, Christ the King*	
Saturday, 28 August	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	David Richardson
Sunday, 29 August, Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.00am – Mass, Livestream	Bernie McDougall People of the Parish
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