

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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27 August 2023

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Matthew 16:13-20

Pointers for Prayer

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own journey of faith when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. “Who do you say that I am?” This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question today?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been conscious of the gift nature of your faith. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

Prayer

Living God, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth and trust his promise to sustain the Church. 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

Parish Office

Please note the office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday and on Tuesday, staff will be working remotely. Please get in touch as usual and the office will respond to emails and messages left on the answerphone as soon as possible. Office open as usual Thursday and Friday.

Keep In Your Prayers

Rosemary Asiwe RIP, Alexander Irving RIP, 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, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 4 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe.

All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816. Please note there is no Baptism Registration meeting in August and we have just a few dates available for baptisms in December 2023.

Exam Results

To all those who have received results over the last few weeks, hopefully your hard work and perseverance has paid off. Congratulations and good luck to you all.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29 August at 6pm in St Mark's annexe.

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

World Alzheimer's Month - Dementia Information Session

**Monday, 11 September,
7pm-8.30pm,**

St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton

September marks World Alzheimer's Month and this session aims to raise awareness and demystify dementia. You are invited to join us for an evening of talks from the experts in the area of dementia and carer support services. Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for one-to-one advice from NHS Mersey Care Dementia Services' staff and representatives from the Alzheimer's Society. Come along and join us to learn more about dementia from the

professionals. All welcome.
Refreshments from 6.30pm.

SVP Annual Day Retreat

Each year, our SVP team arrange a retreat day to St Winifred's Well and Pantasaph and this year it will take place on Tuesday, 19 September. A packed lunch will be provided and there will be a voluntary donation towards the cost of the coach.

Please sign up at the back of church and if you have any questions then please approach a member of the SVP. The list will close on Tuesday, 12 September.

Lourdes Reunion Mass

St Mary's Church in St Helens will be holding a Lourdes Reunion Mass on Sunday, 10 September, 5pm. The Mass is open to everyone and all are welcome, but it is aimed at those who went to Lourdes this year. (St Mary's Church, Lowe House, St Helens WA10 2BE)

Education Sunday

This takes place on 10 September. The Church has always identified the importance of the Catholic School in its mission and that is clearly the case in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. With 220 schools and colleges situated across the Archdiocese, there is a clear commitment to that mission.

The mission of our schools and colleges is to provide a true education which allows all to flourish and

become true sons and daughters of God. You will of course be aware that those who work there are operating under many different pressures such as school funding, teacher recruitment and retention and other societal pressures.

Education Sunday offers us the chance to celebrate our schools and colleges and give thanks for all that they do. We need more people to come forward as governors and directors for our schools and academy trust. Please consider volunteering for this important role and contact the Parish Office if you would like more info.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) - Enrol for Year 1, anytime from now!

This is a national qualification awarded by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, for the teaching of Religious Education in our Catholic primary and secondary schools, as well as for parish catechesis.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool are about to gather new Year 1 candidates in readiness to start at the end of September. The course duration is for two years and requires online virtual participation in eight modules. Each module has up to five sessions. A session lasts for a maximum of two hours and all sessions take place after school. For more info contact Paul Mannings p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

Snack & Stay or Snack Away!

The Archdiocese of Liverpool recently launched snack away or snack and stay in our parish centres, to allow children to access a free meal.

They are now in a position to be able to confirm days and times in our area as follows:

Parish Centres between 1pm-3.30pm:

Monday

Our Lady of the Assumption -
Hartsbourne Avenue, Gateacre,
L25 2RY

St Ambrose - Heathgate Avenue,
Speke, L24 7RS

Tuesday

St Basil - Hough Green Road,
Widnes, WA8 4SZ

Christ the King - Score Lane,
Childwall, L16 6AW

Wednesday

St Mark - Penmann Crescent,
Halewood, L26 0UG

For updates on this, please visit:
liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news

Mass at the Chantry, St Helens

On 9 September at 2pm, it will be the first time that Mass will be celebrated at the historic site in eight years. Four volunteers have been restoring the site which has thousands of graves,

including 31 priests, 1 bishop and soldiers. All are welcome to attend.



Halewood Community Choir Starts 14 September

Meets Thursdays 7pm-9pm in Halewood Academy, The Avenue, L26 1UU. £5 each session. Open to those aged 18 to 108!

No auditions, no need to read music, just join in and have a go. Singers and beginners most welcome. Ideal way to have fun and make new friends. Also, free open rehearsals for visitors, 7pm-9pm, once a month – come and find out what we do. Sing along or sit and watch, meet choir members and find out what we sing. Just turn up and enjoy! Free rehearsals dates 28 September, 26 October, 30 November. Want more info then check out their FB page or contact Phil on 07486 709 567 or Carol 0151 281 2508.



On the weekend of the 9/10 September and to celebrate the Season of Creation, there will be a plant and seed giveaway after the 5.30pm Saturday Mass and then after 11am

Sunday Mass outside St Mary's church, Woolton. All our welcome. If you have any plants or seeds, please take them along.

RCIA Catechists

Peter Renwick is looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly on 07707 917 554.

The Big Picture

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Would you like to understand the Bible and God's Big Plan? Take your faith journey further by digging into the scriptures and crying out to the Holy Spirit to unlock His plan. The Big Picture is a bible sharing journey over 12 sessions with accompanying videos, book and group discussion. We will be doing this in the annexe at St Mark's at a time to suit most people. Leave your name and number with the parish office (486 3992) if you are interested.

What's on at our Cathedral

Welcome Mass for the Relics of the Scottish Saints. Monday, 18 September, 5pm-7pm. Reception and Welcome Mass for the Relics of the Saint Columba, Saint Andrew and Saint Margaret, celebrant Bishop Tom Neylon. The Relics of the Scottish Saints will remain in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel until their departure after the 12.15pm Mass on Thursday, 21 September.

Cathedral Friends Lecture: Nicholas Breakspear, Gibberd Room, Saturday, 23 September, 11am-1pm.

The Cathedral Friends are delighted to welcome Adrian Waddingham CBE to give an illustrated talk on Nicholas Breakspear. In this fascinating lecture you will discover the story of how an impoverished lad from Hertfordshire was Pope by the time he was 50.

Overlooked for centuries, Nicholas Breakspear's achievements outshone those of his contemporary, the martyr Thomas Becket. Tickets are free, though donations to support the work of the Friends are greatly welcomed. For more info email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk Refreshments and cake will be served after the lecture.

Liverpool Cares

Liverpool Cares is a community network of younger and older neighbours hanging out and helping one another in our rapidly changing city. Liverpool Cares brings older and younger people together – to share time, laughter, new experiences and friendship – so that everyone can feel part of our changing city, rather than left behind by it.

For more info on what they do and how to get involved telephone 659 1789 or visit: <https://liverpoolcares.org.uk/about-us>

Come and Celebrate BBQ and Mass

A time to relax and share with family and friends, 9 September from 12 noon at The Irenaeus Project in Waterloo will be holding a barbecue and Mass will be celebrated. All welcome. For more info contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199

Many Hands Make Light Work

If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks to help keep our churches clean then please contact:

Julia Clark on 07925 368 140
for Holy Family
Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691
for St Mark's

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

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.

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.

If you would like to make your donation via Standing Order – this is the best and easiest option for those who are able – just contact your bank online or on the phone and set up a standing order for whatever amount you would like to give to the collection, our parish account details can be found below.

Alternatively, print off and complete the form which is available on the parish website. Please use your surname as the reference number. If you would like help completing a form then please just call in to the parish office on either Monday or Tuesday mornings.

Name: St John Vianney (240)

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-29-12

Account number: 8221 5810 and do please send an email to let the office know that this is what you are doing.

Collection for Sunday, 20 August 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£260.60
GASDS Loose	£362.65
Non Gift Aid	£ 50.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£1040.48
Bonus Ball 15	£ 58.00

Second Collections:

27 August, Parish Building Fund

10 September, Catholic Education Service

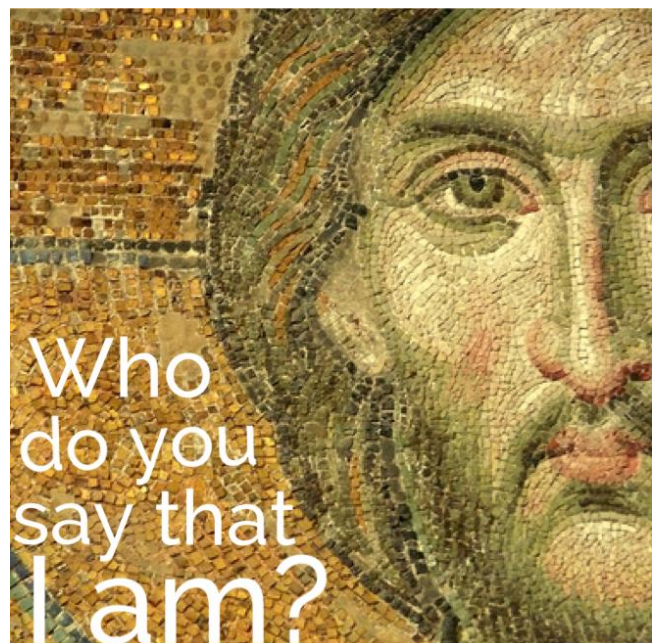
17 September, Home Mission Sunday



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

26 August – 3 September 2023	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 26 August 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family	Maureen White
Sunday, 27 August, Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family	Brian Kelly, Fr Vin McShane People of the Parish
Monday, 28 August, Memorial of St Augustine 6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family	
Tuesday, 29 August, Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist 9am – Mass, Holy Family 2.15pm – Requiem Mass, St Mark's	Tony Caslin, Mrs Lamb Alexander Irving
Wednesday, 30 August, Memorial of St Edmund Arrowsmith 10am-11am - Exposition, St Mark's 11am-12noon - Lectio Devina, St Mark's annexe	
Thursday, 31 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Morning Prayer Online via Zoom (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's	Catherine Fletcher, Bernard Crompton, Gabrielle
Friday, 1 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, St Mark's 2pm – Mass, Maple Lodge	Special Intention, Fr Ravi Bosco, Ken Needham Residents
Saturday, 2 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family	People of the Parish
Sunday, 3 September, Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family	Mary Wafer, Mary Lonsdale, Emily & Stephen John Quirk