

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Nunes

The Parish Office
Penmann Crescent, Halewood
Liverpool, L26 0UG

T: 0151 486 3992

E: johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk

Open 9am-1pm: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

**For more News and Information see our website:
parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk**

Sunday, 17 October 2021 **Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Our Eucharistic Ministers recently met together and began to consider how to resume taking Holy Communion to those who are unable to be with us in church for Mass. As we wait for the system of visiting to crank up once again, one important element is to ensure that we have an up-to-date list of all those in need of such support. So, if you, or someone you know of, are housebound and would appreciate the support of receiving Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office and leave details.

Healing

It is difficult to comprehend the impact that the last 18 months has had on us all. For some who have lost a loved one there will be the acute pain and sadness of their loss in such difficult circumstances. Isolation, mental health issues, worry about work or family all take their toll. There is such a need for healing. The Church

offers us the sacraments to help us and to bring God's healing. Most beautifully, of course, in receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, the Eucharist. But also through the **Sacrament of the Sick**. Although the sacrament is often celebrated for those with severe illness or perhaps before someone goes into hospital for an operation, it is actually a sacrament for anyone who is in need of any kind of healing. And in receiving the Sacrament of the Sick we also receive absolution, the forgiveness of our sins. In order to make the sacrament more available, especially given all that we have been through recently, Fr Matthew will be available after all the Masses **next weekend** for anyone who might like to receive the sacrament.

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.

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.

Happy Birthday Mary Ireland

Parishioner Mary Ireland, celebrates her 90th birthday this week. Mary moved to Halewood after she married John at Holy Rosary, Aintree in 1957. Initially a parishioner of St Andrew's and then Holy Family, Mary, a retired teacher, has 1 son John and 2 grandsons, who live in the USA. Mary has always been involved with church life including being a member of the SVP, Union of Catholic Mothers, SPUC, was a Eucharistic Minister and founding member of St

Maria Goretti and she still attends Ladies Group. Happy Birthday Mary!

Marriage of

Thomas Wafer & Danielle Platt

Please keep Thomas and Danielle in your prayers who got married at 1pm in Holy Family Church on Saturday. May your days be joyous and rich. May you find shelter and safety in each other's arms, respect and reverence in each other's heart. May your friendship be faithful and firm, your trust total. And may you remain young at heart as you grow old together.

Keep In Your Prayers

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

Baptismal Information

Next meeting 1 November, 6pm 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.

Amelia Sophia Latham

Lillie-Jo O'Reilly

Elias Serenity Vincent Freeman

Orion Saint Mark Vincent Freeman

With You Always Programme

Please keep the following and their families in your prayers.

16 October, Holy Family

Poppy Nicholas

Harriet Humphreys

Bella Katie McMullen

Amelia Swann

17 October, St Mark's

Hannah Catherine Lewis

Francis Nicholas McDonough

17 October, Holy Family

Daniele Spadaro

Anya Foot

Dominic Bednarski

Jasmine Scott

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

Parish Memorial Service

This will take place on Wednesday, 10 November at 7pm in St Mark's Church.

Remembrance Mass for Priests

On Friday, 12 November at 7pm at the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcolm will be celebrating a Mass for all those priests who have died from Covid or other causes, since the beginning of the pandemic, including Bishop Vincent Malone who died in May 2020. This will be a chance for us to come together as an archdiocese to pray for those priests whose funerals we could not attend because of Covid restrictions. All welcome.

Bereavement Drop In

The next meeting takes place at 2pm on Tuesday, 16 November.

Parish Council

Next meeting Tuesday, 19 October,
6pm, Holy Family meeting room.

Bonus Ball

This has now restarted in Holy Family
Church and St Mark's Church.

Over 50s Club

This popular get-together has now
resumed and takes place on
Wednesday's, 1.30pm in our Parish
Club. Come along for a chat, cuppa,
bingo, quiz, day trips.

Receive this Newsletter via Email

To register please email
sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

Lourdes 2022

Thursday, 21 July-Saturday, 30 July.
Liverpool Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage,
for more info and an application form
visit
www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk

Friday, 22 July-Friday, 29 July,
Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage to

Lourdes St Bernadette Team, for more
info visit animateyouth.org

Lourdes Nominations

If you wish to nominate someone from
our parish to go to Lourdes in 2022
and be supported through our fund,
please contact the office as soon as
possible.

Job Opportunities

within the Archdiocese

The following are available across the
Archdiocese, details and application
packs at
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

IT Technician, Parish Centre
Manager, Billinge and Tuebrook,
Parish Centre Manager, Formby and
Penwortham.

St Hilda's Brownie Pack

This pack is now recruiting and calling
all girls aged 7-8 to consider joining.
The pack meet at St Hilda's Church,
Hunts Cross, Monday's, 6.30pm-
7.45pm during term time. Come along

and have fun whilst making new friends. Please register your interest at the Girl Guiding website.

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	£297.00
GASDS Loose	£250.10
GASDS Envelopes	£ 40.00
Standing Orders	£336.53
Total Offertory	£923.63

Second Collection

This weekend none. Next collection 24 October APF World Missions.

Missio Red Box Collection

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the

world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk or bring your red box to church or pass into the office.

Knights of St Columba Council 9

The office has received a letter of thanks for your recent donations in support of their annual sponsored walk, any late donations or envelopes can be handed in to the office and we will forward. The total will be announced on 12 November with each parish within Council 9 receiving a share.

Forthcoming Events

There are a number of events taking place in the coming months, visit

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events-calendar> for details.

New RCIA Come and See 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.

It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics. Each year there are people who enquire about becoming a Catholic, often with no previous religious affiliation. They are accompanied by RCIA teams who guide them through the different stages of the RCIA process and prepare them to celebrate the liturgies which mark these stages. We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or you may have been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic Church.

Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to one of our Tuesday evening come and see meetings which start at 7.30pm in St Mark's Annexe. If you or someone you know may be interested in finding out more then please contact Peter Renwick on 07707 917 554 or the parish office.

St Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti - special works conference within our SVP, is appealing to all parishioners for help. We currently have just 3 members, 2 females and 1 male. More info available on our website or contact Cathy Bradley, 07534 780 731, email chattymc6@gmail.com

What's Going on at St Columba's?

Coffee Pot, every Wednesday, 10am-12noon. All welcome. Also, every Friday 10am to 1pm, surplus supermarket food distribution to those in need locally.

Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

16 October – 24 October 2021	We Pray Especially For
<p>Saturday, 16 October</p> <p>1pm – Marriage of Thomas Wafer & Danielle Platt, Holy Family Church</p> <p>5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>
<p>Sunday, 17 October, Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> <p>9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church</p>	<p>Tom Farrell Peter Bebbington</p>
<p>Monday, 18 October, Feast of St Luke</p> <p>6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church</p>	
<p>Tuesday, 19 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9am – Mass, Holy Family Church</p>	<p>Niyom Sasorn, Tip, Noy, Tuc & family</p>
<p>Wednesday, 20 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church</p>	
<p>Thursday, 21 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9am-9.45am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church</p>	<p>Mary Ireland</p>
<p>Friday, 22 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9am – Mass, St Mark's Church</p>	<p>Nora Mayley</p>
<p>Saturday, 23 October</p> <p>5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church</p>	<p>Irene Myles</p>
<p>Sunday, 24 October, Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> <p>9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, St Mark's Church</p>	<p>Gaynor Moreco People of the Parish</p>