

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pointers for Prayer

1. The first scene portrays a common dilemma - choosing between a received tradition and what is good in a particular situation. When have I been faced with such dilemmas and how did I respond?
2. Jesus consistently places the “good” above the rules, a challenging position for today’s church at a critical juncture. For example, the Catholic tradition of a celibate clergy can result in depriving communities of the Eucharist. Have I had similar experiences in my own sphere of influence?
3. Seeking respect and (metaphorically) my place at the table is a normal human desire. It can become deformed into the raw putting of myself first while ignoring others.
4. In a disturbing way, Jesus upturns the everyday view of social interaction and relationships. The radical call of the gospel can be very threatening and yet we know that this practical expression mirrors the inclusivity of Jesus’ own proclamation. Where do I feel such a radical call and how do I act?

Prayer

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. Amen.

Parish Office

Due to staff holidays the newsletter for next weekend will cover Sunday's 4, 11 and 18 September. Please forward any items for inclusion to the office as soon as possible.

Keep In Your Prayers

Doreen Trainer RIP, Vera Leonard, Silva (poorly 4 year old), Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane our sick and housebound

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 5 September, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

With You Always Programme

We are currently updating our preparation programme for First Holy Communion (With You Always programme). Information will be available in the newsletter and on our website in December. It is likely that the programme will start early 2023.

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

Lourdes Donations

Thanks for the anonymous donations which have been recently received to the Parish Lourdes Fund.

The Big Clear Out

A very big thank you to all who helped last week clearing out the old presbytery at Holy Family. There was a great number of people who came to lend a hand which made a big job so much easier.

St Mark's Cleaning

Thanks go to those who volunteered their time to clean at St Mark's church this week, the next session is Wednesday, 7 September, 9am, all welcome.

A day of prayer for Ukraine

The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine on Wednesday 14 September. The Council has asked that cathedrals and other major churches host a period of Eucharistic adoration. In response, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

Mass in Servite Court

Father Matthew will be celebrating Mass with the residents of Servite Court on Wednesday, 31 August at 2pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20 September at 7pm, location to be confirmed. All minutes are available on the parish website.

St Mark's Club

Star Night Entertainment & Disco

Save the Date

Saturday, 10 September

Doors open 7pm, tickets £6 available from the club.

St Mary's Woolton

Next monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong session will still take place on Friday, 30 September, 2pm-4pm and as always, the event will take place in the parish hall.

Fr Malcolm Prince's Ruby Jubilee

Fr Malcolm Prince is celebrating his 40th anniversary of being ordained into the priesthood on Sunday, 25 September. Fr Malcolm is a resident in Nazareth House, Liverpool Road, Great Crosby, L23 0QT following a severe stroke in 2018.

Mass is being said by Archbishop Malcolm in the Chapel at Nazareth House at 10am that day and afterwards at 11.30am there will be a free buffet at St Helen's Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, Crosby L23 7TQ, which is about a mile away from the care home.

Anyone who knows Fr Malcolm and would like to attend is very welcome but attendance at the Mass will require a Covid test to have been completed prior to arrival as entry to the Chapel is through the care home.

For further details or to register interest please contact Tony Bird on anthonyjbird134@gmail.com

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, arrive 3.30pm, Saturday, 17 September until 7am, Tuesday, 20 September.

Volunteers Wanted

There will be lots of volunteers required for when the Cathedral receives the relics of St Bernadette in September. If you are willing and able to play some part in this historic visit email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk and note in the email your availability between Saturday, 17 September-Monday, 20 September. When more details of what is required become available the Cathedral will arrange a meeting with those who have volunteered. Please note that a meeting for all volunteers to assist has been arranged for Wednesday, 7 September at 7pm.

Volunteer Your Teaching Talent

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the cathedral's Education Service team!

Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful cathedral. 'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the cathedral to life for the generations of the future'. Contact education@metcathedral.org.uk

Jigsaws/Games

Our Cathedral are currently looking for jigsaws and games that they can send to the seafarers at Stella Maris. If you have anything spare please drop it off at Cathedral House.

Strawberry Field - The Ideal Outing For Christian Groups

Strawberry Field is a stunning, revitalised site that houses an exhibition, café, gift shop and a Training Centre for adults with Learning Difficulties and other barriers to employment. The award-winning exhibition tells the fascinating story of the place and its people, the connection with The

Salvation Army and John Lennon, and the ongoing work of the centre in serving the needs of the local community. In addition, it houses the piano on which John Lennon composed and recorded the song 'Imagine'. (The piano is currently on loan from the estate of the late George Michael.) The new visitor centre also offers a Prayer Space, beautiful gardens for quiet contemplation and a café to refresh both body and soul through beautiful food and spectacular views. A new addition to the garden in 2022 is a 'state of the art' bandstand which is currently in the final stages of completion. Our Fresh Expression team is available to facilitate the visit of Christian groups, who may like to embrace opportunities for prayer and reflection. For more details on the ministry of the Strawberry Field Fresh Expression team, please contact Karen.carter@salvationarmy.org.uk

All proceeds from the visitor centre remain onsite, keeping the gates open for the greater good of the local

community and for the trainees who come to us in search of the fulfilment of their dream of paid employment. Details for group visits can be found at www.strawberryfieldliverpool.com or alternatively please contact Sue Harvey on 0151 252 6130.

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Final Call for Applications

A few places have become available on the popular and practical Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry beginning in September 2022. Designed with busy people in mind, it's a structured online modular course to inspire you on your own pastoral journey within your parish. It is a non-credit programme that runs for 2 years and has been created to equip and empower people to develop their ministries.

Contact Elizabeth Parsons, Training Coordinator on 522 1023 or loyola@rcaol.org.uk.

For more information, visit www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/loyola

RCIA Meetings

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or 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.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our parish community at friendly, informal meetings that start in the Autumn. Contact Peter for more info on 07707 917 554.

Caring for our Housebound Parishioners

Thanks to the generosity of our Eucharistic Ministers we are beginning to take Holy Communion to those who are unable join us at Mass. If you are no longer able to come to Mass and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone in that situation similarly please contact the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will make an initial visit and then we will see what might be possible with our Eucharistic Ministers from there.

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

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£288.10
GASDS Loose	£385.75
Non Gift Aid	£ 70.00
Standing Orders	£384.77
Total	£1128.62
Bonus Ball 42	£ 58.00

*"He who
humbles himself
will be exalted."*

- LUKE 14:11 -

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

27 August – 4 September 2022	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 27 August 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family	People of the Parish
Sunday, 28 August, Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family	Brian Kelly, Tony Crompton Joan Boulton
Monday, 29 August, Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family	
Tuesday, 30 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, Holy Family	Bernadette Kempster, Larry Devereaux
Wednesday, 31 August, Weekday in Ordinary Time 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's 2pm – Mass at Servite Court	Residents
Thursday, 1 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website) 6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's	Dora Kavanagh
Friday, 2 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am - Mass, St Mark's	Carol Garland
Saturday, 3 September 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family	Brenda Gamble
Sunday, 4 September Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's 11am – Mass, Holy Family	People of the Parish Michael Mooney