

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

Halewood & Hunts Cross

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3 September 2023

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Matthew 16:21-27

Pointers for Prayer

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain as a student studying or an athlete training can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?
2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die, but God would see that evil would not have the last say. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward.

Prayer

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us, grant us a bold and faithful spirit, that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead. We make this prayer 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 staff continue to work remotely on Monday and Tuesday this week. Please get in touch in all the usual ways and we will respond as soon as possible. The office is open as usual Thursday and Friday.

Keep In Your Prayers

Elsie Hayes RIP, Rosemary Asiwe 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.

Ladies Group

This group starts up again on Wednesday, 6 September, 7pm in St Mark's annexe. New ladies are

always welcome, please come along to see what we get up to.

Along with arranging special services and displays within our parish the group arrange fundraising events and catering for any functions throughout the year as well as finding time to socialise with meals out locally and day tips. If you've never been along, please pop in, this is a wonderful way to become involved in our parish life and you will be made most welcome!



Christmas Concert Rehearsals

Reminder – these will begin at Holy Family church this Sunday, 3 September, 4pm-6pm.



Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Albie Lucas Heron

11am: Deliah Rachael Shaw

Leo Anthony Shaw
Cohen John Williams
Joshua Joseph Byrne

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.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Many thanks to those who have come forward, we really appreciate it. 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,
Tuesday's from 9.30am.

Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691
for St Mark's, next session is
Wednesday, 6 September, 9am.

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.

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!

SVP District Council Meeting

This will take place on Thursday, 7 September, 7.30pm in St Mark's annexe.

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.

M-PACT

M-PACT is a programme that helps parents and children, aged 8-17, talk more openly and safely about the effects of gambling-related harms on the whole family and gives them new tools to move forward positively. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more info.

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)

**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.

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.



**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.

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



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.

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, 27 August 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£184.35
GASDS Loose	£374.80
Non Gift Aid	£ 65.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£991.38
Bonus Ball 41	£ 29.00

Second Collection

Parish Building Fund £272.60

Second Collections:

10 September, Catholic Education Service

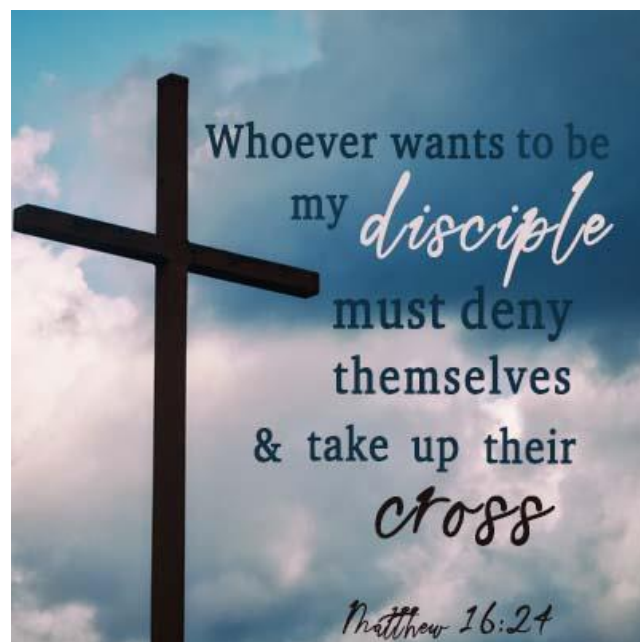
17 September, Home Mission Sunday



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday after 11am Mass.

All welcome.



Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 September – 10 September 2023

We Pray Especially For

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

Monday, 4 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 5 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

12 noon – Funeral Service, Holy Family

Elsie Hayes

Wednesday, 6 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Thursday, 7 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Alice & Danny Reardon,
Billy Nicholson, Ronnie Hannah

Friday, 8 September,

Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

12 noon – Requiem Mass, Holy Family

Rosemary Asiwe

Saturday, 9 September

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Kathleen Curtis, Fr Vin McShane

Sunday, 10 September,

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Sadie & Jimmy Devine, Joan Carr