

Newsletter

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2 October 2022

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Luke 17:5-10

Pointers for Prayer

1. Faith can move mountains ... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God were strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed, small and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love, given and received?

Prayer

God, the rock of our salvation, whose gifts can never fail, deepen the faith you have already bestowed and let its power be seen in your servants. We make our 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.

Keep In Your Prayers

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.

With You Always Programme (First Holy Communion 2022/23)

Please note when the information for the next group of candidates is available, it will be published in this newsletter and on our website.

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

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 3 October, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

Ruby Olivia Jones
Isabella Gil
Polly Mary Taylor
George Ian Plumpton
Ivy Jo Plumpton

Ladies Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5 October, 7pm in St Mark's annexe. New ladies always welcome!

New Alpha Course

This course has now started and takes place in St Mark's annexe, 7pm-9.30pm each Thursday. Contact Peter Renwick for more info on 07707 917 554.

What's it all about?

Have you wondered what to do next on your faith journey? Are you at the stage where there is a gap and you do not know where to go next? Perhaps you have been through the RCIA programme or you have been involved or are involved with one of the lay ministries and are looking for something new. Perhaps the Alpha

programme is what you have been waiting for! If you would like to attend then please ring Peter.

Alpha is an Idea

What if there was a space where people could come to talk about the questions they carry? A place to discuss issues of life, faith and God in a welcoming environment. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view; wherever they are in the world.

Alpha is a Story

Alpha began in 1977 at Holy Trinity Brompton, an Anglican Church in London, as a course for people new to the Christian faith. In 1990, Nicky Gumbel took on Alpha and shifted the focus towards people who are not part of any church. Since then churches across the globe have used Alpha in churches, schools, universities, prisons, cafes, pubs, restaurants and homes to invite their friends to explore life, faith and God together.

Alpha is a Tool

Alpha is a flexible tool that makes it easy for anyone to explore the basics of the Christian faith. It has a structure that is tried and tested to create spaces for conversation, teaching and community which are welcoming,

relaxed and low pressure for those not normally in church. It is made up of 13 sessions usually covered over 9 weeks including a weekend or day away. The sessions include social time centred around food, a short talk introducing an aspect of the Christian faith and a time of open discussion and questions together.

SVP Trip to St Winifred's Well and Pantasaph, Tuesday, 11 October

The list will close on Sunday, 2 October.

Mass with Young Adults (16-25)
Sunday, 9 October, 6pm at Hope Chapel, Hope University. Young adults are welcome to a Mass to be celebrated at Hope University, this is an opportunity to gather together with each other, to make new friends and celebrate our faith. Afterwards there will be food and social time in the University Chaplaincy. Come along and meet one another.

Welcoming Ministry

Father Matthew would like to invite all those who are part of our Welcoming Ministry or would like to be, to a session on welcoming on Thursday, 20 October after 6.30pm Mass in St Mark's church.

Community Connectors

Community Connectors is a pilot scheme, this is run by Liverpool City Council, connecting people in the local area with services that best meet their needs, predominantly dealing with loneliness, falls and deprivation. This is a strength based approach to help residents remain as resilient, independent and active as possible. Jacky Taylor and Lee Bennett have been assigned the South Liverpool area and are trying to establish links within the community and are hoping to be kept up to date with any upcoming events or activities that they can share with the residents they come into contact with. They offer signposting and support for local residents to make connecting within their community easier. If you take part in an activity or know of one they may find useful, please email Jacky directly on jacqueline.taylor@liverpool.gov.uk

Pause for Hope Service,

Metropolitan Cathedral,

Sunday, 2 October, 3pm - 4pm

Please join us for our annual ecumenical service for those affected by cancer. This service aims to bring hope and consolation to all and will include prayers, hymns, music and reflections. Led by Bishop Tom Williams, Canon Crispin Pailing,

Major David Taylor, Speaker: Maria Breslin, Editor of The Liverpool Echo
Music by: SingMeMerseyside Choir.

All are welcome, no tickets are required.

Irenaeus Centre

The Irenaeus Centre is open for drop in and a chat 10am-4pm, Monday-Thursday, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

‘Songs We Remember’ - a sing-a-long with all those old songs we used to sing, followed by a cuppa and a chat on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Agape Mass - first Thursday of every month 7pm at the Irenaeus Centre.

Film Night: Belfast - discuss the challenges of the film Belfast on 11 October, hot pot supper available at 6pm.

For further information and to book a place contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or telephone 0151 949 1199.

Flame

Join us on Saturday, 4 March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, the Flame

Congress. The theme of Flame 2023, which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon, takes the WYD Scripture “Mary arose and went with haste” and crystallises it into the theme, “Rise Up!” For more details <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>

Knights of St Columba Annual Sponsored Walk

The Knights of St Columba will be undertaking their Annual Sponsored Walk on Sunday, 2 October. Starting at 2pm from the Royal Albert Dock gates (opposite the Hilton Hotel), we will be walking along the riverside to finish at St Charles church on Aigburth Road where refreshments will be provided for all of our walkers. This year's walk is in aid of Asylum Link Merseyside, which is based at St Annes Centre, Overbury Street and does so much great work in the community. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. If you would like to sponsor us, sponsorship envelopes will be available shortly and collected the week after the walk. Bank details are shown on the envelopes if you wish to donate online or by cheque.

It is important to say that we, The Knights, are acutely aware of the financial challenges currently facing so many families and appreciate that

not everyone might be in a position to donate at this time. Whatever your situation, we will keep you in our prayers. Many thanks on behalf of the Knights of St Columba Council 9.

Mass in Spanish

At St Vincent's Church, James Street, Liverpool, L1 5JN, 4pm. Refreshments available after Mass. All welcome. The dates for the rest of this year are October 9, November 13 then December 11.

Lourdes 2023

2023 will see the 100th anniversary of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The archdiocese hopes to take one of the largest groups of pilgrims they have ever taken and it would be great to have a large youth pilgrimage contingent as well. Young people should apply through www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk The deposit will be £40.

Prisoners' Sunday

The national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families is Sunday, 9 October. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts to the needs of prisoners and their families, all who work in and are affected by the criminal justice system. If you are able to make a donation there are envelopes at the

back of church which can be popped into the usual collection.

Bereavement Drop In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18 October at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

RCIA Meetings

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

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.

Next Cleaning Session at St Mark's
Wednesday, 5 October, 9am.

Book Launch

History of St Patrick's Church

On Sunday, 2 October, Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's church, Toxteth at 4pm to remember over 7,000 people who have been buried at the Church since

1827. Following the Mass, historian Michael O'Neill will launch his new book which focusses on the history of the church. All welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day World Food Crisis Appeal

This takes place on Friday, 7 October. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday. Envelopes available at the back of church.

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	£290.20
GASDS Loose	£293.80

Non Gift Aid	£ 58.00
Standing Orders	£384.77
Total	£1026.77
Bonus Ball 09	£ 58.00

Second Collections:

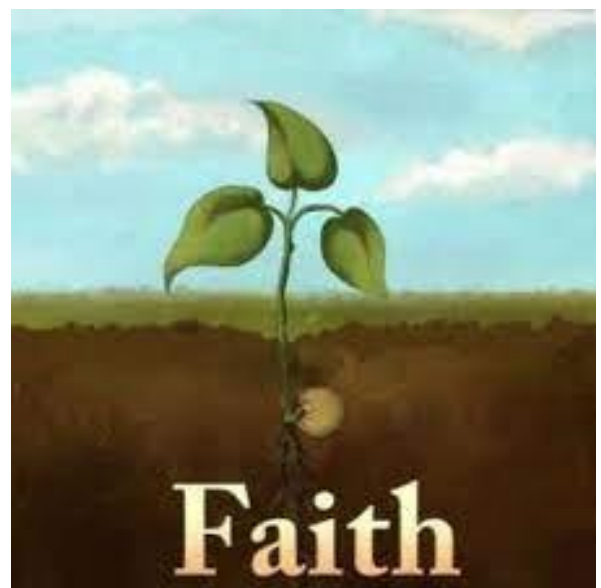
2 October, CAFOD

16 October, SVP

23 October, World Missions

Mass Counts

Could those who kindly count the number of parishioners attending all our weekend Masses, ensure the office receive the numbers for the weekends of 18 and 25 September and 2 and 9 October please. These dates in particular are required for the Pastoral Statistics the office gathers each year.



Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 October – 9 October 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 1 October

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Tricia Rigby

Sunday, 2 October,

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

People of the Parish
Margaret Ray

Monday, 3 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family

Tuesday, 4 October, Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

Wednesday, 5 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's

Thursday, 6 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time,

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Kerry O'Neill, Vera Farrell

Friday, 7 October, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Margaret Twigg,
Alan Hanson

Saturday, 8 October

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ronnie & Kevin Griffiths,
Ellie Davies

Sunday, 9 October,

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11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

McGrail Family,
Paula Thomas
People of the Parish