

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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Matthew 21:33-43

Pointers for Prayer:

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves "are we good tenants?" Recall times when you have been a good tenant and reached out caringly for those around you.

4. "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see". Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

Prayer

Yours, O God, is the vineyard and its harvest, yours the kingdom of justice and peace. You call your people to tend its growth. Bless the work entrusted to our hands, that we may offer you an abundance of just works, a rich harvest of peace. 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.

Keep In Your Prayers

Marie Jones RIP, Sheila Fairclough RIP, John & Enid Allerston, Clare Williams, Brian Rigby, Eileen Prescott, Kay Thomas, Katie Whitehead, Kathy Murphy-Malpas, 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, Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 November, 10am-12noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA.

Tuesday, 7 November, 7pm-9pm at St Anne's s Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk.

Wednesday, 8 November, 7pm-9pm at St Julie's, Eccleston, St Helens.

For further information, please contact Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk)



Forthcoming Marriage

Next weekend, Philip Riphagen and Samantha Gilson will be married at 1pm in Holy Family church. Please keep Philip and Samantha in your prayers as they prepare for this day.

Baptismal Information

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

Rite of Welcome:

5.15pm:

Mable Rosabella Williams
Roman Michael O'Malley
Rosie Hayley O'Malley

Anya Rose Gornell
Phoebe Grace Gornell

11am:
Niamh Noelle Reilly-Reed
Ella Grace Murphy
Oliver David Murphy
Harriet Billie Sanderson

Baptisms:
Joshua Joseph Byrne
Edward James Burke
Leo Vincent Murray
Lilly Murray

SVP Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11 October at 7pm in Holy Family meeting room.

October Month of the Rosary

At the heart of every mystery of the Rosary is Jesus. As we pray, we walk through His entire life. We begin with His conception and early years, travel through His public ministry, watch with horror the brutal end of His life and end in awe at the heavenly events that followed His death. If you already pray it frequently, can you commit to praying it every day? If you don't pray it very often, if at all, can you commit to praying it once or twice a week? FREE Praying the Rosary Guides available at the Piety Stall.

University Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Liverpool, LIPA and John Moores University exists to support members of the university

communities - both students and staff - on their journey of faith. It is based at St Philip Neri Church, L8. There are regular weekly Masses and events during term time. Please see their website www.cathchap.org.uk or contact the chaplain (Fr Neil Ritchie) on 07927 346 219. A group for staff and doctoral students meets fortnightly for prayer, discussion and sharing. Please contact Dr Antal Berkes on 07515 821 079 for further details.

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more info contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Young Adults

Every Friday at 6pm there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There is a short time of sharing the Sunday readings followed by snacks and social time and ending with night prayer. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. The group is held at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. If you want more info please contact

James: djmoroney@cantab.net or
07394 503 911.



Autumn Fundraising Afternoon Tea

The Ladies Group have organised the above which will take place in St Mark's Parish Centre on Friday, 27 October, 2pm-4.30pm, pay on the door, £3 adults/£1.50 children. Please save the date and support this event if you are able.

RCIA 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.

Do you know anyone who wants to become a Catholic? Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along. The programme for 2023/24 will commence at 6pm on Tuesday, 17 October in St Mark's annexe. All enquiries to Deacon Peter on 07707 917 554.

Gospel Power

Pope Francis says, "It is so important to be familiar with the Gospel, to always have it at hand: to read and reread - to be passionate about it".

Gospel Power - an invaluable little book with new insights and depth of meaning to enrich our reading of

God's word in the daily Gospel throughout the liturgical year.

Features:

Scripture references for daily Mass
Response to the Psalm
The daily Gospel and the two
Scripture readings for Sunday Masses
Excellent, short reflection on the
Gospel reading for the day
A prayer to Jesus

A copy costs £6.99. If you are interested in purchasing a copy then please contact the Parish Office. If we receive enough requests for a bulk order then a discount will be applied.

Lecture & Seminar Series

The Vatican II Constitutions Lecture & Seminar. Series preparing for the Year in Prayer will be starting in October. The dates and speakers are as follows:

Wednesday, 25 October: Reimund Bieringer (Dei Verbum).

Wednesday 6 December: Paul McPartlan (Lumen Gentium).

Wednesday, 17 January: Peter McGrail (Sacrosanctum Concilium).

Wednesday, 28 February: Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes).

The seminars will take place at Liverpool Hope University between 3pm-4.30pm and after a break for refreshments, the lectures will be from

5.30pm-7pm. If you can't make it, you can also view the lecture online. Please register your interest with Elizabeth Parsons email: e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

Could you be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting two information evenings for men who may feel called to the diaconate. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7pm and finish by 9pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome.

- Thursday, 26 October, St Margaret Mary's Presbytery, Pilch Lane, L14 0JG.
- Thursday, 23 November 7.30pm-9pm in St Bede's Guild Hall, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL.

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend either of these evenings, please email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@racol.org.uk, or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Now Hiring - Maintenance

Assistant at Liverpool Cathedral

Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm. To apply, please visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

LGBT+ Catholics

The next gathering for LGBT+ Catholics will be on Sunday, 8

October at St Bede's church in Appleton Village, Widnes. Mass will begin at 2pm and all are welcome.

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

Women of Woolton WI Craft Show

Saturday, 14 October, 11am-4pm, St Mary's Hall, free admission. Tea and coffee, jams and chutney, cards and crafts for sale. Displays of crafted items and demonstrations of various crafts on the hour, every hour. All profits going to charity.

What is the Irenaeus Project

The Irenaeus Project (in Crosby) exists to help people to grow in their spiritual life and to come to see God at work in their lives. Volunteers are always needed. What they offer - group retreats, days of prayer, renewal and reflection, scripture retreats, spiritual direction, dementia friendly drop-in sessions, Irenaeus food cupboard, Eucharistic Minister training, women's retreats.

Every Thursday, 2pm-4pm – Art and Meditation. No experience required. Saturday, 11 November, Talk by Marie Beirne, The Power of the Spirit, suggested donation £10.

Contact Jenny for more details on 949 1199.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 or above will open on 15 January and end on 15 March 2024. More details on how to register will be available nearer the time.

Ringling in Religious Harmony

The Liverpool Universities Society of Change Ringers which is known by the abbreviation LUSCR (pronounced “lusker”) are a group of students who have an interest in church-bell ringing.

Their practices during term time, are every Friday 6pm-7pm and they contribute to the Sunday atmosphere at St Francis Xavier Church in Everton by ringing the bells between 10-10.15am. The group welcomes all students in higher education in Liverpool and Chester and students interested should email LUSCR at master@luscr.org.uk. Anyone else interested can approach the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers by emailing lacr.liverpool@gmail.com

Church Cleaning Days

Contact Julia Clark on 07925 368 140 for Holy Family, Tuesdays from 9.30am.

Contact Ann Farrell on 07855 981 691 for St Mark’s, next session is Saturday, 14 October, 8.30am.

Plaza Cinema, Waterloo Thursday Afternoon Club

Over 50s welcome for games, refreshments and watch a film! Doors open at 1pm, ends about 4pm, just £5.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in our preparation programme for First Communion. You can join at any time and there is no time limit so families can work at their own pace. For more information or a registration form please speak to one of the volunteers (catechists) before or after Mass. **Please note: your child will need to have been baptised before you can join the First Communion programme.**

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. Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order (ring the office) or Gift Aid it.

Collection for Sunday, 1 October 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£216.00
GASDS Loose	£325.95
Non Gift Aid	£ 28.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£937.18
Bonus Ball 46	£ 58.00

Second Collections:
15 October, SVP
22 October, APF World Missions

REFRESHMENTS

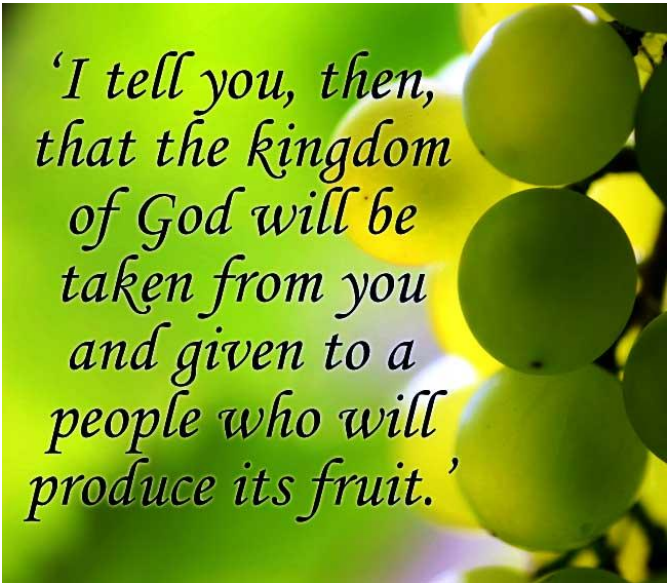
St Mark's annexe - every Sunday
after 9.15am Mass.

Holy Family church – every Sunday
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.

Thank You

Just a thank you to the kind parishioner who donated funds so we could replace the missing felt tips for Little Church sessions. Thank you, much appreciated.



Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

7 October – 15 October 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 7 October

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ann Fairgrieve, Jimmy Cody,
Celia & Patrick Casey

Sunday, 8 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
Martin Ince, William Travers,
Margaret Kennerley

Monday, 9 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

Tuesday, 10 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Alex Irving, Mark Whalley

Wednesday, 11 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Thursday, 12 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Aunty Pauline, Gerrard Tyrell,
Mrs Hayes

Friday, 13 October, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, St Mark's

David & Mary Linford,
Jess, Nick & Valerie Ryan

Saturday, 14 October

1pm – Marriage, Holy Family

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

**Philip Riphagen &
Samantha Gilson**

Johanah Monaghan,
Damon & Gill,
Ronnie & Kevin Griffiths

Sunday, 15 October

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Brian Kelly, Liz Morris,
Marie Hines
People of the Parish

