

Newsletter

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Sunday, 26 September 2021 **Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognised the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Many Hands Make Light Work

We invite you all to take just a moment to reflect on the tremendous value there is in living lives of service for the Lord in ministry. As we continue to open up our parish and return to and expand the opportunities for us to come together, many of our ministries are gearing up to be stronger than ever before as they seek to be a blessing to both our church and community.

Time is one of those things we all have on our hands. We might feel like we have little time or a lot of time, but the reality of it is that we all have the same amount of time to deal with. It's up to us however, how we spend that time!

We are always in a position within the church of having a need for more people to minister to others whether it be a present ministry we have, or a ministry that is yet to begin. Our desire is that each and every parishioner finds a place to serve and be a blessing to others. As we continue to build a team to lead our congregation into worship, we prayerfully ask you to consider stepping forward.

We are so thankful to those who currently give so freely of their time. We urgently need to build a team of faithful volunteers to serve in all ministries. If you volunteered prior to the pandemic, please consider returning. The following areas are

particularly short-handed: Children's Liturgy, all weekend Masses but 11am at Holy Family in particular and our With You Always programme team.

WYA – What's Involved? We are seeking volunteers to support our With You Always Programme (preparation programme for children to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion). Dates are yet to be agreed, however we are likely to have 1-2 sessions a month which take place in the evening and occasionally weekends. You don't need to be available for all sessions, you can dip in and out, helping when you are available. If you can spare some time and would like to get involved, please email Jayne Cross, WYA Coordinator at jayne.wya@gmail.com

Please contact the office or approach a current volunteer for a no obligation chat.

Need a lift to and from Mass?

Please contact the office and we can put you in touch with someone who might be able to help. Please note, you must be able to get in and out of a vehicle without support. Due to safeguarding and health and safety regulations, lifts to Mass are just that and volunteers are unable to offer support with mobility. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Road Closure/Diversion

Knowsley Highways Department have been in touch with the Parish Office advising us of forthcoming disruption. Leathers Lane is to have some repairs undertaken over the coming weeks so traffic diversions will be in place at some point. They will try and inform us of exact dates which we will publish here.

Diaconate Mass

This will take place in St Mark's Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 28 September. All welcome followed by refreshments in the Parish Club.

Parish Council

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

Youth Group

Meeting for current members only on Wednesday, 29 September at 7.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Bereavement Drop In Session

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

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 5 October, 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Keep In Your Prayers



Peter Bebbington, RIP
Margaret Jenkins, RIP

Eternal rest, give unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Dave, poorly

Also, our sick and housebound and all
those whose anniversaries occur at
this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting on 4 October, 6.00pm 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.

*Hallie-Rae Cartledge
Lucas Arthur Cartledge
Lucas Ian Wainwright
Theo David Peckham
Lucas Anthony Peckham*

With You Always Programme

During the months of October and November we will have 62 children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Each week we will print the names of the children who will be celebrating this so please do keep them and their families in your prayers.

2 October, Holy Family

Chloe Muddiman

3 October, St Mark's

Eva Nolan

Sophie Hodgson

Shania McDonald

Elissa McDonald

Holy Family

Olivia Regan

Rose Strong

Mollie Claro-King

Isabella Foster Tremarco

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

It's Back, Lourdes 2022

Be part of the Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As part of the St Bernadette Team, a group of over 18s offering service and care to our assisted pilgrims. Friday, 22 July – Friday, 29 July 2022, cost £600, deposit £50, apply online from 4 October at animateyouth.org. If events mean we cannot run the pilgrimage we will offer a refund.

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.

Sister Bernadette

Some of you may have heard that Sister Bernadette broke her arm recently. She was pleased to receive so many good wishes from our parishioners and is keeping you all in her prayers.

Fr Des Power

The family of Fr Des who died last October have organised a celebratory Mass for him on Saturday, 9 October at 1.00pm in Christ the King Church. All welcome.

Employment Opportunities within Archdiocese of Liverpool

St Wilfrid's Parish require an Office Manager, check Archdiocesan website for details.

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To register please email sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

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	£329.95
GASDS Loose	£209.40
GASDS Envelopes	£ 85.00
Second Collection (Home Missions)	£186.70
Total Offertory	£811.05

Second Collection

This weekend none. 3 October, CAFOD.

St Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti- special works conference within our SVP, is appealing to all parishioners for help. St Maria Goretti currently has just 3 members, 2 females and 1 male, as we set out and continue to respond to those in need in the wider community. We specifically support the homeless and also refugee women and children only, through our strong links with NUGENT and RWC-Refugee Women Connect (formerly MRANG).

We are appealing for new members, particularly female volunteers/drivers who can become actively involved to assist those suffering all forms of hardship be it through illness, unemployment, relationship breakdown, fleeing violence, war or human trafficking.

There are many people and refugee families here in our city who feel

traumatised, isolated, frightened, anxious and are struggling with financial hardship, a shortage of food and may not speak English as their first language.

Can you join our small special works conference and work with us, NUGENT and RWC to help in committing time regularly to visit vulnerable persons or to attend regular organised drop in sessions around the city?

If the answer is YES it will make a huge difference to the support we can give. Please contact either myself for a chat or send me an email or call the parish office with your details. If you know of another who may be interested in supporting our special works conference then please share this appeal with them. Thank you and God bless, Cathy Bradley, 07534 780 731, email chattymc6@gmail.com

What's Going on at St Columba's?

Coffee Pot takes place at St Columba's every Wednesday between 10.00am and 12noon. All are welcome to enjoy a cuppa with some toast/teacake and have a chat about what's going on in the local community and in particular at St Columba's such as the South Liverpool Zero Waste Community Group. They distribute surplus food from supermarkets to local people and will be using St Columba's Church on

Hillfoot Avenue, Hunts Cross, L25 0NR every Friday from 10am to 1pm. This vital service stops good food going to landfill.

Also why not join St Columba's for a Holiday@Home. This is for anyone unable to have a holiday but would like to enjoy a "virtual" balloon safari trip across 4 countries in East Africa and an actual visit to Knowsley Safari Park!

This year Holiday@Home is happening from 27 September to 1 October. Each day starts with tea and toast at 10.30am followed by crafts and games, lunch and finishes at 3.30pm. Participants can come for 1 day or take part in the whole week. The cost is £6 per day. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Campbell on 07505 425 487. Margaret says "there is so much fun and laughter, it is one of my most enjoyable weeks."

News from CAFOD

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the

climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. CAFOD are also looking for volunteers, if this could be you please contact Collette on 07779 804 242 or email cbyrne@cafod.org.uk

Season of Creation CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day

As we enter the last week of the Season of Creation, we are invited to give thanks to God for the gift of creation and the fruits of the earth which sustain us. Many churches and schools do this through Harvest Festivals – bringing the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands and sharing these offerings with those in need.

In the UK, for the last sixty years, the Catholic Church has marked harvest time by observing CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day on the first Friday in October. So, this coming Friday, 1 October, we are invited to give thanks by going without a meal or some form of amusement and giving what we save in this way to CAFOD. CAFOD uses our offerings to help those across the world who don't have access to the fruits of the earth because of extreme poverty, food shortages, conflicts and natural disasters.

You can find out more about this Friday's Fast Day at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

website for more info on how to take part.

Prayer for CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day

Walk beside us, Lord,
in the cool of the day,
in the garden you have created
as our common home.

Walk beside us, Lord,
as the cries of the forest
pierce the dawn,
and flames rip through
our common home.

Grant us courage, Lord,
as we walk beside all those
who struggle to protect
our common home.

Grant us hope, Lord,
and the vision to walk dark paths
in the light of a single sunbeam.

Grant us grace, Lord,
to put the flourishing of all people
and the wonder of your creation
at the heart of all we do,
as we strive to be guardians
of our common home.

St Francis, pray for us.

Walk of Witness For Climate Change

This is taking place on Friday, 8 and
Saturday, 9 October. Check our

Masses in our Pastoral Area

Mass times can and do change to
allow for funerals so please always
check before you travel.

Tuesday's & Friday's , St Ambrose,
Mass, 9.15am
425 2289

Wednesday's, OLA,
Mass, 9.30am,
487 9372

Friday's, Christ the King,
Mass, 12.00 noon
722 2231

St Mary's, 428 2256
Bishop Eton, 737 4110

Parish Website

Our website is updated regularly and
should be your first port of call for the
very latest parish information. The
website enables us to share with you
more details of events within our
parish, the wider community and
Archdiocese. Please visit us at
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Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

25 September - 3 October 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 25 September	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish
Sunday, 26 September, Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.00am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Ron Woolvine Alan Hampson
Monday, 27 September, Memorial of St Vincent de Paul	
6.00pm-7.00pm Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 28 September, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9.00am-9.45am – Morning Prayer Online Zoom 7.30pm – Diaconate Mass, St Mark's Church	
Wednesday, 29 September, Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	
10.00am-11.00am Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 30 September, Memorial of St Jerome	
6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Francis Cannon
Friday, 1 October, Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus	
Saturday, 2 October	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Margaret Barrett
Sunday, 3 October, Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.00am – Mass, Holy Family Church 12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church	Brian Kelly People of the Parish