

# Newsletter

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**25 September 2022**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, p143**

### **Luke 16:19-31**

#### **Pointers for Prayer**

1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself ?
2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus, the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found sacraments of God's presence in the world around you?

#### **Prayer**

O God of justice, hear our cry and save us. Make us heed your word to the prophets; rouse us to the demand of the gospel and impel us to carry it out. 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.

## **Peter Renwick Update**

This week, Archbishop Malcolm initiated Peter, Michael Hall, Francis Cavaghan and Justin Malewezi into the institution of acolytes. Congratulations to all.



## **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.

## **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.

## **Forthcoming Baptisms**

Annie Smith  
Stevie Alana Court  
Theo Williams

Sonny William Higgins  
Ru Alexander Higgins

## **SVP Day Retreat**

### **Last Few Seats Remaining**

St Winifred's Well and Pantasaph, Tuesday, 11 October. List will close on Sunday, 2 October. 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 please speak to a member of the SVP.

## **St Mary's, Woolton**

### **Dementia Information Session: Raising Awareness**

This postponed event will now take place on Monday, 26 September. 7pm-8.15pm (tea and coffee from 6.30pm) in the parish hall. We are delighted to welcome Jill Pendleton, Lead Dementia Specialist for NHS MerseyCare Trust as our guest speaker. We will also have presentations from Serena Jones Specialist Nurse with expertise in dementia and Mary Monkhouse Dementia Friends Ambassador. The event is open to everyone, but especially those living with dementia and their carers. Please come along and join us for the evening.

## **LGBTQ+ Mass**

### **Sunday, 25 September**

Mass will be at 2pm at All Saints, Anfield with Archbishop Malcolm followed by a social gathering.

**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.

**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.

**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**  
Fr Sergio Haro will start to celebrate Mass once a month at St Vincent's Church, James Street, Liverpool, L1 5JN in Spanish at 4 pm. 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk)

The deposit will be £40.

## **Mission in the Economy (MitE)**

We are looking for a new Executive Director to lead our Charity into a new period of growth. MitE is an Ecumenical charitable company which works alongside local businesses, churches of all denominations, town & city councils and more to provide chaplaincy services and work & wellbeing resources to business, public and voluntary communities around the North West. We also provide Chaplains to Liverpool Airport, Merseyside Police, YMCA and other institutions.

MitE currently has three core outputs:

1. The provision of volunteer chaplaincy in locations throughout Merseyside.
2. The provision of fully-funded paid chaplaincy to organisations in Merseyside.
3. The development and delivery of chaplaincy training programmes.

Applicants will be required to manage and develop the activities of MitE across the Merseyside Region, identifying goals and objectives for MitE in close partnership with the Trustees. The Executive Director will fulfil all the usual responsibilities for the head of a small charity, full details in the application pack.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 30 September. Interviews 14 October. Informal conversations concerning this post will be welcome.

For an application pack contact:

Jean Wynne, Liverpool Parish Church, Old Churchyard, Liverpool, L2 8TZ, e. [jeanwynne@livpc.co.uk](mailto:jeanwynne@livpc.co.uk), 0151 236 5287.

For an informal conversation about the post contact: the Revd Canon Dr Crispin Pailing (Chair of Trustees), e. [rector@livpc.co.uk](mailto:rector@livpc.co.uk), t. 0151 236 5287.

## **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.

## **Chronic Pain Support Group**

The group meet between 2pm-4pm every last Friday of the month in St Mark's annexe to offer each other support, advice, tips and friendship all over a cuppa. Contact Ann Noons for further details on 07948 606 888. All in need 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.

## **Job Opportunities**

The Metropolitan Cathedral has an exciting new opportunity to join their security team. The successful candidate will play a key role in providing an effective security

presence within the Cathedral building, the Crypt and the Cathedral grounds. For more information visit: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs).

Animate is the youth ministry team for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, working with over 10,000 young people a year. The Retreat Co-ordinator will support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese; as well as helping to lead the Gap Year Team. More information on the work of Animate can be found at [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org) Closing date 10 October.

For full job description and application packs please visit <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

## **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](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday). Envelopes will be available at the back of church shortly.

### **A Snapshot of What Goes On in some of our Parish Centres**

St Cyril's, Belle Vale - Hosts a monthly happy memories event which was recently featured in the Liverpool Echo. It is a great opportunity to meet and socialise in warm cosy surroundings. You can enjoy singing, dancing and bingo with refreshments. The next event is on 6 October, due to the overwhelming success, people wanting to go need to contact the parish centre manager Donna McKevitt on 07377 341 979 to secure their place.

Holy Name, Fazakerley - Hosts community bingo with refreshments on Monday 1.30-3pm with free cake, Wednesday 1pm-3 pm, Thursday 8-10pm. Please contact the parish centre manager Debbie Mc McCreadie on 07377 341 970 for more info.

Sacred Heart Parish Centre Kirkby - Hosts an Adult Special Needs Disco every Monday 6.30-10pm and

Thursday 6.30-9pm. All are welcome and many come from all areas of Liverpool, the entrance fee is £1, it is a fun night for everyone. Any enquiries can be directed to the Parish Centre Manager Margaret McCormick on 07377 341 981.

St. Judes Parish Centre, Wigan - Hosts dancefloor madness - a popular inclusive monthly dance session attended by approximately 30 young people and their carers. The sessions are operated by Folson Care Ltd who make a small charge of £2 for dancers, with free admission for their carers. You can find out more about St. Judes Parish Centre on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StJudesSocial>

### **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	£371.00
GASDS Loose	£334.55
Non Gift Aid	£ 75.00
Standing Orders	£384.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1165.32</b>
Bonus Ball 24	£ 58.00

### **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.

### **And Finally Some Newsletter Bloopers ... not from ours!**

1. Father Colin Belch, a missionary from Brazil, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Father Belch all the way from Brazil.
2. Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.
3. Don't let worry kill you off – Let the Church help!
4. Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
5. The Priest is on holiday next week. Any massages can be given to the Church administrator.
6. Hot Pot Supper on Friday – Followed by prayer and medication.
7. This being Easter Sunday, we will all ask Mrs Cartwright to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
8. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday night – Music will follow.
9. Announcement! The cost for the Prayer and Fasting Conference includes a 3 course meal.
10. Ladies – don't forget next week's jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands!

## Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

24 September – 2 October 2022

We Pray Especially For

**Saturday, 24 September,**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Tom Ventre

**Sunday, 25 September,**

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family

Frank Cannon  
People of the Parish

**Monday, 26 September,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

**Tuesday, 27 September,** Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

9am – Service of the Word, Holy Family

**Wednesday, 28 September,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

**Thursday, 29 September,**

Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's

Mary Johnson,  
Tony Crompton

**Friday, 30 September,** Memorial of St Jerome

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

**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