

# Newsletter

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**1 October 2023**

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### **Matthew 21:28-32**

#### **Pointers for Prayer:**

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian and yet feel there is something missing. It makes such a difference when your heart is in what you are doing, so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?
2. The desire of Jesus is for us to grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way?
3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

#### **Prayer**

O God, you alone judge rightly and search the depths of the heart. Make us swift to do your will and slow to judge our neighbour, that we may walk with those who follow the way of repentance and faith and so enter your heavenly kingdom. Grant 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**

Sheila Fairclough RIP, Christopher Kelly RIP, Margaret Kennerley RIP, Frank Henesy RIP, 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)

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 2 October then Monday, 6 November, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

*Baptisms: none.*

## **Rosary for**

### **Margaret Kennerley RIP**

This will take place at 7pm on Monday, 2 October. Please contact Margaret Campbell for further details on 07505 425 487.

## **SVP Meeting**

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

## **Ladies Group**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 October, 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!



### **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.



### **Forthcoming Marriage**

Philip Riphagen and Samantha Gilson will be married on Saturday, 14 October, 1pm in Holy Family church. Please keep Philip and Samantha in your prayers as they prepare for this day.

### **Thank You**

Fundraising update - Jenny Leftley's recent breast cancer fund raiser has now raised £202!

## **Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Isle of Man, Granted Cathedral Status**

Pope Francis has granted cathedral status to the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle based in Douglas in the Isle of Man. The announcement comes following Douglas being awarded city status as part of the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The Church will be a co-cathedral for the Archdiocese of Liverpool alongside the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, based 80 miles away in Liverpool city centre and will be the first Catholic co-cathedral in the British Isles.

Co-cathedrals are rare in the Catholic Church, but exist when two dioceses, each with its own cathedral, are merged or when a single diocese spans two distinct civil jurisdictions. The Irish Sea separates the two cathedrals in the archdiocese. Monsignor John Devine, parish priest of St Mary of the Isle, said of the announcement: "I am delighted that St Mary of the Isle has been granted cathedral status, it is wonderful news for Catholics across the island."

### **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](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk)

### **CAFOD – Family Fast Day Appeal Harvest Collection at Masses**

If you are able, please donate to CAFOD so that more families can receive the expert help they need. Give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or use the envelopes at the back of church and return in next week's collection. Your gift will mean that families get help from doctors and other local experts when they need it most. With extreme disasters like flooding happening even more, your donation means more than ever before, thank you. Envelopes at back of church, please return in to next week's collection.

### **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.

### **The Priests Live in Concert Thursday, 12 October**

The popular trio return to Liverpool to celebrate the centenary year of the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage and the work of the friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral. For tickets ring 07860 129 589.

### **What is the Irenaeus Project**

The Irenaeus Project exists to help people to grow in their spiritual life and to come to see God at work in their lives. Their retreat centre is based in Crosby and is located in a Church which has recently closed but has been redeveloped so that it will benefit everyone from the local community to people from across the UK. 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, 7 October, Talk by Gerry O'Shaughnesey on The Power of God's Love £10.

Contact Jenny for more details on 949 1199.

### **Lourdes 2024 Youth Pilgrimage**

Be part of something special, be part of the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage! It is for ages 15 (or in Year 10) to 22. Deposit paid at time of application (£100). Contact 01744 740 461 or [admin@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:admin@animateyouth.co.uk) for more information. Application forms for 2024 will be online from 2 October at: [www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk)

### **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.

## **PACT**

### **8 October is Prisoner Sunday**

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust): This is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families, it is a wonderful opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts to prisoners, their families and all who work in and are affected by the

criminal justice system. Pact is rooted in Catholic social teaching. It brings hope to men and women who experience isolation. It serves their families, especially children who experience prolonged separation from loved ones. To find out more or volunteer go to [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.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](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or 07394 503 911.



### **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](mailto:master@luscr.org.uk). Anyone else interested can approach the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers by emailing [lacliverpool@gmail.com](mailto:lacliverpool@gmail.com)

### **Journey into Prayer**

An opportunity to explore different ways of praying. January-July 2024 at The Cenacle Convent, Tithebarn Grove, L15 6TW, cost £160 pp, can be paid session by session. Ring 722 2271 for more info.

### **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 Wednesday, 4 October, 9am.

### **St Mark's Parish Centre**

Bingo every Thursday, eyes down at 8pm, books on sale from 7pm.

### **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**

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. Please note Baptism Certificates are required to be produced.**

### **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, 24 September 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£400.00
GASDS Loose	£397.05
Non Gift Aid	£ 73.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1237.28</b>
Bonus Ball 28	£ 58.00

Second Collections:

1 October, CAFOD  
15 October, SVP

### **REFRESHMENTS**



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

Holy Family church – every Sunday  
after 11am Mass.

All welcome.

### **Lost, Found, Missing**

Two tubs of felt tip pens are “missing” from the Little Church shelving area in St Mark's annexe. If they could be returned immediately that would be helpful.

Spotted – SJV Heroes, check website for photo!

A white jacket was found in church recently, if it's yours then please pop along to the parish office!



## Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**30 September – 8 October 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 30 September**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Mr M Moore, Fr Vin McShane

**Sunday, 1 October,**

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

Maria Nolan, John Carden,  
Joan Carr  
People of the Parish

11am – Mass, Holy Family

**Monday, 2 October,** Memorial of The Guardian Angels

6pm-7pm - Exposition, Holy Family

**Tuesday, 3 October,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Special Intention,  
Jennifer Williams, James Sapfine  
**Margaret Kennerley**

**11.30am – Requiem Mass, St Mark's**

**Wednesday, 4 October,**

Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

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

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

**Thursday, 5 October,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Mrs E Gardiner, Dennis Morgan,  
Peter Renwick

**Friday, 6 October,** Weekday in Ordinary Time

9am – Service of the Word, St Mark's

Kerry O'Neill, Debbie Hughes,  
Alma Fagan  
**Frank Henesy**

**12.15pm – Requiem Mass, Holy Family**

**Saturday, 7 October**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Ann Fairgrieve,  
Celia & Patrick Casey,  
Jimmy Cody

**Sunday, 8 October**

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish  
Martin Ince, Margaret Kennerley,  
William Travers

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family