

Newsletter

Parish of St John Vianney

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**16 January 2022
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

John 2:1-11 Pointers for prayer

1. The marriage imagery puts all the emphasis on love, an emphasis found richly in this Gospel, in St Paul and, of course, in Jesus' own teaching. Go back to significant experiences of being loved and how these have opened your own heart to receive and to give in love.
2. The wine symbolises true joy in believing - a bit of a challenge these days, but central nevertheless and even life-giving. Where do you find your springs of joy?
3. "Do whatever he tells you" is a strong invitation to conformity to Christ on the path of discipleship. What have been the important points on that path? And where am I now?

Prayer

God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee, you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ and summoned all humanity to life in him. Show to your people gathered on this day your transforming power and give us a foretaste of the wine you keep for the age to come. Amen

Keep In Your Prayers

Robert Joseph Maguire RIP, Maureen Fleming, Peter Crompton (Snr), Tony Crompton, Fr Tony Reynolds, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 7 February, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Amber Monica Townley-Taylor and Finley Grayson Henshaw.

With You Always Programme

The next With You Always Preparation sessions for families who have already registered are:

17 January (Monday Group)

22 January (Saturday Group)

Catch up session if you have missed session 1 or missed session 2:

31 January (Monday Group)

5 February (Saturday Group)

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

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. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome to come along to these meetings which take place every Tuesday, 7.30pm, St Mark's Annexe. Contact Peter for more info 07707 917 554.



This year our parish will celebrate the Golden Jubilee opening of St Mark's Church. As we look to plan an event to observe this important time in the history of our community, we would like to invite parishioners to provide

memorabilia of the actual opening occasion which they may have and are happy to share.

If you could have a little rummage and drop any items you feel may be useful for a display with the parish office we would be grateful.

Thank You

The Parish Office have received a letter of thanks from Friends of the Holy Land for your generosity in response to their Christmas Appeal.

Holy Family Floral Arrangements

Kathy Riley has carried out this important ministry for almost 20 years at Holy Family which involves purchasing flowers and displaying them within the church along with keeping water levels topped up and removing any tired stems. Kathy is now unable to continue her role and we are looking for a volunteer who could replace her asap. This is a weekly commitment and Kathy is more than happy to show you the

ropes and where everything is. Flowers are purchased by the volunteer and the office reimburses on production of the receipt. Please contact the office if you feel this is a role you could fill. Thanks Kathy for your many years of service and for keeping the floral arrangements looking so beautiful.

Memorial Lecture 2022

Sunday, 16 January, 2pm-4pm

Speaker: Dr Lorna Gold. The J&P Commission is delighted to confirm that Dr Lorna Gold will be joining us on Zoom for what promises to be a very relevant and timely talk looking at the environment in relation to Synodality for the Memorial Lecture 2022. To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84567890123>
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Journey into Silence

Journey into Silence Contemplative Prayer Retreat led by Father Chris

Thomas from the Irenaeus Project,
Saturday, 22 January at St Mary's
Parish Hall Church Road, Woolton
L25 5JF 10am – 4pm, tea & coffee
will be available, please bring own
packed lunch. For further information
please contact Ann O'Neill 0151 428
2256 or email
stmaryswoolton@rcaol.org.uk

Job Opportunities

There are currently two Parish Admin
roles available, one in Seaforth and
another in Wigan. To apply visit
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
alternatively ring 0151 522 1102 for
an application pack.

St Maria Goretti

St Maria Goretti - special works
conference within our SVP, is
appealing to all parishioners for help.
We currently have just 3 members, 2
females and 1 male. More info
available on our website or contact
Cathy Bradley, 07534 780 731, email
chattymc6@gmail.com

Bereavement Drop In

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

This will take place on Tuesday, 18
January at 2pm in St Mark's Annexe.
If you need to talk in confidence,
please come along for a chat over a
cuppa.

Religious Christmas Cards

Margaret Campbell is collecting used
religious Christmas cards. Please put
them in the box at the back of church,
thank you.

SVP Training

Tom McHale from SVP Training will
be conducting a Safeguarding Course
on Thursday, 3 February at 7.15pm
(after Thursday evening Mass) in St
Mark's Annexe for SVP members,
however, all parishioners are welcome
to attend this training. Please can you
RSVP to Terry Fitzsimmons or the
office.

Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's

All Welcome

Wednesday, 2 February, 8.30am

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.

LGBT+

Social Group in the Parish of Sts Agnes and Aidan for members of the LGBT+ community. This group gathers regularly on every third Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, L36 5SQ.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

Weeks 2 & 9 January

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 923.15
GASDS Loose	£ 581.70
GASDS Envelopes	£ 195.00
Standing Orders	£ 712.30
Total Offertory	£2412.15
Second collection	
(Parish Building Fund)	£ 143.55
Bonus Ball 32	£ 87.00

Nugent

On Saturday 5 February 2022, Nugent will be asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to be homeless. The event's venue is Strawberry Field based in Woolton where today it provides sustainable employment opportunities for young people with learning difficulties. By taking part in Sleep Out with Nugent, you will help to raise money for our New Beginnings project which aims to provide good quality temporary accommodation for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have support needs.

The funds raised will provide support packages for those who have been suffering from homelessness when transitioning into their accommodation. It will provide the basic essentials such as pots, pans and towels, items which we often take for granted. To help raise money for Nugent, you can set up a free fundraising page with Local Giving where you can keep track of your donations, have your own fundraising link and thank your supporters. Visit the link for more info

<https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/>

New Year's Resolution Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- * In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- * In local schools - where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- * Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Colette on cbyrne@cafod.org.uk / 07779 804 242.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 Joint Service in Liverpool

On Sunday, 23 January there will be a Joint Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3pm. It will be a service of Choral Vespers with the Choirs of Liverpool and Liverpool

Metropolitan Cathedrals. You are warmly invited!

“A life lived with grace”

On 2 June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join in a unique musical celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

‘Churches Together in England’ is encouraging churches, congregations and parishes throughout England to get involved. For more info visit

<https://cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/>

Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Before the pandemic our Eucharistic Ministers were able to regularly take Holy Communion to those unable to come to church for Mass. We wait to see when and how this important ministry may safely be resumed. In the meantime, we need to ensure that we

have an up-to-date list of all those in need of such support. So, if you, or someone you know of, are housebound and would appreciate the support of receiving Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office and leave details.

Sacrament of the Sick

If anyone is in need of receiving the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick please approach Fr Matthew at Mass or contact the 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.



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

15 January – 23 January 2022		We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 15 January, 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church		People of the Parish
Sunday, 16 January, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church		Marruella, Dave Bamber Mary Rice, Anne Howard
Monday, 17 January, Memorial of St Anthony 6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer, Holy Family Church		
Tuesday, 18 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Mass, Holy Family Church		Marianna, Eileen Casing
Wednesday, 19 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time 10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer, St Mark's Church		
Thursday, 20 January, Weekday in Ordinary Time 9am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church		Kathy Fox, Tom & Teresa Wakefield
Friday, 21 January, Memorial of St Agnes 9am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11.15am – Requiem Mass for Margaret Delaney at Holy Family Church		Marion Family & Friends, Joseph Allerton
Saturday, 22 January 5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church		Geraldine Poole, Peter Mackrell
Sunday, 23 January, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church		People of the Parish Jim & Catherine Wafer, Mignonne Urdhin & Family