REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

All meetings take place in the St John Vianney Meeting Room Weekly:

Monday 1.00pm-3.30pm Craft Group
Tuesday 10.00am-12.30pm Deaf Craft Group

Wednesday 7.00pm Faith, Seeking, Understanding Thursday 9.00-11.00am Baby & Toddler Group

Monthly:

1st Monday 1.00pm-3.45pm Millennium Group
Last Tuesday 6.00pm Baptismal Meeting
Last Friday 10.30am- 12.30pm Bereavement Drop-in

1st Saturday 10.00am SVP Meeting

St Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need of a helping hand or listening ear, please contact the parish SVP on our confidential Phone line 07562 694 624 or email ctksvp@gmail.com

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey

Deacons: Rev Adrian Anwyl and Rev Sean O'Donovan Sister Pat Redgrave CP and Sister Maureen McNally CP

Parish Office Administrators Robert Kidd and Brenda Williams

Office Hours: Monday 9am-3.45pm , Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm, Thursday 9am-3.45 pm

and Friday 9am-3.45pm CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY and WEEKENDS

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Parish Centre Christ the King 0151-722-3110

Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.

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First Sunday of Lent 26th February 2023 Psalter Week 1 Year A

The temptations in the desert can be considered in different ways. Some have offered that they represent the temptations of thinking that we will never want (bread), we will never suffer (the angels will rescue you), and we will control our destiny (we can gain what we desire). The remedy is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving frees us to give away our goods, trusting that God will provide for our needs. Fasting unites our suffering with the suffering of others. And prayer helps us place our destiny in God's hands

The Season of Lent

During Lent we are once more invited to ponder afresh our relationship with God. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to do some serious soul searching as this alone can lead us to inner freedom and peace. To help us in our penitential season, listed below are the planned Lenten Events.

Stations of the Cross every Thursday at 6.00pm led by our various parish groups followed by Mass at 6.45pm

2nd March Led by Alison Knight and Music Group

9th March Led by The Bereavement Care Team

16th March Led by Men of the Parish

23rd March Led by The SVP Group

30th March Fr Colin

Wednesday mornings during Lent: Mass at 7.00am

During Lent a box for Lenten Alms will be out in the church porch.

One year of war with Ukraine
To show our continued solidarity with Ukraine a Rosary for
peace and reconciliation will be held today at 6.00pm at
Our Lady's Statue on the main entrance.

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PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

	First Sunday of Lent				
	Saturday	25th	5.30pm	Joan Hurst	
	Sunday	26th	9.30am	People of the Parish	
			11.00am	Mary O'Neil Special Intention	
	Monday	27th	9.15am	Mass at OLGH School	
				Intention: Holy Souls	
			12.00pm	Requiem Mass Gerard Aston	
/)	Tuesday	28th	9.10am	Michael Watson RIP	
	Wednesday	1st	7.00am	John Judge RIP	
	Thursday	2nd	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.00-11.00am		
			6.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
			6.45pm	Thomas Dobbin RIP	
	Friday	3rd	10.30pm	Funeral Liturgy William O'Brien	
			12.00pm	Gerard Dignum RIP	

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	4th	5.30pm	Walter Crummey RIP
Sunday	5th	9.30am	Michael Fardey RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish

Masses received this week: Dr Maura Murphy RIP; Rita Crummey: thanksgiving; Sr Jesse D'Souza: Golden Anniversary; Nicola Bulley RIP

Enrolled into our Mass association this week: Mary Brough RIP; John Lee RIP; Chloe Jordan RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: The People of Ukraine

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: Trish Atherton: Special Intention

SAVE THE DATES – FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee Morning Friday 3rd March 9.30am –11.30am in the church porch.

Film Night, Monday, 27th February, 7pm, SJV meeting room, *The Two Popes*, light refreshments, free event, limited availability. Reserve your seat with the Parish Office.

Royal Court Theatre to see 'Bingo Star', 8pm, Friday, 10 March, **Only one seat** left! £15, payment due asap. Tickets can be picked up from the parish office.

A Parish Celebration for the King's Coronation

This family evening will take place in the Parish Centre on Friday, 5th May, 7pm-11pm, adult tickets are £10 and children can come along free. Your ticket includes a buffet, singer, music, quizzes, face painting with prizes for the children who bring along the best homemade crown! The Coronation gives us an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate and remember this historic event, making memories and taking photos to share in the future. Wear red, white or blue or just come as you please! Tickets are available after most weekend Masses or from the Parish Office.

Parish Walking Group

Saturday, 11 March, Red Sitting Bull, Otterspool to Pier Head, Level **The group will be walking to raise funds for CAFOD**, please join them if you can, walk as far or as little as you like, everyone is welcome!

Some folk will walk back to the Red Bull, others can catch a bus home from town! Meet 10am at the Red Sitting Bull or 9.30am at church car park if you need a lift. Contact Jacqui 07864 511 807. If you can't join us, please sponsor the walk by donating via the CAFOD envelopes or scan the QR code both of which will be available shortly.

Christ the King Parish Centre

Please come and join us for some friendly company and keep warm free tea/coffee, biscuits and Wi fi. every Tuesday 1.00–3.00pm

'Shining A Light On ...' Display

Over the next 2 weeks our CAFOD reps are highlighting CAFOD's current appeals which are Family Fast Day on Friday, 3 March and The Big Lent Walk. Please stop and look at their info, take a money box or envelope for your loose change and return it to church in the next couple of weeks. Also, the Parish Walking Group invite you to join them on Saturday, 11 March for their CAFOD Big Lent Walk along Otterspool prom. If you would like to volunteer for CAFOD and help promote their work within our parish please pass your details into the office. Has your group/team reserved a few weeks on the board yet?

Gap Year opportunity—CAFOD

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage Visit the **CAFOD** website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Come and Sing

On Saturday 25 March, the Metropolitan cathedral is hosting a come and sing event for singers of all ages and abilities.

A 'come and sing' choir is a group of individuals (or sometimes an established choir/singing group) that joins together with other likeminded people to form a special choir for a day. On this date, all of our singers will come together for the first time in the afternoon, rehearse together, and then perform in the evening!

Audience Tickets £5 from www.ticketsource.co

More details are on the poster displayed in the porch.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On *Friday, 3 March at 1.30pm in St Mark's church*, the Parish of St John Vianney is hosting the World Day of Prayer. With our fellow Christians from St Nicholas' and St Mary's Halewood, and St Hilda's and St Columba's Hunts Cross, we will be joining together for a service prepared by the ladies from Taiwan. The theme for this year's service is "I have heard your faith". After the service there will be refreshments in the Members' Lounge in St Mark's club. Please join us to make this service a memorable and prayerful occasion. Everyone is welcome! St Mark's Church, Penmann Crescent, Halewood, Liverpool, L26 OUG.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook, Pat Brumskill, Connie McCarten, Kath White, Danny Smith, Margaret O'Connor, Ann Martin, Residents of Oak Springs Care Home, John Rix, Keith Nieman, Adrian Williams, Garry Hilton, Anne King, Margaret Hopkins, Frank Barnwell, Kaleigh Bold, Moira Houghton, John Williams, Mary Joyce, Mary Dunne & Bobby Rodriguez.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Gerard Aston and William O'Brien.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

Anniversaries: John Corkhill, Paul Giles, Paul Jennings, Dennis Brookman, Joan Ryan.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church:

Quinn Anthony John Duffy and Isla-Mai Gibbons

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: £745.46, plus the Standing Orders £845.40

Total: £1,590.86

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the CTK Makeover Fund Tote the February draw has now taken place.

The winning numbers were 71 & 8

If you would like to join in with the Tote please set up a Standing Order to

CTK Makeover Fund Sort code 53-70-44

Account 8541 1434 £5 on the first of each month

SAINTS OF THE DAY

27th February St Gregory of Narek

Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. His father, an archbishop died around 1011. When his mother died Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985. Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church.

1st March St David (d.601 or 589) was a monk of the 6th century. From 12th century he has been regarded as the Patron of Wales; he is also the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culled in the Western church. It is regrettable that very few details of his life are known. What seems certain is that he was primarily a saint of Pembrokeshire (Dyfed), whence his cult spread through South Wales by dedications well before the 12th century. The oldest written evidence about him comes from Ireland in the Catalogue of Saints (c.800). On this firm basis is built later information, such as his nickname Aquaticus as the leader of reformed monks who drank neither wine nor beer but only water. He is said to have travelled Brittany and Cornwall after the plague of 547. He is also said to have founded ten monasteries, among them Menevia and Glastonbury, where the monks lived in extreme hardship, imitating the monks of Egypt in their regime of heavy manual labour and study. His cult was approved by Callistus II. David is usually depicted in episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share in the Synod of Brevi.

4th March –St Casimir 1458 –84. Casimir , prince of Poland was born at Krakow. After an early experience of war he later refused to take up arms against any Christian country. He refused to marry a daughter of Emperor Frederick III preferring a life of celibacy, devotion and austerity. He died of tuberculosis at the age of 26 and was buried at Vilna. Miracles were soon reported at his tomb and he was canonised by Leo X in 1521. In the 16th and 17th centuries his supernatural help was claimed by Lithuanians whose patron he became in conflicts against the Russians.

Millenium Group

We have adopted a new project (our 34th) called T.A.N.G.O. (Together as Neighbours Giving Out) which is based in St. Helens supporting vulnerable people many of whom have mental health issues or have suffered domestic abuse. Our £5,000 will be used to buy household goods for these people.

Dates for your diary: after each Mass Weekend 11/12th March Craft Sale & Raffle. Weekend 18/19th March Mother's Day Cake & Craft Sale & Raffle

Easter Egg Raffle

The cleaning group is holding an Easter Egg raffle after all masses this weekend. All proceeds are going towards Church upkeep.

Tickets are £1 per strip

First Holy Communion Preparation FHC Session 4 Dates

OLGH School: Wednesday 22ndFebruary at 3.15 pm Mary's Group FHC Preparation Sessions: Friday 24th February at 3.45 pm in the Church

Liverpool Called 2023

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please register at: Liverpoolcalled.co.uk
Registration is open: 16th January 2023 –17th March 2023

Eucharistic Ministers

All Eucharist ministers who visit our sick and housebound please contact the parish office with their full contact details and those they visit as we are now updating our parish information records. Thank you

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world