



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 18th November 2018



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does not knowing when the end will come change the way I live my life?

WHITECHAPEL CENTRE

English Martyrs UCM are appealing on behalf of the Centre for items to aid the homeless. In particular the Centre are looking for sleeping bags, carrier bags, warm gloves, hats, socks and mens underwear.

They also look after families so need baby clothes. Donations of biscuits would also be greatly appreciated.

Any items can be left in the Piety stall at back of English Martyrs Church.



WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS

“Make your own the mind of Christ Jesus” Exploring the letter to the Philippians, at The Irenaeus Project 32 Great Georges Road Liverpool L22 1RD led by Fr Chris Thomas. Thursday mornings 22nd and 29th November, 10.30 am – 12 noon. No charge but any donations gratefully accepted.

For further details of all events visit www.irenaeus.co.uk, or email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE “200 CLUB” NOVEMBER DRAW

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| 1st £15 | No. 213 | J Williams |
| 2nd £10 | No. 35 | B Jones |
| 3rd £10 | No. 123 | E Vivian |
| 4th £10 | No. 64 | J Caunce |
| 5th £10 | No. 172 | C Hill |

Many thanks for your continuous support. Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Please contact Myra: 928 1136 or see Bernie in the Parish office.





WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Mason Shaun Elder

Baptised Saturday 17th November 2018

Ralphie Thomas Gerrard

Baptised Sunday 18th November 2018



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENTS!!

CHRISTMAS BARN DANCE & HOT POT SUPPER

Saturday 1 December - tickets are going quite well for the Barn Dance but we could still do with some more people to make it a really good night. There is a vegetarian option for the hot pot supper for those who require it. We have some wine and beer available but please

bring your own drinks if you need anything else. Soft drinks will be on sale. Come along and 'do-si-do' and have some fun 'taking your partners'. Tickets are £10 and available from the Parish Office or at

the back of both Churches.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold after masses for the next two weekends for a Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the Barn Dance. First prize is a luxury hamper and there are lots of other prizes! Get your tickets to be in with a chance!

Masses & Services for the coming week

| DATE | Our Lady Queen of Peace | The English Martyrs |
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| Saturday 17th November | 5pm - Betty O'Neill | 12.30pm - Baptism - Mason Elder |
| Sunday 18th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | | 10.30am - Susan Riley 12.00pm - Baptism - Ralphie Gerrard |
| Monday 19th November | | 9.00am - Pious List |
| Tuesday 20th November | 9.00am - Patricia Flynn | |
| Wednesday 21st November | | |
| Thursday 22nd November | 9.00am - Kathleen Willis | |
| Friday 23rd November | | 9.00am - George Moran |
| Saturday 24th November | 5pm - Eileen Dixon | |
| Sunday 25th November <i>34th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | | 10.30am - Joan Molloy & Family 12.00pm - Baptism - Roma McMullen |

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

November is the month that we remember our loved ones who 'have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.' You can submit names of those people you would like to be remembered and we ask that you PRINT the names and place them in the Pious List envelopes which you will find in the porch and return them to church; it is also traditional to include a financial donation. Like last year, names will be published in a special book and Masses throughout November will be said for those in the Book of Remembrance.



DONATIONS PLEASE!

We would be grateful for any donations please for the Christmas Bingo and Raffle.

Unwanted gifts or items for a Christmas Hamper would be a fantastic help in our fundraising. Please pass any donations in to the Parish Office.

Planning & Living Liturgy In The Year Of Luke

Tuesday, 27 November, 7.00pm-9.00pm at LACE. The evening will include prayer and reflection led by Chris Thomas and Brian Schmisek, the event is free and open to all but especially musicians, readers, RCIA catechists and those involved in planning liturgy. To book your place please ring the Pastoral Formation Department on 522 1040.

FEAST OF THE WEEK - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Nov 21st)

Who could know God, if it were not for you, most holy Mary? Who could be saved? Who would be preserved from dangers? Who would receive any grace, if it were not for you, Mother of God, full of grace?



What hope could we have of salvation if you were to abandon us, O Mary, who are the life of Christians?

(St Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre)

SOUTH SEFTON FOOD BANK

We are fast approaching a time in the year when families need our help more than any other time. The food bank provides a great service for those families who are struggling. If you can help please leave any donations at the back of either church and we will ensure that they are given to those who need help.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marie O'Neil, Martin Hook,
Karen Ormsby, Bernadette Clark,
Emma Kelly, Helena Cox, Eileen
Monaghan, Colin O'Donnell, Terry
Kelly, Marjorie Cramp, Roisin
Dooley, Brenda Wallace, Pat Goulby,
Joan Johnson, Thomas Niblock, Vera
Ryan, Alice Manning, Patricia Vina,
Mary Wilson, Flo Johnson, Fiona
Barlow, Margaret Strong, Cheryl
Green, Youssef Abi Aoun, Julie
Wolfarth, Paul O'Farrell, Francis
Clare, Joan Brewer, Elizabeth Cannon,
Martin Hook, Mary Cassidy, Mary
Patten, Jill Lyster, Tommy Hesse,
Ann Rawlings, Jack Mahon,
Catherine Potts, Mary Cleary, Olive
Forrest, Margaret Kay, Derek
Forrest, Susan Green ,
James Halpin Frank
Cummins Joan Niblock,
Al Jackson, Norah
Wright , Hannah Mahon



Alice Power

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue
may always prevail over the language of
conflict..

Lord, in your mercy...

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Parish Office:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN 2018

For a number of years many parishes across the Archdiocese of Liverpool have sent Christmas Cards to Latin (Roman Catholic) parishes in the Holy Land. It is a beautiful act of solidarity and people are delighted to receive them.



Fr. Mark has decided that our cards will be sent to the parish of the Annunciation in Beit Jala, a parish in a suburb of Bethlehem and we will be celebrating Sunday Mass in the parish on next year's pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Beit Jala is a small town near Bethlehem, with inhabitants not exceeding ten thousand: 70% are Christians and the rest are Muslims. Along with Bethlehem and Beit Sahour, Beit Jala forms a triangle where many Christians live. It is believed that the name Beit Jala is derived from the Syriac word Calla, meaning, collection of stones. While others think that it is derived from another word, Gylwa which means happiness. This name is mentioned in the Holy Bible. History tells us that people began to live in Beit Jala when Christianity was spreading widely. Saint Nicolas (Santa Claus), in the 5th century, spent all his life in Beit Jala Saint

We encourage you to send a Christmas Card to the parish where they will be distributed to the parishioners:

1. Write a card in the usual way but add your name and 'Our Lady & The English Martyrs' Liverpool. You can also add your own details.
2. Include the Arabic-English greeting which you can find at the back of church.
3. Write on the envelope 'The parish of the Annunciation. Beit Jala.'
4. Bring the card to church and place it in the box by **Sunday 9th December**

All cards received will be posted in time for Christmas.

SYRO-MALABAR EVENTS

On Saturday 8th December we warmly welcome His Eminence Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Cardinal Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church who will be making his official visit to Our Lady Queen of Peace.

His Eminence will be celebrating Mass that day, both in Malayalam and English. Bishop Joseph Srampickal, the Syro-Malabar Bishop in the UK and hopefully one of our Bishops will also be with us. Mass will be at 5.00 p.m. and snacks will be available afterwards in the Parish Hall.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land has been arranged from 3rd - 14th October 2019. Flights from Manchester to Tel Aviv with Easyjet. We will stay in the Manger Square Hotel Bethlehem, 2 minute walk from where Jesus was born and the Ron Beach Hotel Tiberius which is situated on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

We will visit the major sites associated with Jesus, Mary and the apostles in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee & Nazareth. Other highlights include: Sunday Mass in a local parish so we can meet the local Christian community, a visit to the Christian ladies of St. Martha's House and a meeting with Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £1,499 but this does NOT include the cost of the flight as we are still waiting for Easyjet to release prices, but we are looking around £1,800 as an overall cost. This includes 12 days, all meals, tips and gratuities, full guided tour and staying in 2 very good hotels.

If you would like to go, please give your name to the Parish Office. You can also pay your deposit of £450, cheques made payable to 'Leisure Time Travel' and hand it into the Parish Office. As soon as Easyjet release their prices the booking forms will be available.

Fr Mark will hold various meetings throughout 2019 to help us prepare for the pilgrimage.



SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT?

We can always find reasons to worry, even when there's nothing to worry about. Some people love to be frightened into thinking that every flood, hurricane, war or earthquake is somehow a sign that the end of the world is about to hit us. They love to have something to worry about.



In one of the gospels Jesus tells us to be worried about three things. But they're not the ones we expect to hear.

First, he tells us to worry about being deceived. Make sure you're not taken in by claims about the end of the world. If you believe that the predictions of Nostradamus or the prophecies of Malachy are true then it's time to give in. You should worry, says Jesus, if you're enticed by these claims to know about the future, by rumours, apparitions of gloom, or plagues and revolutions as forerunners of the end of the world. Yes, worry. Because if you put your trust in these predictions (which are always explained away when they fail to deliver) then you're far away from trusting in God's promises. You've already been tricked.

Secondly, worry about letting people disturb you. The fact that terrorists exist doesn't mean that one lives next door to you. The fact that people get shot and knifed doesn't mean that it's going to happen to you or your family. The fact that new strains of diseases come into being does not mean that half the world is about to be wiped out. Start to worry, says Jesus, when you begin to fear that natural disasters have a sinister meaning. All sorts of fearful things take place in this world, but your endurance will win you your lives.



Thirdly, Jesus implicitly tells us to worry if we find that we've become distracted. Today's gospel is a plea to get things into perspective. Where are our priorities? Are we living our lives eating and drinking, so caught up in the ordinariness of daily existence, planning how to spend our lottery win, how to improve our garden and how to get the latest i-sound that we have lost the plot? If you want something to worry about, then worry about how you are preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus. Or maybe that's not as interesting as worrying about nothing or worrying about something that will never happen?

THE JOY OF LOVE

Reflections on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)

In this 325-paragraph document, Pope Francis provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and the family: their strengths and weaknesses, their call from God and the challenges they face. Pope Francis recommends that The Joy of Love be read by everyone “patiently and carefully” (no. 7).

WEEK 20

"Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people: it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families."

(Amoris Laetitia 193)

How have family stories shaped your own story?

Take the time to share your stories of growing up, and the stories of faith, struggle and triumph that make up your family history



Want to do something special after Christmas?! Please come with family and friends to the **35th CAFOD Fun Run** on Thursday

27 December at Wavertree Athletics Centre and Park, Liverpool L15 4LE to run, or walk (or toddle or walk the dog!) for those who need it most. Distances 6km or 3km run or 2km walk.

Registration from 12 noon and the fun starts at 1pm! Details and sponsorship form from Colette and Ged at liverpool@cafod.org.uk or 0151 228 4028.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

This weekend we welcome again the families of our children making their First Holy Communion next year for our Family Mass.

Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this most special Sacrament.



SYNOD 2020

Preparations for the Diocesan Synod in 2020 are now underway and the next stage is to select one parishioner who will represent our parish in October 2020.



Role of a Synod Member

Members of Synod 2020 are invited from parishes and from the various communities and agencies that form the rich diversity of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Synod members will be tasked with listening, reflecting and discerning. They will be asked to find ways of listening to the concerns, needs and reflections of their communities and to 're-present' these to the Synod where they will be gathered together, in a coherent fashion.

Synod members will be called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding the life and mission of the Church in this place and time. After reflection and discernment the main themes from the local conversations will emerge. These will be added to the other models of discerning and listening. Synod members will be asked to take the themes back to their communities, where they will begin to formulate the concrete proposals upon which the Synod gathering will vote in October 2020.

No prior theological knowledge or expertise is required for this important role but personal commitment, preparation, prayer, being open to guidance and enthusiasm are crucial to it.

Those considering putting themselves forward for this task must be willing and able to commit to the Synod process for a period of 2 years. Members will be expected to be present for the one and a half days of the Synod and to attend a number of preparatory gatherings which will prepare them to work with other Synod members in their Pastoral Areas to lead local gatherings at each stage of the Synod journey.

Would you like to put your name forward? Please give your name and contact details to the parish office by Tuesday December 11th. Speak to Fr Mark for more details.



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CHRISTMAS BARN DANCE AND HOT POT SUPPER

Featuring 'Hole in the Wall' Barn Dance Band



**Please
come and
join in the
Christmas
Ho Ho Ho
Down!!**



**Saturday 1st
December
7.30 pm
English
Martyrs
School Hall**



Tickets £10
available
from Parish
Office or at
back of
Church