



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sunday 25th November 2018



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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 29th November, 10.30 am – 12 noon. No charge but any donations gratefully accepted.

Advent Scripture weekend Friday 30th November.

Christmas Carol Service for people living with dementia and their carers. 14th December at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo.

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

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.



Lourdes Music Group

On Friday 14 December the Lourdes Music Group is holding a **Carol Service** in Christ the King Parish Church **7.00pm**. In order to help us raise funds for those who are travelling to Lourdes with the Lourdes Music Group this year. The Price each individual has to pay is £650.00. Hope you can come along and help us raise some money towards the cost of sending these wonderfully gifted and talented young people to Lourdes, to continue the tradition of providing wonderful accompaniment to all the Services that we minister to.

Thank you, The Lourdes Music Group Members.

Could people at Our Lady Queen of Peace who have red boxes please pass them in to Donna.



Are you called to be a Priest? Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 1st December** at St. Charles Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PG.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

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 again this weekend 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
Saturday 24th November	5pm - Eileen Dixon	
Sunday 25th November <i>34th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i>		10.30am - Joan Molloy & Family 12.00pm - Baptism - Roma McMullen
Monday 26th November		9.15am - (in School) Catherine Greeves
Tuesday 27th November	9.00am - Bob & Nicola Lambert	
Wednesday 28th November		
Thursday 29th November	9.00am - Pious List	
Friday 30th November <i>Feast of St Andrew</i>		9.00am - Marlene Crosbie
Saturday 1st December	5pm - Sick & housebound	
Sunday 2nd December <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>		10.30am - Mary Hoban

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way is Jesus king in my life? How do I live in this world while following God's law of love?

FEAST OF THE WEEK - St. Andrew (Nov 30th)

Everyone knows that St Andrew was a fisherman and the brother of St Peter.

Most Scots are aware of the story relating to

St Rule who came ashore on the east coast where the city of St Andrews stands today, bringing with him some relics that were said to be of the original saint. What not many people know is that in 1969, when Pope Paul VI appointed Gordon Gray as the first Post-Reformation cardinal in Scotland, he handed him a box containing more

relics thought to be those of St Andrew. As he did so he said, *'Peter gives you his brother.'* These relics are now kept in St Mary's Cathedral

in Edinburgh.



SOUTH SEFTON FOOD BANK

This is the 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 church

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 2018

This weekend we celebrate the annual Day of Prayer for young people. There will be a retiring collection which will go to Animate which is our Archdiocesan Youth Service based in St. Helens. Please be generous.

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 DECEMBER



Evangelization –

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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 been asked if our parish can send Christmas cards to the students and staff of the Catholic seminary based near Bethlehem. Fr mark is directly involved with the seminary and we will host two of the students in our parish next Summer. We need to send approximately 85 cards to the community in time for Christmas.

1. Please take the slip of paper from the back of church which contains the person's name and who they are.
2. Write your Christmas card in the usual way but add your name and 'Our Lady & The English Martyrs' Liverpool. You can also add your own email address/ home address.
3. Within the card promise that you will remember that person throughout Advent & Christmas.
2. Include the Arabic-English greeting which you can find at the back of church.
3. Write on the envelope the name of your person.
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.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Roma Elizabeth McMullen

Baptised Sunday 25th November 2018



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.

Please note that there will be NO English language Mass that day.

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 total cost of the pilgrimage, including flights, is now confirmed as £1,887. This includes 12 days full board, tips and gratuities, full guided tour and staying in 2 very good hotels. Single room supplement is £400

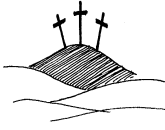
If you would like to go, please call to the Parish Office to complete a booking form. You also need to pay your deposit of £450, cheques made payable to 'Leisure Time Travel'.

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



THE THREE CROSSES

The gospels tell us that on the first Good Friday there were three crosses on Calvary. There is a little tradition with places titles onto these crosses. They were the cross of sin, the cross of sorrow and the cross of salvation. The one that we choose for ourselves will affect where we spend eternity.



The cross of sin belonged to the thief who was unrepentant. We don't know what his crime was (traditionally we say he was a thief) but we do know that he was there to be executed. His life of crime had hardened him and he clearly could feel no remorse for his sin. He was so far from God that his cynicism lasted to the very end. He even mocked Jesus, suggesting that if he really were the Christ he would be able to get down from the cross and save them too. His choices in life were such that he didn't know how far he had fallen. His sin had blinded him to reality.

The cross of sorrow was the one on which the other thief hung. Unlike his fellow criminal he recognised his own guilt and felt contrition. He knew that he deserved what he was getting while Jesus had done nothing wrong but was suffering the same fate. His act of repentance took the form of standing up for Jesus and rebuking the other thief. Although he had led a life of crime he was not proud of it and he still had respect for God, something he tried to point out to his companion. Even at this late stage there was still a chance for him to try and set things right.

Of course, the cross of salvation was reserved for Jesus of Nazareth. His crucifixion was a great paradox because although he was being executed, after being falsely accused, his death would end in victory. He had never claimed to be King of the Jews, as the inscription on his cross proclaimed, but he would end up as Christ the Universal King. His cross was the means by which he took the world's sinfulness upon himself in a glorious act of atonement. He willingly accepted to be the sacrificial victim, loving to the very end those entrusted to him by his Father. It was this salvation that he offered to the repentant thief moments before they were both to breathe their last.



The cross of sin, the cross of sorrow and the cross of salvation: we each have a choice. Which will you choose?

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 21

“Greater emphasis needs to be placed on the fact that children are a wonderful gift from God and a joy for parents and the Church. Through them, the Lord renews the world.”

(Amoris Laetitia 222)

Bringing up children involves both the wonderful experience of joy and giving and receiving love and affection and involves countless sacrifices. A parent's responsibilities start from a child's conception onwards to adulthood and oftentimes beyond. Each child is different from the other and come each in her or his own way to help us grow as both parents and as a family

A parent's greatest desire for their children is to see them grow, be happy, be secure, flourish and to be fulfilled, to bring blessing to others and to our world, to be part of the family of God and to love God.

Reflect this week on how your child/children are unique gifts from God in your family and to share with your children why they are such a unique gift.

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MASS TIMES

Mass on Monday 26 November will be led by the children and will take place in English Martyrs school at 9.15am. The following 3 Mondays will also be in school as part of the Advent preparation.

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