



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 4th November 2018



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In this month of remembrance for the Faithful Departed, who do I especially remember in my prayers today? Can I see them through the eyes of our merciful God?

CATHOLIC PIC

This month's Catholic Pic is available at the back of both Churches free of charge. It includes the Archbishop's recent pastoral letter in which he tells us all about Synod 2020.



BLOOD BROTHERS NEW BRIGHTON, FLORAL PAVILION FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER



The coach will leave English Martyrs Church at 6.00pm next Friday 9 November.

SYNOD 2020 The Synod Open Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th November, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. at Holy Rosary in the Old Roan. All are welcome.



We can try and arrange lifts for any people that would like to go but who are struggling with transport. Please speak to Bernie in the Parish Office.

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 8th, 15th, 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

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Nathan John Joseph O'Sullivan

Baptised Sunday 4th November 2018



FEAST OF THE WEEK - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9th)

The Lateran Basilica stands on the site of an ancient place on the Caelian Hill in Rome. The Basilica standing there today is the Cathedral Church of Rome and so it contains the 'cathedra' (the chair) of the Pope as Bishop of Rome.



This feast commemorates the dedication of the basilica built by Constantine which, by tradition dating from the 12th century, is said to have taken place on this day. The basilica is called the Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World, and is celebrated as a sign of unity and respect towards the Holy See, which as St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, *'presides over the whole assembly of charity.'*

LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY are holding an exhibition to commemorate the end of World War 1. The exhibition will remember the men and women of Litherland, Bootle, Waterloo and Crosby who served and died for us.

Please try and visit the exhibition at
THE PAVILION, HATTON HILL PARK on
Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November
from 10.00am—4.00pm.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 3rd November	5pm - Teresa Wynne	
Sunday 4th November <i>31st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Eric McAvoy 12.00pm - Baptism - Nathan O'Sullivan
Monday 5th November		9.00am - Ian McLean Jnr
Tuesday 6th November	9.00am - Mary Vincent	
Wednesday 7th November		
Thursday 8th November	9.00am - Pious List	
Friday 9th November		9.00am - Tommy Deegan 10.30am Funeral service - Margaret Williamson 1.00pm Funeral Service - David John Ball
Saturday 10th November	5pm - Jean Turner	
Sunday 11th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Patrick Greene 12.00pm - Baptisms - Samuel Radford & Connie Radford

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.



JOB VACANCIES

The Archdiocese is advertising a number of job opportunities which may be of interest: Parish Administrator & Parish Housekeeper in Southport and Parish Centre Managers in Netherton & Kirkby. Further information can be found on the notice board.

LOURDES JULY 2019

For many years now Youth Pilgrims have been an integral part of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage, working alongside the priests, nurses, doctors, male and female helpers, music group and the many pilgrims who go to Lourdes. In total, nine coaches of young people travel to Lourdes from all over the Archdiocese. The pilgrimage is an unforgettable experience. The youth programme includes: Helping the St Frai, Solitude and Hotel pilgrims. Taking part in Masses and services with the Archdiocese. Prayer and reconciliation in small groups. Day off and supervised free time. Singing for and visiting our pilgrims in hotels and hospitals. The Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage is one of the largest in the country and enjoys a very good reputation. We are proud of this reputation and know that it has been gained by the example, hard work and dedication of so many young people.

Do you know of any young person aged 15-22 who would like to be part of the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage in 2019? The cost is just £530 and the application form is now available to download and complete:

www.animateyouth.org

LOURDES 2019

Be part of something special... be part of the Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes
JULY 18-27



£530

Applications available to download on **17 October** from animateyouth.org
For ages 15 to 22 years old

admin@animateyouth.org.uk

01544 748888

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Margaret Williamson

Funeral Service - Friday 9th November 10.30 a.m.

David John Ball

Funeral Service—Friday 9th November 1.00pm



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

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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).

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“Dialogue is essential for experiencing, expressing and fostering love in marriage and family life. Yet it can only be the fruit of a long and demanding apprenticeship. Men and women, young people and adults, communicate differently. They speak different languages and they act in different ways. Our way of asking and responding to questions, the tone we use, our timing and any number of other factors condition how well we communicate. We need to develop certain attitudes that express love and encourage authentic dialogue.”

(Amoris Laetitia 137)

Be aware this week of communication within your family, being mindful of how family members dialogue with one another. Are there patterns of communication that can be affirmed and others that may need improvement.

Life and Soul

An evening of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Seaforth, Liverpool L21 4LJ will hold an evening of praise and worship music with scripture and reflections before the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, 13th November** starting at 7:00pm and ending at 8:00pm with Benediction. Confession will also be available. You are welcome to come for as long or as short a time as you are able.

The evening will be led by Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team.

All are welcome to attend.

Animate Youth Ministries
Lowe House
99 Crab Street
WA10 2BE
01744 740 460



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 7.00 p.m. and food 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.



MAKING THE FIRST MOVE



There was a sign outside a church that read, **‘Don’t let your funeral be the next time you come and visit us!’** We can understand what it meant; it was encouraging people to think about the place of God in their lives and their response to God’s workings.

But, actually, the sign is fundamentally flawed. Why? Because it encourages people to think that they are the ones who must make the first move. It gives the impression that God is sitting back waiting for them to decide to start doing something about their lives. And that simply isn’t true!

The amazing thing about God’s dealings with us is that he always makes the first move. Think of Zacchaeus in the well known gospel story. He’d heard all the rumours about Jesus and wanted to see for himself. Being a small man he climbed up a sycamore tree to get a good view. But before he could say anything, before he could make his mind up, it was Jesus who made the first move and told him he was coming home with him to stay for a while. When Zacchaeus heard what Jesus had to say he was immediately moved to repent and give half his property to the poor. (He’d cheated people by charging them too much tax and then keeping most of the money himself.)

God never ceases reaching out to us. We find this hard to cope with because we think that God is so concerned with weighty global problems that he has no time for us and our particular situations. Yet the opposite is true.

When we feel drawn to God it is only because God’s grace has been offered us in the first place. Our lives are a response to Christ’s example of sacrifice and love; our response comes from hearing God’s word; our actions are inspired by God’s Spirit working in us, if only we take the time to discern it.

At the eucharist we thank God for never abandoning us and for continually offering us the chance to enjoy the life that Christ promised. Amazingly, God never stops leading us on to deeper trust and love. And all he asks in return is that we respond.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENTS!!

Christmas will soon be upon us and we have a few events for your social calendar and to help with our fundraising. We have something to suit everyone.

LLANDUDNO CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Saturday 17 November - the coach is now full. Could those people who are going please call in to the office to select your pre-order for the meal on the way home. Also if you have not yet paid could you please pass your money in to the office as we have to make final payments this week.



CHRISTMAS BARN DANCE & HOT POT SUPPER

Saturday 1 December - this is a first for our fundraising so we really need your support! We have the 'Hole in the Wall' Barn Dance band performing in English Martyrs School hall on Saturday 1 December. They are a professional barn dance band who come with a 'caller' to teach the dances. There is also a hot pot supper included in the ticket price of £10. Come along and 'do-si-do' and have some fun 'taking your partners'. Tickets are available from the Parish Office or at the back of both Churches.



CHRISTMAS BINGO

Wednesday 12 December—English Martyrs Parish Hall. Doors open 7.00pm. Eyes down 7.30pm!

CLERGY IN KHAKI by Neil Sayer, Archdiocesan archivist

The centenary of the Armistice being celebrated this year will be especially poignant and you may wish to offer a prayer for those priests who served and especially those who died during the 'Great War'

There was no conscription for clergymen, but nevertheless by 1917 at least 21 secular priests of our Archdiocese were serving as Chaplains to the Forces. One of the earliest to join up was Rev Fred Gillett, who went from Sacred Heart, Liverpool, to the Army Service Corps in 1915. He served for two years at the front in France and Belgium, and wrote to Archbishop Whiteside in 1918 describing some of his experiences.

Near Arras, he said, 'one is struck by the contrast of the untouched crucifixes standing out over ruined and demolished villages'. He praised the devotion of Catholic troops from Lancashire, Ireland and Canada, and added: 'I have rubbed up against the Americans and they are an excellent lot – good Catholics, regular with their duties, and full of keenness to get at the Hun and finish things.'

Rev James Lonergan went from a curacy at St Sylvester's, Liverpool, to serve in France as chaplain to a battalion of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, where, he reported to the Archbishop, 'Nearly all the men are from Barrow, Ulverston, Lancaster and Manchester'.

More exotically, Rev Thomas Kenny ministered to Greeks and Indians when he went from Sacred Heart in Wigan to Thessaloniki, as chaplain to the Middlesex Regiment. His letters, written in pencil as ink was hard to come by at the front, tell of the many practical difficulties of working with troops in a war zone, including 'tramping two or three miles over very heavy ground carrying my altar kit to say Mass for some isolated troops, to find that they are unable to attend owing to sudden and important duties'.

Four Liverpool priests are known have died during the war. Rev James Leeson, formerly a student and a teacher at St Edward's College, and the Tipperary-born Rev Patrick Looby were both killed in action in France in 1917. Rev Thomas Baines died on 31 May 1918, killed by a bomb during an air raid on a camp behind the lines in France. The Jesuit mission at St Francis Xavier in Liverpool also lost a priest when Rev Robert Monteith died of wounds received during an artillery barrage on 27 November 1917.



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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**