



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th January 2019



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ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" JANUARY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 50	M Henshall
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4th	£10	No. 33	L Boyle
5th	£10	No. 106	P Broe



'SONGS WE REMEMBER'

Dementia friendly 'Sing-a-long'
2pm - 3:30pm 23rd January '19 St.
Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall,
Great Georges Rd Liverpool L22
1RD. For more information:
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I live my life as
a disciple of Jesus? Do
I share the good news
through my words and
actions?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome the families of our First Holy
Communion children to the Mass this
Sunday at English Martyrs.

Please keep them in your prayers as they
continue their
instruction for
this most special
Sacrament



THE PARISH CRIB

The crib will remain in
church until Saturday 2nd
February 2019. Donations
can be made when you
make a visit and will be
given to charity.



PEACE SUNDAY

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace with the challenging title: **'Good politics serves peace'**. Peace "is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence," the pope writes. "Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction."

In the world – political and otherwise – where self-centered egos often dominate, Pope Francis calls our attention to the humble corrective teaching of Jesus: "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Francis then challengingly calls us to be creative peacemakers: "Today more than ever, our societies need 'artisans of peace' who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and happiness of the human family."

And to that Pope Francis encouragingly adds, "Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home." With open hearts and minds to God, let each of us ask ourself: What is my stone? And how can I best use it to build our common home?

And then consider a New Year's resolution worth keeping: Read "Good politics is at the service of peace" and prayerfully strive to put it into practice

The Gospel for this Sunday gives us a most wonderful basis for reflection on our calling to work together for peace (and to get involved in the political process, too, in order to seek that goal). We meet Jesus, his mother and his disciples at the Wedding Feast of Cana. He shares in our human joys – the joys of family, the joys of human love and the pledge of fidelity that unites one heart to another. But he also shares in our sorrows – Mary's cry: 'They have no wine'; the realisation that our own resources are run dry, our bonds of love prove fragile, our promises are all too easily betrayed.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 19th January	5pm - John Laffey	
Sunday 20th January <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Michael McDermott 12 noon— Baptisms - Isobelle Connors Asa & Henry Mitchell-Higgins
Monday 21st January <i>Memorial of St Agnes</i>		9.00pm - Peter Reck
Tuesday 22nd January	9.00am - Arthur Morrow	
Wednesday 23rd January		
Thursday 24th January <i>Memorial of St Frances de Sales</i>	9.00am - Sick & Housebound	
Friday 25th January <i>Feast of Conversion of St Paul</i>		9am - John Young
Saturday 26th January <i>Memorial of St Timothy & Titus</i>	5pm - Daniel Dempsey	12.30pm - Baptism - Tia Davies
Sunday 27th January <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Parishioners 12 noon— Baptism - Lacey Kirk

We welcome Fr Mark back this weekend from his trip to the Holy Land. We hope the trip was successful and that he is not too tired after his busy week. We look forward to hearing all his news! Have a look at some of the photos from his visit later in this newsletter

*Welcome
Back!*

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ

In aid of Knights of St Columba Lourdes Fund and Merseyside Stroke Network. Being held at St Monica's Social Club , Stewart Ave on Friday 1st February at 7.30pm. All are welcome. £3 per person entry with a maximum of 6 people per team. Pay on the day or contact Peter (07909863379)



CHURCHES TOGETHER

Bootle and Litherland Churches Together are holding a Service at St Matthew with St Mary Church, Stanley Road, Bootle on Monday 21 January at 7pm. The theme is 'Only Justice' as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and is led by the new Bishop of Warrington Beverley Mason.

UNWANTED GIFTS?

We will be continuing our fundraising efforts this year with various raffles and events. We would be grateful for donations of any unwanted gifts that may help with our forthcoming efforts.

THANK YOU!!

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Isabelle Connors

Asa and Henry Mitchell-Higgins

Baptised Sunday 20th January 2019



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, Betty White



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY



Evangelization: Young people and the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Lord in your mercy.....

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SYNOD 2020

The Synod 2020 Opening Ceremony will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 3 February at 3pm when all the delegates from across the Archdiocese will be formally commissioned by the Archbishop who will formally convene the Synod.



Gavin Williams has been confirmed as our Parish Representative and we also thank Carrie Cavanagh and Sara Coxon for agreeing to be our Pastoral Area Representatives.

Archbishop Malcolm has decided to call a Synod for the Archdiocese because he needs what the International Theological Commission calls a grace filled event in which the People of God together with the Bishop meet to address the pastoral challenges of the time.

In 2005 Archbishop Patrick Kelly presented to the Diocese the *Leaving Safe Harbours* programme. This enabled priests and people, parishes and deaneries (pastoral areas) to work together in new ways. It was intended to be a 10 year project.

When Archbishop Kelly retired shortly before the conclusion of *Leaving Safe Harbours* he was succeeded by Archbishop Malcolm. Having looked around and having become aware of the most recent pastoral challenges in the Archdiocese Archbishop Malcolm has decided to call a Diocesan Synod. This enables the whole Diocese to be involved in charting the way forward.

The Archbishop is deeply committed to the fact that God will speak to us through the bishops, priests, deacons, religious and people of the Archdiocese. That is why the Synod is called, “*Becoming the Church we are called to be.*” Every person has a voice and their voice must be heard. The Synod will inspire us and direct us as we find new and exciting ways to meet the challenges of being a members of the Catholic Church in 2018 and in the years to come. The Liverpool Archdiocesan Synod in 2020 will, to use the words of Archbishop Malcolm, enable us to “*regain our missionary spirit so that the call to holiness we heard in our baptism is expressed by a change of direction. Baptism has changed us so that as Christians we live no longer for ourselves but for others.*”

Why a Synod? To enable the Archbishop to lead the local church as it faces the challenges of our time and place.

Catholic Men's Group

We are looking to develop a men's group in the parish. A meeting is being held on Monday 28th January in English Martyrs parish hall at 7.30pm to look at how this group can be developed within the parish to give catholic men the opportunity to meet, discuss and develop their faith.

Anyone who is interested is more than welcome to attend.

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, a meeting with Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and dinner with the Rector, staff and seminarians in the local Seminary.

Mass will be celebrated every day in some memorable and unforgettable places such as the Church of the Nativity, The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Nazareth and an outdoor Mass on the shores of the Sea of Galilee

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 excellent 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.

Fr Mark in The Holy Land



Mass in St Jerome's cave in the Church of The Nativity



Latin Patriarchal Seminary in Beit Jala

Lecture in Haifa University



Mass in Co-Cathedral of Most Holy Name of Jesus in Jerusalem



Visit to UNRWA camp and school in Jenin



Visit to Sisters of Nazareth High School in Haifa

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 27

“All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family: (It is through this that) ‘We come to believe in the love that God has for us’”

(Amoris Laetitia 290)

Introduce prayer into your child's life/remind your child about prayer by asking them to name their blessings before bedtime and thank God together for the joys in their life.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Have a go at this word search based on this week's gospel

A	Y	T	R	I	H	T	S	E	B
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R	L	A	E	I	E	D	S	O	E
E	O	R	L	G	V	I	N	T	A
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M	O	T	H	N	O	T	S	R	E

WEDDING CANA MOTHER
WINE SIX STONE
JARS THIRTY GALLONS
BEST STEWARD BRIDEGROOM



FEAST OF THE WEEK - The Conversion of St Paul Apostle - Friday 25 January

In the long history of the Church no conversion has been more consequential than St. Paul's. Paul had actively persecuted the Church before his conversion. But he changed, or God changed him, on one particular night. And on that night Christianity changed too.

The details of Paul's conversion are well known. He was thrown from his horse on the road to Damascus. While stunned on the ground Paul heard the voice of Jesus: "Why are you persecuting me?" Not "Why are you persecuting my followers." Jesus and the Church are clearly one. Jesus is the head and the Church is his body. Paul believed what right minded Catholics have believed for centuries and still believe today. To love Jesus is to love the Church and vice versa.



Paul's conversion teaches us that when Jesus comes to us, He doesn't come alone. He comes with His angels, saints, priests, and bishops. He comes with Mary, the sacraments, doctrine, and devotions. He comes with the Church because he and the Church are one. And when we go to the Lord we don't go alone either. We go as members of a Church into whose mystical body we were baptised.

St. Paul, we ask your openness to conversion when we hear the Lord speak to us as He spoke to you. Assist us in responding with great faith to every invitation we receive to love the Lord more fully, to know Him more deeply, and to spread his word more broadly to those who need it.

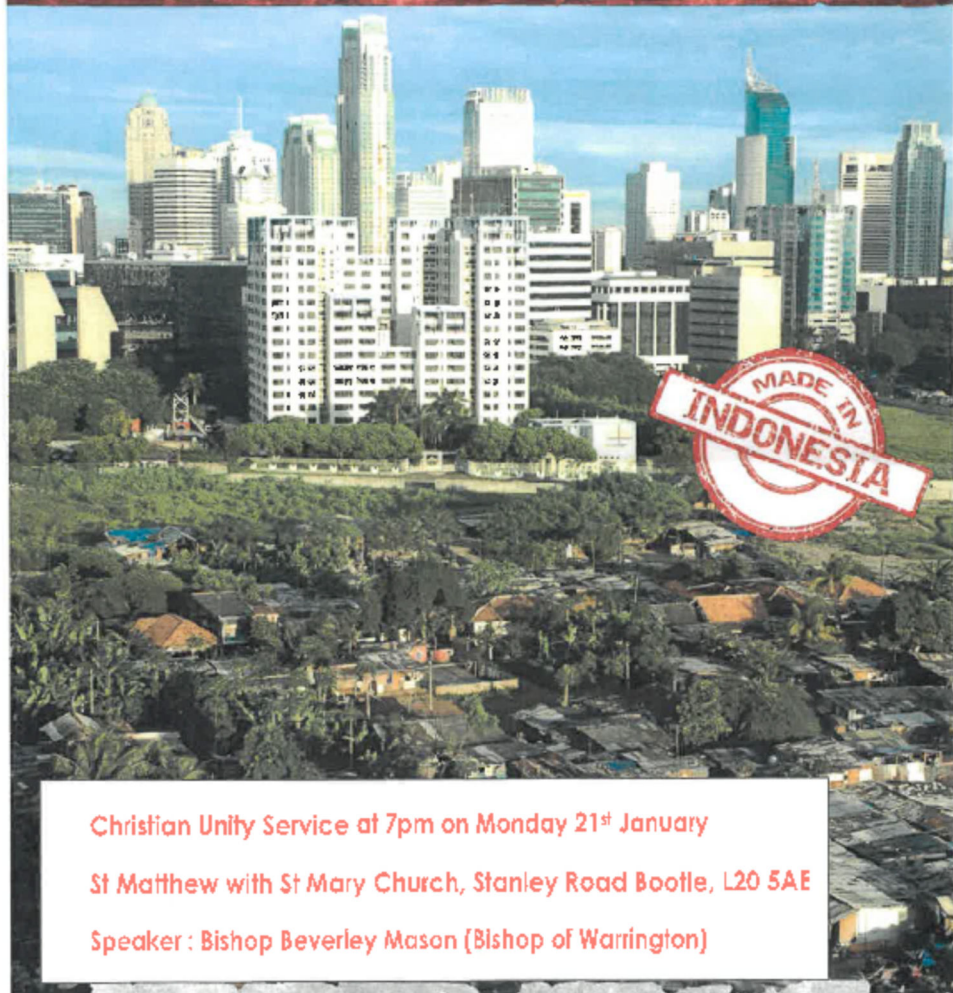
The CAFOD Shop in Waterloo has closed and the existing volunteer team hope to reopen it but they need our support! A great chance to make new friends and make a difference! We can offer you friendly training and support!

There are three vacancies – managers for some of the days, directors (this is NOT onerous!) and shop assistants. Do you know someone who might be interested please? Please contact Ged Edwards on 0151 228 4028. The Shop makes an enormous difference to CAFOD's work and gives great support to local people in need. Please help if you can! Many thanks!

CAFOD
Just one world

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

ONLY JUSTICE



Christian Unity Service at 7pm on Monday 21st January

St Matthew with St Mary Church, Stanley Road Bootle, L20 5AE

Speaker : Bishop Beverley Mason (Bishop of Warrington)

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Monday 21st January

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

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