



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 27th January 2019

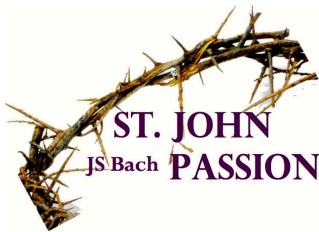


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## ST. JOHN PASSION

A performance of Bach's 'St John Passion' is taking place on Saturday 9th March at 7.00 p.m. at the Church of Our Lady & St. Nicholas (Liverpool Parish Church). Admission is by ticket only for which there is no charge. Tickets are obtainable online at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk). Any unallocated tickets will be



## MASS TIMES

Please note the change to mass times this week as shown on the Mass Intention list. Mass on Tuesday is at English Martyrs at 10.00am. It is a funeral mass for Anna Teresa Cottle - may she rest in peace.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I conscious of Jesus' presence in our midst? How do I show others that I am part of God's loving family?

## BARN DANCE/CEILI

St. Michael's Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane. Sunday 17th February. Doors open 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Admission is £6 and children £3. Proceeds to help take the sick and disabled pilgrims to the shrine of the Virgin of Banneux. For more information please contact Sr. Catherine on: 07486131930



## 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.



## **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019**

This year's World Youth Day, a major international Catholic young adult event, concludes this weekend when the Holy Father will celebrate Mass with an expected crowd of 3 million people in Panama City. Music, dance, plastic arts, cinema, and theatre, as well as paint and photography will be instruments of cultural connection for the pilgrims of World Youth Day Panama. Hosted in 33 locations around Panama City, the Youth Festival will engage young people from all over the globe in various expressions of art and culture.

There will be seven main stages, each named after one of the Patron Saints of WYD Panama 2019. There will also be satellite stages in shopping malls, as well as presentations in theatres, museums, and in churches serving as adoration centres. One of the novelties of the Youth Festival program is the "WYD 2019 Cup," a friendly soccer tournament. The purpose of this soccer encounter is to unite young pilgrims of the world through a sports activity that will be more about cooperating than competing. It is an opportunity to develop good values: teamwork, sportsmanship, effort, respect, honesty, and collaboration.



## **ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 17th February at 11.00 a.m. The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room.



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
<b>Saturday 26th January</b> <i>Memorial of St Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	<b>5pm -</b> Daniel Dempsey	<b>12.30pm -</b> Baptism - Tia Davies
<b>Sunday 27th January</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Parishioners <b>12 noon—</b> Baptism - Lacey Kirk
<b>Monday 28th January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>		<b>9.00pm -</b> Tim Quigley
<b>Tuesday 29th January</b>		<b>10.00am -</b> Funeral Mass - Anna Teresa Cottle
<b>Wednesday 30th January</b>		
<b>Thursday 31st January</b> <i>St John Bosco</i>	<b>9.00am -</b> Catherine & John Trevaskiss	
<b>Friday 1st February</b>		<b>9am -</b> Sick & Housebound
<b>Saturday 2nd February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<b>5pm -</b> Pauline Hurn	
<b>Sunday 3rd February</b> <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Bob & Nicola Lambert <b>12 noon—</b> Baptism - Kieran Forden



## MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Anna Teresa Cottle

Funeral Mass -  
Tuesday 29th January 10.00 a.m.



### 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!!



"I think I must have got the church's heating bill by mistake. It was only £8.34p!"

### THE ORDER OF DEACONS

The diaconate is an important act of service within the church and is part of the ordained ministry of the Church which is open to married men. There is an information evening which Archbishop Malcolm is hosting for men who are thinking of beginning the process of discernment and formation for the diaconate. The meeting is on Monday 28th January at St. Anne's, Overbuy Street, Liverpool &, beginning with refreshments at 7.00 p.m. and ending by 9.00 p.m. Have a chat with Fr Mark if you feel called to this important ministry within the Church and our parish.



### 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)



## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

**Tia Louise Davies**

Baptised Saturday 26th January 2019

**Lacey Kirk**

Baptised Sunday 27th 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 FEBRUARY



#### Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of  
human trafficking, of enforced prostitution,  
and of violence.

Lord in your mercy.....

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

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## SYNOD 2020

On Sunday, 3 February at 3.00pm, the Archbishop, at a special service in the Cathedral will officially declare that the Archdiocese of Liverpool is having a Synod. This Service will begin an important period of time leading up to the Synod itself in October 2020. As the Archbishop himself said in his Pastoral Letter for Synod Sunday 2018, the Synod is the time when we choose the path to walk on. Everyone is welcome to come to this service. The Synod Members (Parish and Pastoral Area + others) will be mandated to undertake their task and we will all be invited to pray with and for them and for the working of our Synod. Please join the Archbishop at 3.00pm in the Cathedral.



## LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

Litherland History Society will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month in English Martyrs Parish Hall from 10am till 12 noon.

The first meeting is on Tuesday 5th February and the speaker is Elaine Allen who is a Blue Badge Guide. Elaine's talk is 'On white horse' - Hill Cut Figures of England.

Entrance is £2 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. All are welcome.

The Society have a variety of different speakers each month. The schedule for coming months is:

- 5 March - Roger Hull - 'Where they lived in Liverpool'
- 2 April - Eileen Simpson - 'English Martyrs, St Philip's and Holy Sepulchre'
- 7 May - John Quirk - 'Roads, Rails, Ships & Planes'
- 4 June - Joanne Chamberlain - 'The History of Lord Street, Southport'
- 2 July - Ray O'Brien - 'Entertainers from both sides of the River'
- 6 August - Les Dundon - 'Building of the Canal from Liverpool to Leeds'

If you require any further details please contact Eileen Simpson on 928 5845

## **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.



## THE BEST CUTLERY

A woman was interviewed after surviving a plane crash. She had spent months in hospital and had not been expected to recover, but she did. The interviewer asked her how it had changed her life, expecting some profound answer. But the woman replied that the main change was that she now used her best cutlery and glasses every day instead of saving them for special occasions. I could be dead but I'm alive. So I might as well enjoy the best while I'm still around. After all, what am I saving it for?



In fact, it was a profound answer really. She had changed as a result of her accident and come to realise that here and now was the best time to celebrate, not some future distant date. Why not enjoy every moment instead of locking everything away to gather dust?

So go and eat the fat and drink the sweet wine, say Ezra and Nehemiah in our scriptures today when the people return from their long exile. For God is here in our midst, working wonders and not forgetting about us.

But why do we then have the story of Jesus preaching in the synagogue? Maybe the clue comes in his last sentence: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Luke is aiming to let his readers know, at the outset of Jesus's ministry, that the promises they were hoping for are now being fulfilled. Humanity is about to be offered the chance to be liberated, to see its way clearly and to be released from oppression. Now is the time to rejoice; today is the day of salvation.

Are we the sort of people who keep our religious cutlery and glasses for some future date? Do our eyes let us see God alive and well and working in our lives and the lives of others? Do our ears ring with the sound of God's power at work in the world? Is our faith a source of joy here and now or simply a hope for the future? Do we realise that, because of Jesus, God's kingdom is already in our midst and are we able to celebrate the fact? Blink and you'll miss it. For today is the day of salvation.



## 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 28

*“It is a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eyes of God and to see Christ in them. We can be fully present to others only by giving fully of ourselves and forgetting all else”*

(Amoris Laetitia 323)

As family members in order to see each other in this way means to put down the iPhone, iPad, turn off the computer and TV and pay attention to the loved ones in our lives. We need to focus on who is in front or what's in front of us and give them our time and attention in loving and caring ways

**TOMMY O'TOOLE** Some people may know Tommy who is a parishioner and has made many trips to Lourdes as a helper. This year Tommy celebrates his 80th birthday and also has been an altar server for an amazing 70 years! The family have arranged a mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Tuesday 19th February at 7pm and invite people to join them. Refreshments will be served after the mass.

## GUILD CARDS

Thank you to all who have purchased our new guild cards. They have sold really well. We have ordered new stock and hope that they will be here shortly.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### ST THOMAS AQUINAS (January 28th)

St Thomas Aquinas was a 13th century Dominican friar. Famous as one of the Church's leading philosophers and theologians, he spent much of his time studying, writing and teaching. But he was also a great man of contemplation, as this brief prayer of his shows:



*Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.*

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!



## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

The Archdiocese Marriage & Family Life Department hold meetings for those going through divorce and separation. Meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming. The course is for any person who is going through, or who has gone through, a relationship breakdown. The next group of meetings begin in February and for more details please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753 371.



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# **MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**Main Celebrant**  
**Bishop Tom Williams**

**The Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady**

**Christ the King Church**  
**Queens Drive**  
**Wavertree**  
**L15 6YQ**

**7.30 p.m.**  
**11 February 2019**

**Everyone Welcome**