



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Sunday 14th April 2019



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How is Jesus a model in your life? Can you spend extra time contemplating his love for you this week?

### ***The Passover in Holy Week - Discussion***

*At the start of Holy Week a talk and discussion is being organised by the Catholic Mens Society, it will be held to start our celebrations leading up to Easter. It will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm, and is **open to parishioners of all ages.***

*A member of the Jewish community will open the evening with an introduction to what the Passover means to a Jew today and what it would have meant to Christ when he was on earth. This will be followed by time for questions and discussion. A good way to focus our thoughts as we begin Holy Week, so come and join us!*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

With Easter so late this year our celebrations of First Holy Communion are very close to our Easter celebrations. We have 3 First Communion Masses this year and we ask you to continue praying for the children:

Saturday 4th May. Sunday 5th May and Sunday 12th May.  
All Masses will begin at 10.30 a.m.

### **Mental Health Awareness “Unbind them, let them go free” (John 11:44).**

An afternoon at LACE on Wednesday, 15 May, 2.00pm-4.30pm. Keynote speakers will be Father Conor Stainton -Polland who is Parish Priest of St Matthew's and St Cecilia's Parishes and is also Chair of the Wigan Family Welfare Charity and Kathy Devlin who is Clinical Manager at the Beacon Counselling Trust. Call 0151 522 1000 for more information and to book your place.

### **HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION**

An offertory collection will be taken during the Mass of the Lord's Supper and this collection is seen as the most important collection of the year as it's our direct response to the Gospel reading and the Washing of Feet. Please give generously.

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

Traditionally on Good Friday a collection is taken by every Catholic Church in world to help towards the upkeep of the holy places in Jerusalem, particularly the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem which contains the site of Calvary and the empty tomb, and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem which contains the grotto which is the spot of the birth of Jesus. Please give generously.

**PARISH OFFICE** Please note that the Parish Office will close on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. and will reopen on Tuesday. Parish Office times are 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

## **MASSES**

Masses this week are at 12 noon with a short Midday Prayer beginning at 11.40 a.m. Given this is the 'greatest week of all' you are encouraged to come along to Mass and Midday Prayer and to make this a special week.

Please note that there will be Mass on Wednesday and NO Mass on Thursday except for Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 p.m. The Church does not allow any other Mass on Thursday except an evening Mass which begins the Sacred Triduum - the Sacred Three Days.

There is NO 5.00 p.m. Mass at Queen of Peace on Saturday as the Church again does not allow Mass before sunset on Easter/Holy Saturday. The evening Mass on Saturday will be at English Martyrs at 9.00 p.m. (after sunset).

Because of the Syro Malabar Mass on Easter Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. there will be no English Mass at Queen of Peace.

It is so important that we all try to take part in the events commemorating the Passion & Death of the Lord on Thursday & Friday. Why is it that so many people do not attend church on Good Friday? Can you take time out and participate? Will you treat Good Friday just like any other day? Make very effort to attend English Martyrs 3 p.m. Good Friday. If you need a lift please contact the Parish Office and we will happily arrange one.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Next Sunday is a special day for Norma Owens who will be received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. It's also a very special occasion for her family and parish family. Please keep her in your prayers for this final week of preparation as we look forward to welcoming her as a full member of our parish. Norma's Reception will take place during the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday morning. Do you know of anyone who would like to follow Norma's example and join the Catholic Church? We would love to hear from people who would like to take this step and assist them in preparation. have a word with Fr Mark or the Parish Office.

## **CHARITY CONCERT**

Asylum Link Merseyside is holding its regular fundraising charity concert on Friday, 26 April at 7.00pm at St Anne's RC Church, Overbury Street, Liverpool, L7 3HJ. Tickets £5 or on the door. Contact Wendy for info 709 1713.

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
<b>Saturday 13th April</b>	<b>5pm -</b> Parishioners	<b>12 noon -</b> Baptisms - LottieDuffy Holly Williams
<b>Sunday 14th April</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Frank Cummins <b>12 noon -</b> Baptism - Pearl Parkes
<b>Monday 15th April</b> <i>Holy Monday</i>		<b>11.40am -</b> Midday prayer <b>12.00 noon -</b> Bob Stam
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b> <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	<b>11.40am -</b> Midday prayer <b>12.00 noon -</b> Cath Madden	
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b> <i>Holy Wednesday</i>		<b>11.40am -</b> Midday prayer <b>12.00 noon -</b> Sick & Housebound
<b>Thursday 18th April</b> <i>Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>		<b>7.00pm -</b> Private intention (MM) <b>10.30pm -</b> Night prayer
<b>Friday 19th April</b> <i>Good Friday of The Passion of The Lord</i>		<b>3.00pm -</b> Solemn Service of the Passion & Death of the Lord Jesus
<b>Saturday 20th April</b> <i>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter</i>		<b>9.00pm -</b> Parishioners
<b>Sunday 21st April</b> <i>Easter Day</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Private intention (MM)

## Synod 2020 Update

The last couple of months have been a busy time for the Synod and Pastoral Area members, February brought us together for an initial meeting where we had the opportunity to listen to three interesting talks on –

***Synods and the Church under Pope Francis*** - Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp

***The Church in England & Wales in the 21st Century*** - Professor Stephen Bullivant

***The Situation in the Archdiocese of Liverpool*** - Canon Chris Fallon



For those interested in watching the talks they can be accessed via the Synod 2020 website simply click on 'News' and then 'Initial Meeting of Members'.

The purpose of this initial meeting was to bring those people involved together to give them an understanding of the purpose and timeline of the Synod as well as a knowledge of what will be expected of the members. We also had the opportunity to meet other member's from around the Archdiocese and gain their understanding of what Synod 2020 meant to them and their parishes.

March brought us together again for what were termed 'Listening & Discernment' meetings the purpose of this round of gatherings was to explain how we were to involve our parishes and pastoral areas in the process of the Synod.

### Looking to the future -

During May the local pastoral area meetings will take place, this will give members and clergy in the Bootle & Litherland area an opportunity to meet and plan how we will involve the parish and wider community in the Synod process.

From these meetings and conversations around our local communities and the archdiocese, the themes of the Synod will emerge, where they will begin to be formulated into the concrete proposals that the Synod will vote upon in October 2020

Any future meeting dates within the parish will be advertised well in advance so please try your best to attend and give your views on how the church in the Archdiocese of Liverpool should move forward in the future based on the four questions which are –

1. Where in your everyday life do you experience love, truth, goodness, hope & joy?
2. When you reflect on your life now, and as you look to the future, what causes you concern or worry?
3. What is the purpose of the Catholic Church in the world today?
4. Having reflected on these things, what are the topics you would like to see on the agenda of Synod 2020?

If you would like to answer those four Synod Questions, please write your thoughts down, place them in an envelope and hand it to Fr Mark or the Parish Office. Your responses will be given to Gavin Williams our parish Synod member.

You can also complete the online questionnaire: [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk) and click on 'resources'.



## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

**Lottie Duffy & Holly Williams**

Baptised Saturday 13th April 2019

**Pearl Parkes**

Baptised Sunday 14th April 2019



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marie O'Neil, Martin Hook,  
Karen Ormsby, Bernadette Clark,  
Emma Kelly, 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, 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 Joan Niblock,  
Al Jackson, Norah Wright,  
Hannah Mahon, Alice Power,  
Betty White Eileen Hannon  
Cornelius Powell



### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



#### Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others

Lord in your mercy.....

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## ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

We are lucky to have Archbishop Malcolm join us a few times this year for Mass:

Sunday 7th July 10:30 a.m.	Mass with the Order of the Holy Sepulchre
Saturday 14th September 11:30 a.m.	Mass for the Feast of the True Cross
28th/29th September	Official Parish Visitation
Saturday 19th October 11:30 a.m.	Mass for the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine.

Bishop Tom will also be visiting our two schools in September.

Please put these dates in your diary as we warmly welcome our Archbishop to our parish.



## WASHING OF FEET

An important aspect of Mass on Holy Thursday evening is when we remember Jesus bending down to wash the feet of his disciples, a job reserved for servants. We need 12 willing volunteers to have their feet washed by Fr Mark. Please sign the list in the sacristy.



## THANK YOU!!

A big 'thank you' to everyone who made the Easter Bingo a great success - either through contributions or buying tickets and attending. We raised a total of £500 which is amazing. Thank you to all. Raffle winners were:

- 1st prize hamper - J Molloy
- 2nd prize - N Neary
- 3rd prize - V & A Ruane
- 4th prize - E Monaghan
- 5th prize - J Molloy
- 6th prize - M Campbell
- 7th prize - M Stam
- 8th prize - C Smartt
- 9th prize - J Cavanagh
- 10th prize - J Gittins



## ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" APRIL DRAW

1st	£20	No. 145	S Harper
2nd	£10	No. 195	P Johnson
3rd	£10	No. 10	R Poyner
4th	£10	No. 16	M Ney
5th	£10	No. 133	K Murray

Many thanks for your continuous support. Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Please contact Myra: 928 1136

## PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A meeting for those interested in starting a Parish Bereavement Group will take place on Monday 13th May 7pm in the parish hall. It's important that we support those who are bereaved within our community and to pray for those who have died. We need a good number of people who can get involved in many different ways, the more people the better. Come along to find out more. If you cannot make this meeting but want to get involved please let the Parish Office know.

## LENTEN ALMS

This is your final opportunity to make a donation for the Lenten Alms appeal. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on **"almsgiving,"** which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says is, *"a witness to fraternal charity"* and *"a work of justice pleasing to God."*

A box for financial donations will be available at all Masses during Lent for you to make a contribution. This money is sent to the Diocese and the Archbishop decides on a cause for this to be sent as a Diocesan donation. You can also help in donating items for our local Food Bank which we regularly support and will be greatly appreciated. Items for food can be left at the back of church.

## 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.

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.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2019

Please note the times of Masses & Services for this most important time of the year. We MUST make every effort to participate.



### Monday 15th April

11:40 a.m. Midday Prayer  
12noon Mass

### Holy Monday

English Martyrs  
English Martyrs

### Tuesday 16th April

11:40 a.m. Midday Prayer  
12noon Mass

### Holy Tuesday

Queen of Peace  
Queen of Peace

### Wednesday 17th April

11:40 a.m. Midday Prayer  
12noon Mass  
7.30 p.m. Chrism Mass

### Holy Wednesday

English Martyrs  
English Martyrs  
Metropolitan Cathedral

### Thursday 18th April

7.00 p.m. Mass of the  
Lord's Supper  
10:30 p.m. Night Prayer

### Holy Thursday

English Martyrs  
English Martyrs

### Friday 19th April

3.00 p.m. Celebration of  
the Passion of  
the Lord

### Good Friday

English Martyrs

### Saturday 20th April

9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil &  
1st Mass of Easter

### Holy Saturday

English Martyrs

### Sunday 21st April

10.30 a.m. Mass

### Easter Day

English Martyrs

There will be a Syro-Malabar Mass at Queen of Peace at 9.30 a.m. to which you are welcome to attend.



## PARISH RETREAT

Fr Mark has invited the Irenaeus Team to visit our parish in June to lead us in a week-long retreat. Irenaeus, led by Fr Chris Thomas, have brought together a team of people from around the Diocese who are willing to give of their time and their skill to help others grow in and share their faith. This special week we will help us to strengthen our faith and understand more the image of God. It will be a spirit-filled week where we will grow as individuals and as a parish family. We need your support to make this a success! The date is Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June 2019. Put it in your diary and more details will follow soon.



*Irenaeus*

## THE MASS OF CHRISM

The annual Chrism Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral will take place on Wednesday 17th April, 7.30 p.m. This is the highpoint of the Diocesan year when priests, deacons and faithful from across the Archdiocese gather with Archbishop Malcolm who will bless the three oils to be used in our parishes in 2019. During the Mass the priests also renew their priestly promises. We will be providing transport and if you would like to attend please write your name on the list at the back of church.



Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool

## WOODLANDS HOSPICE

April is the start of spring. The yellow, white and blue spring flowers bring cheer. It's the time of new beginnings. part of the spring calendar is the Woodlands Hospice 'Will and Forget-me-not' Campaigns. Making a will is very important and will help to avoid additional stress for family members. Throughout April people are invited to have their Will updated or written by one of the many solicitors or professional will writers who support Woodlands. The solicitors will waive their normal fee in exchange for a charitable donation to the Hospice at the time of making the Will. For further information please contact Carole Riley on 529 4143 or [carole.riley@aintree.nhs.uk](mailto:carole.riley@aintree.nhs.uk)



Woodlands  
Hospice

Our Forget-me-not Campaign gives people the opportunity to remember a loved one with a beautiful flower whilst helping their local hospice to flourish. These flowers will be available from April - June and will be displayed in the hospice gardens during the month of July. For a donation you can dedicate a flower in memory of a loved one. For more information please see the leaflets at the back of church.

## JUST A WEEK

If a week is a long time in politics then it certainly is in Christianity. The week we're about to embark upon is the most momentous one for Christians and that's why Holy Week is sometimes also called the Great Week.



It all begins well on the Sunday with the crowds cheering the man they believe will set them free. He's given a royal welcome as he enters Jerusalem and there's a sense of expectation in the air. Most of us can identify with that crowd. There are times when our faith in Christ is easy, when God seems to be smiling down on us and when we could easily join the crowd with its banners and singing.

The high of Sunday continues until Thursday when the Last Supper is held. There's joy as Jesus institutes the eucharist along with the command to serve each other in the way that he has shown. But a cloud looms on the horizon as Judas takes in thirty pieces of silver and gives away his master with a kiss. If we can identify with the crowd then we can surely see the figure of Judas in the many ways that we betray the faith that God has in us. Sometimes we allow ourselves to be tempted by a lot less than money and a kiss.

How can Good Friday be good, given what happened? Its goodness stems from the fact that a victory was won. It's true that we all share in the sin of the world that Christ died for. But by the same token we all share in the triumph of the cross. From now on, sin and death, evil and pain can have no permanent hold over us. We have access to a life that is real and ultimately indestructible.

And just as we think the week is about to end in a fizzle, we come across a Saturday night surprise. Jesus, whom they crucified, has risen. His enemies are confounded and he will go on to impart the Spirit of life to those who believe in him. If we want to join the cheering crowd ever again, then it must be because of this resurrection. It's the centre of our faith and gives meaning to everything we say and do in our relationship with God. Anyone can have life, but not everyone knows that it can be eternal.



What a week!

## THE APOSTLES CREED

During Lent & Easter, the Church recommends we pray the Apostles Creed at Mass rather than the Nicene Creed, the version usually prayed at Mass. The reason this option is recommended particularly for Lent/Easter Time is because of its close relationship with baptism. The Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises made by the elect before they are baptised. It is also used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and by parents and godparents when bringing a child for baptism.

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

