



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th April 2019



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

To whom or to what situation this coming week can I bring Jesus' healing gift of *shalom* by offering my own forgiveness and reconciliation?

### 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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.

### 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.

There is also an Archdiocesan Bereavement training course on 16th and 23rd October 1.30pm—4pm in LACE. Give your name to the Office if you are interested

## SPRING COACH TRIP - Tuesday 21 May

We are trying something different for our Spring 'get-together! ..... Hayes & Finch are one of the world's finest manufacturers and suppliers of Church Supplies and Church Candles . They supply all our candles for our churches. On



Tuesday 21 May we have arranged a visit to their factory to see how the candles are made and also to visit their sewing room to see how vestments are made.

After our visit to the factory we are then heading to Barton Grange Garden Centre just outside Preston. Barton Grange has two restaurants, a farm shop, a cook shop, a gift shop and a huge all weather plant area. We can have some lunch and explore the garden centre before heading home in the afternoon.



Cost of the trip is just £12 per head to cover the cost of the coach. If you are interested please give your name to the office.

### SONGS WE REMEMBER

The next meetings take place on Wednesday 1 May, 15 May and 29 May 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Waterloo. Afternoon Tea will be served after our sing-along. It will be an afternoon of singing and enjoyment for anyone who likes to sing and especially those living with dementia or their carers.

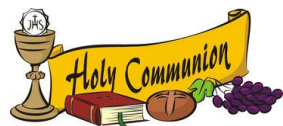
If you want a morning filled with fun, laughter, good company and nice singing, come along. All



are welcome.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

The Piety stall in English Martyrs has a new stock of some lovely First Holy Communion gifts. Come and have a browse!



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
<b>Saturday 27th April</b>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Parishioners	
<b>Sunday 28th April</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Day of Divine Mercy</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Anne Fairweather  <b>12 noon -</b> Baptisms - James & Jennifer Chau  Grace Taylor
<b>Monday 29th April</b> <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena</i>		<b>9.00am -</b> Private intention (BW)
<b>Tuesday 30th April</b> <i>Solemnity of St George</i>	<b>9.00am -</b> Thanksgiving (MM)	
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b>		
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b>	<b>9.00am -</b> Cath Madden	
<b>Friday 3rd May</b> <i>Feast of Sts Philip and James</i>		<b>9.30am -</b> School and parishioners
<b>Saturday 4th May</b> <i>Feast of The English Martyrs</i>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Parishioners	<b>10.30 am-</b> First Holy Communions
<b>Sunday 5th May</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> First Holy Communions

## 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



**James & Jennifer Chau**  
**Grace Taylor**  
Baptised Sunday 28th 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



### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY



#### The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the  
commitment of its members, may be the seed  
of unity among her peoples and a sign of  
hope for this continent

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.



*The next meeting of **The Catholic Men's Society** is due to take place on Monday 13th May 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm in the church hall. Any men interested in joining the discussion are more than welcome - come along! Further information is available at the back of Church.*



## NEWSLETTER

This is your Parish Newsletter. If it's of interest to you, it may be of interest to others. If you have something to share, an event or otherwise, let the Parish Office know and we'll always try and find room to share your news of what's going on in our community.

## FR MARK'S THEATRE GROUP

There are still 4 tickets available for the trip to the Empire on Wednesday 23 October to see Les

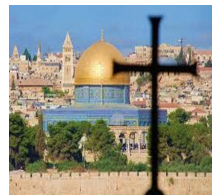


Miserables. Cost of ticket and coach is £64. If you are interested please see Bernie in the Parish Office.



## 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.

## BILL HUEBSCH RETURNS TO THE ARCHDIOCESE

This wonderful author and theologian is returning to the diocese in May. Bill writes and teaches extensively on the catechetical mission of the church and was an important guide as the Archdioceses developed our own policies of Family Catechesis. Inspired by 'The Joy of the Gospel' and later writings of Pope Francis Bill will lead **'An Introduction to the New Pastoral Theology emerging in the era of Pope Francis'**. This is a one day workshop and will be held:

Friday 10 May at St Joseph's, Wrightington or  
Saturday 11 May at LACE. From 10am to 4pm.

Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided. Suggested donation is £10 per person. Please give your name to the office if you are interested





## HARD EVIDENCE

Easter's a time of faith. It's a time for deepening our faith and a time for reflecting on it.

It's easy to have faith when we're together in church. Like the early Christian community we feel the support of other people, we feel part of the family and even when we're a bit low we can be carried along in faith by the words of the prayers, by the songs we sing and the music we hear. When we renew our



baptismal faith in the words of the Creed it's easy to believe. In fact, believing in things, in facts and events is not hard at all. You either do or don't believe that Christ was born for us and that he suffered for us and rose from the dead. The same goes for believing what we claim about one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church etc.

But as we see in today's gospel with Thomas, it can sometimes be hard to believe when belief involves trusting in a person rather than just agreeing to facts. Thomas wanted some hard evidence before he would believe that Jesus really had appeared to his friends after the resurrection. He found it difficult to trust.

We too have to learn to recognise Jesus, not as the disciples did physically, but through the sometimes dimmer light of faith. We are called to the light of the resurrection, to learn to recognise Christ and follow him in that trusting faith whose shadow we glimpse both in desolation and consolation. Jesus himself tells us that we will be blessed if we can believe with this type of faith.



And so we look for the light of the resurrection not only in its obvious religious haunts, not only in the robust expressions of confidence but also in the unexpected recesses of our lives. We can see it even in distress and disaster, in the faces of those who shine with its light, in the glimmers of new hope that so often flicker after seemingly overwhelming distress.

Faith is Easter's gift; and it is also Easter's quest. We never fully exhaust it and we always need to pray for it to persevere in us. Today, in the echo of last week's tumultuous events surrounding the resurrection, Jesus approaches us more quietly and invites us to renew our faith and trust. Doubt no longer, but believe.



**Huge Congratulations to Norma Owens** who was Confirmed and made her First Holy Communion last Sunday. May the Lord continue to bless and protect her as she joins our parish community around the table of the Lord. And a big 'Thank you' for the wonderful refreshments that Norma and John provided for all after Mass.



## A SERIES OF THEOLOGICAL TALKS ON THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

**TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - CHALLENGES FACING THE CHURCH**

REV. DR FRANCISCO JAVIER RUIZ ORTIZ

LECTURER IN SCRIPTURE AT ALLEN HALL SEMINARY

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY – THE SOCIAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

MONSIGNOR JOHN ARMITAGE

RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY – THE MISSION OF ALL THE BAPTISED**

FERGAL MARTIN

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY 1995-2019

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY – GOING OUT TO THE PERIPHERIES**

MARY EBBASI

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN HM PRISON PENTONVILLE

**TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – THE CHURCH AS LEAVEN IN OUR CULTURE**

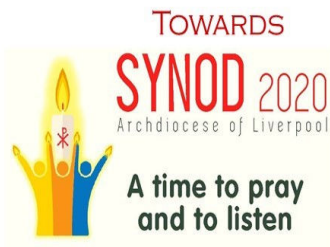
MONSIGNOR PETER FLEETWOOD

OFFICIAL AT THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE 1995- 2003

*The Parish Council of St Charles and St Thomas More extend this invitation to the Archdiocese as we listen and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit*

**The talks will begin at 7.00pm in the Church and will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall**

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## FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

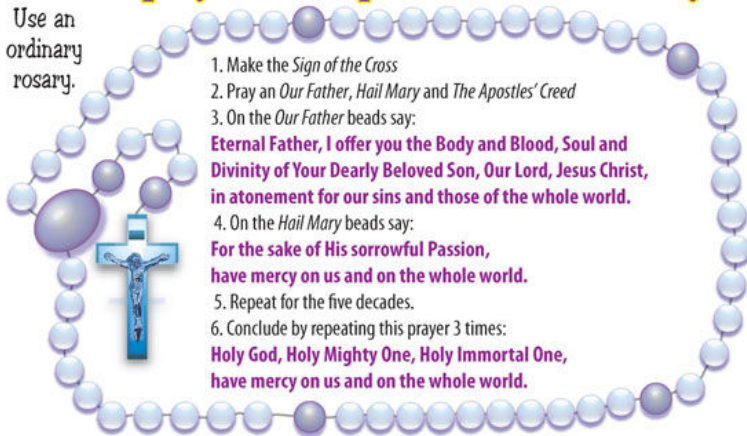
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In 1931, Our Lord appeared to Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish Nun. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, which had two rays emanating out, one red and the other pale. She gazed in silence and Jesus said to her; Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature; 'JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU'. 'I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world' Faustina asked about the meaning of the rays. She was told that they denote blood and water. 'The pale rays stand for Water which makes souls righteous and the red rays stand for the Blood which is the life of souls. These rays came forth from My agonising Heart opened by a lance on the cross...Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter for the just hand of God shall not



### How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:

**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

5. Repeat for the five decades.

6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

## 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.

