



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th May 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I willing to put others before myself? How can I show this love for my sisters and brothers?

*The next meeting of **The Catholic Men's Society** is due to take place on Monday 20th 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.*



PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Thank you to the 4 people who attended the first meeting last Monday. We desperately need more people who are willing to form a group to assist in the care and support of the bereaved. The more people we get the easier it will be. Please consider joining us and give your details to the Parish Office. The next meeting will be held in July.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA AFTERNOON-

Wednesday 17th July, 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. at the Liverpool Archdiocesan Centre for Evangelisation. The keynote speaker will be Dr Karen Groves, Medical Director of Queen's Court Hospice, Southport and her theme will be 'Spiritual Care at the End of Life.' Call 522 1040 to book your place.



FINDING THE GOD OF LOVE

"Lord, help me to know You and to know myself"
Saturday 8th June
10 – 3.30pm at St Joseph's Prayer Centre in Freshfield.
A day in company with Fr Michael Hickey. We look forward to this opportunity to reflect, to share and be affirmed in our efforts to live our Christian lives more deeply. Donation £20 includes a light lunch.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" MAY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 104	P Garrigan
2nd	£10	No. 25	J Byrne
3rd	£10	No. 219	B Warner
4th	£10	No. 28	A Kerwin
5th	£10	No. 102	E Jones

Many thanks for your continuous support. Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Please contact Myra: 928 1136 or see Bernie in the Parish office.

SPRING COACH TRIP - Tuesday 21 May

The coach for the trip to Hayes & Finch and Barton Grange will leave English Martyrs at 9.25am on Tuesday 21 May. We will then go up to Our Lady Queen of Peace for 9.30am to collect others who may be attending Mass (including Fr Mark!!)



There are still some seats left on the coach for anyone wishing to join us. 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.

CAFOD INVITATION

You will have seen all over the news, in newspapers and from Sir David Attenborough, that climate change is a huge issue that needs tackling sooner rather later. Not only is it killing off wildlife, but it affects those who are living in poverty the most through things such as, more frequent and violent life threatening weather emergencies and changes in seasonal patterns which affect food and water, basic needs for survival. Apart from making some lifestyle changes ourselves, the best way we can make a difference is to speak up to the people in power. CAFOD will be taking a coach down to London on Wednesday, 26 June, to give Catholics the opportunity to lobby their MP outside parliament, to make our voices heard. As people of faith, we are determined to speak up for our common home. We would like for you to join us! Sign up at cafod.org.uk/climate_lobby.

The cost is £25... a bargain return trip to London and you will receive a CAFOD The Time is Now T shirt and be part of our Climate pilgrimage as we journey together. The coach will currently leave from Old Swan at approximately 5.00am. **We need people to sign up asap** so we know what coach size to book, so please sign up quickly!

CAFOD
Just one world

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children who have made their First Holy Communion over the last two weeks. We are also very grateful to the team of Catechists who work very hard throughout the year to ensure that the children and families are prepared for this very special sacrament.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 18th May	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 19th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		10.30am - Elena Elsworth 12 noon - Baptism - Jax Joseph Johnson-Steel
Monday 20th May		9.00am - Joan McDonnell
Tuesday 21st May	9.00am - Private intention	
Wednesday 22nd May		
Thursday 23rd May	9.00am - Anne Wratten	
Friday 24th May		9.00am - Patricia Carroll
Saturday 25th May	5.00pm - Parishioners	12 noon - Baptisms - Ada Dowd & Noah Redfern
Sunday 26th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>		10.30am - Bob Stam 12 noon - Baptism — Albie Gelhardt

SYNOD2020

There are lots of things going on in the diocese in preparation for Synod 2020. Primary School Headteachers have met and are coming up with creative ideas to involve schools. Similarly, the Secondary School Headteachers are involving their young people.



The diocesan priests are meeting over the next few months to listen to one another and over the coming weeks there will be times of listening in every parish.

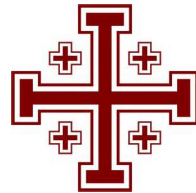
We hope you are using the weekly reflections found in the Newsletter which help us to reflect on the Synod questions and in a few weeks you will be invited to respond to them. A meeting is also arranged for **Wednesday 19th June, 7 p.m.** in the church hall when we will look at these questions together. All responses will be passed to the diocesan Synod office.

You are encouraged to use the Synod survey which is simply four questions and is completed on line: www.synod2020.co.uk.

The aim of it is to have as broad a constituency of people filling it in. Please encourage friends and family who are not church goers or not Catholics to fill it in. The church is listening to all!

ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem will be celebrating an Investiture in our Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 22nd June at 10.15 a.m. Usually Investitures take place in London but Liverpool has been chosen for this special occasion. The main celebrant will be His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Cardinal Grand Master of the Order who will be joining us for the weekend from Rome. The Sovereign of the Order is Pope Francis but Cardinal O'Brien acts as his deputy and made the request to come to Liverpool. All are welcome to go along for this occasion when 15 people will be awarded this special honour.



Vocations Weekend for young women

Theme: Discernment and Vocation. Dates: 24-26 May 2019. Location: Liverpool If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnfecj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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

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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.



CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Boys Make Noise, Gibberd Room, 15 May, 5.15pm - 6.00pm, a new singing group for boys in years 2, 3 and 4. Each session is specially designed for boys who might be interested in becoming a Chorister. The course aims to build confidence whilst giving a fun and informal introduction to the Cathedral Choir. All are welcome to come along. For more information please ring 708 7283. £2 per session

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

7th 8th 9th June at Liverpool Hope University. There will be daily Mass, Adoration and Devotions, an amazing healing service led by the Cor et Lumen Christi Community as well as aspiring speakers, good food and fellowship. Join us and celebrate our wonderful Catholic Faith. For more info Telephone: Denise 07543800812 or email northerncatholic@outlook.com

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

We are waiting a date for work to begin to replace all the gutters around the church building. The present gutters are the original and have served us well for over 80 years but are now badly corroded and need to be changed.



Work will begin to repaint the back of the sanctuary where the plaster has flaked and also around the church walls. This work will be carried out over the coming weeks and it may cause some slight disruption. We will keep you informed.

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.

EASTER READINGS

Did you know that the readings at Mass each Sunday during the Easter Season follow a set pattern and lead us on a journey.

The 2nd and 3rd Sunday readings remind us of the occasions when Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection and before his ascension to Heaven.

The 4th Sunday readings brings us into the arms of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

The Gospels of the 5th, 6th & 7th Sunday are drawn from Jesus' Farewell Speech to his disciples and often focus on Christian love and God's love for his children.

These readings lead us to the culmination of the Easter Season when we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost when we remember God's gift to the Church of the Holy Spirit.

FR MARK'S THEATRE

GROUP There are still 2 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.



GLORIFIED CHRISTIANS

If you take a look at education, health, social services, childcare, international development etc you will find that it was originally the Church that began this work in most countries.

Then gradually the state moved in and took over. So we now find that religious hospitals, religious schools, religious adoption agencies etc are very much in the minority. You could argue that this is no bad thing. It's the job of the Church to respond to need and if that need is satisfied by other bodies then we should rejoice.



The danger, of course, is that the Church is seen (and even sometimes sees itself) as just another agency. And Christians can end up thinking that they exist solely for this world. But Christians are not just would-be social workers. They are called to something greater.

In today's gospel we hear how Jesus has been glorified by his Father and will in turn glorify those who follow him faithfully. And our reading from Apocalypse (Revelation) gives us a glimpse of what that glory will be like, a new creation where there is no mourning or sadness.

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that Christianity is a philosophy, an opinion, a useful fashion like Feng Shui, colonic irrigation or aromatherapy. But it isn't a fashion. It's a matter of life and death: the life and death of Christ as well as our own journeys from womb to tomb. Christians are fully immersed in this world and its problems but they live with a promise of a future that will dwarf the ambitions of this world.



At the heart of Easter is the message that we have to go beyond the merely material, beyond what we can see, smell, hear, touch and eat. Our baptism destines us for a life that does not end in the grave but beckons us to an eternity with our God, an everlasting life where the joys and pleasures of this life take on their full meaning as we see God's glory face to face.

LADIES DAY

Ladies Day in the
Lutyens Crypt,
Saturday, 29



June, 4.00pm-9.00pm. The Cathedral Friends Ladies Day event is back by popular demand and this year it will be taking place in the magnificent surroundings of the Lutyens Crypt. Tickets include a glass of fizz on arrival, a delicious three-course meal and entertainment. Cost is £35. For information and to book tickets email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk.

BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY

Liverpool Hope University will be hosting a talk given by Br. Peter Bray, Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University on Saturday 8th June at 2.15 p.m. in Liverpool Hope University's Senate Room, Hope Park. Bethlehem University is a Catholic University, founded after the visit of Pope St Paul VI in the 1960's, whose mission is to provide quality higher education to the people of Palestine and is a very high achieving establishment. Br. Peter has been to Liverpool in the past and his talks have always been excellent. All are welcome to attend but it may be of particular interest to those going on the Holy Land pilgrimage in October.



A SERIES OF THEOLOGICAL TALKS ON THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL - CHALLENGES FACING THE CHURCH
REV. DR FRANCISCO JAVIER RUIZ ORTIZ
LECTURER IN SCRIPTURE AT ALLEN HALL SEMINARY

TUESDAY 7TH MAY – THE SOCIAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH
MONSIGNOR JOHN ARMITAGE
RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

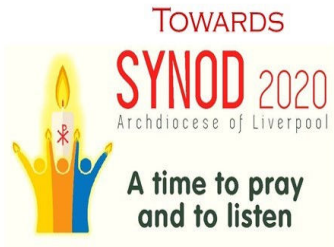
TUESDAY 14TH MAY – THE MISSION OF ALL THE BAPTISED
FERGAL MARTIN
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY 1995-2019

TUESDAY 21ST MAY – GOING OUT TO THE PERIPHERIES
MARY EBBASI
CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN HM PRISON PENTONVILLE

TUESDAY 28TH 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
224 AIGBURTH ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L17 9PG**



PARISH RETREAT

Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June 2019.

This is an important week for our parish when we welcome the Irenaeus Team who will lead the week of prayer, praise and reflection. The programme each day will be:

Morning Mass

3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Hour of quiet reflection & prayer

4.30 p.m. Tea and cake with a time to discuss the daily theme

7.00 p.m. Evening session - presentation on the theme

The daily themes are:

Monday	Are we a welcoming church?
Tuesday	Are we a loving church?
Wednesday	Are we a forgiving church?
Thursday	Are we a joyful church?
Friday	Are we an evangelising church?

PLEASE make every effort to come along, tell others about it and invite them to take part. It will only be a success if people take the effort to be part of the week. Sr. Moira, one of the Irenaeus Team will tell us more about the week at the beginning of June.

If you are one of our 'star bakers' and willing to provide some cakes for the afternoons please let Bernie know



CELEBRATE THE CHILD The annual Family Celebration Mass will take place this year at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic College, Highfield Road, Widnes, on Sunday 30th June. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be the Principal Celebrant. Mass will begin at 1.00 p.m. and you are encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds before Mass. For more information please contact: (Safeguarding Office) 522 1043.

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.

