



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have I failed to recognise Jesus then he has appeared in my life?

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children who have made their First Holy Communion this weekend.



BANK HOLIDAY

Mass on Monday, Bank Holiday, will be at 12noon.

LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is taking place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 7 May at 10am. The speaker is John Quirk who will be talking about 'Roads, rails, Ships and Planes'. Entrance is £2 and all are welcome

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 19 May 2019. Meet at 12.30pm at the Cathedral Car Park. Previous walks have been excellent! Further details from c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk New walkers are always welcome.



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 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.

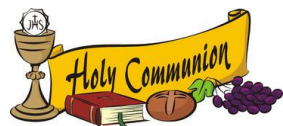
If you want a morning filled with fun, laughter, good company and nice singing, come along. All



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
Saturday 4th May	5.00pm - Parishioners	10.30 am- First Holy Communions
Sunday 5th May <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		10.30am - First Holy Communions
Monday 6th May		12 noon - Tom & Mary McQueen
Tuesday 7th May	9.00am - Private intention	
Wednesday 8th May		
Thursday 9th May	9.00am - Perpetual mass intentions	
Friday 10th May		9.00am - Bill Ashcroft
Saturday 11th May	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 12th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>		10.30am - First Holy Communions

Synod 2020

The Synod survey is simply four questions and is completed on line www.synod2020.co.uk.

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?



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!

Local Synod members will be meeting next week for the first time and they ask for your prayers.

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be. May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen

TWO CATHEDRALS' MESSIAH

Two Cathedrals' Messiah, Saturday 11 May, 7.30 p.m. - 9.45 p.m.. Join us in the company of over one hundred musicians for a very special performance of Handel's choral masterpiece Messiah. Tickets £10 & £15 and can be purchased from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral or from the Cathedral Gift Shop.



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 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.*



ROSE CULKIN RIP

Some parishioners will know Rose who was a very active member of our parish and for many years ran the pensioners club. Rose's funeral mass is at St Robert Bellarmine's Church on Friday 10th May at 10.00am. May she rest in peace

FR MARK'S THEATRE GROUP

There are still 2 tickets available for the trip to the Empire on Wednesday 23 October to see Les

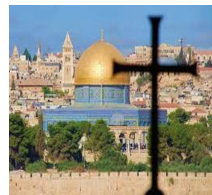


Miserables. Cost of ticket and coach is £64. If you are interested please see Bernie in the Parish Office.



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



FISH SPECIALS

What do we know about Jesus after his resurrection? Well, we know at least that he was hungry!

Both Luke and John report after-death appearances of Jesus where he wants something to eat. And in two of the stories he ends up eating grilled fish. So he wasn't a vegetarian either!

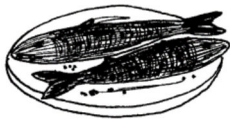
On one level we can see these two accounts as just simple stories that give us a bit more extra detail than we normally have about Jesus' social habits. But there may be something else going on in the two gospel writers' minds.



How do we meet the risen Jesus today? Clearly the most obvious way is through other people. Through our baptism we are called to become 'other Christs'. We are called to be Christ to each other and we see the face of Christ in all people who require our care, our concern and our service.

We meet the risen Christ in the liturgy when ministers and congregation gather, for Jesus said that wherever two or three gather in his name he will be present.

We meet him in the words of scripture. Far from being some ancient book of religious formulae the scriptures are the living word of God. When the scriptures are proclaimed in church it is God who speaks.



And while we are ready to say that Christ is present in the sacraments, it has to be the eucharist that takes pride of place for meeting the risen Lord. For it is in eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ that we come closest to him. St Augustine never tired of telling his congregation that they would become what they ate: the Body of Christ, which is also the name we give to the Church.

At what precise moment did the two Emmaus disciples realise that they were in the presence of their risen Lord? It was when he broke the bread for them to eat. What was it that Jesus asked the apostles for in both Luke and John's gospel? Something to eat!

Not surprising really, because when we eat that bread and drink that cup we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

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 more 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

TOWARDS

SYNOD 2020
Archdiocese of Liverpool



**A time to pray
and to listen**

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.



DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK 2019

St Mary's Church, Woolton are holding a Free Market Place for Information and Guidance on Friday 24th May from 1pm-4pm. A variety of professional support services and agencies will be attending to offer advice. Guest Speaker is Ruth Eley, Chair of Dementia Action Alliance. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

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.

