



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 9th June 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth,' we sang in the responsorial psalm. Having received the Holy Spirit, how can I assist in renewing the face of the earth?

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!



AN INVITATION TO ALL BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS You are invited to take part in one of the following unique opportunities for Renewal and Refreshment. If you are involved in supporting families at these special times this is for you. The events will be really helpful to you in your ministry and there will be sharing of ideas and good practice and times of prayer. We look forward to seeing you so please come along to either event.

Thursday 20 June, 5.30-9pm at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA or

Saturday 22 June, 9.30am-1pm at St Joseph's, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington WN6 9PA
To book please contact 0151 522 1040 or email formation@rcaol.co.uk

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" JUNE DRAW

1st	£20	No. 34	M O'Hare
2nd	£10	No. 104	P Garrigan
3rd	£10	No. 95	C Smartt
4th	£10	No. 2	J Mahoney
5th	£10	No. 45	A Nuttall

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.

SUMMER DAY OUT

LLANGOLLEN EISTEDDFOD 2019 - we have again arranged a day trip to the Llangollen Eisteddfod on Friday 5 July. We will leave the parish and travel by coach to Llangollen where we can stroll around the maes (Welsh for field) with its hundreds of stalls, food and drinking places. Your ticket will guarantee you a reserved seat in the Pavilion to watch the competitions which include Folk and Traditional Dance categories with competitors in national dress, as well as the Youth Choirs and International Young Musician competitions. You can walk around the town and enjoy the many shops and beautiful scenery.



The famous Parade of Nations through the town of Llangollen will take place at 4.30 p.m. which is a colourful spectacular event. We will then enjoy a meal together in The Hand Hotel in Llangollen before returning home.

The cost of the day is £55 which includes transport, entry to the Eisteddfod, reserved seat in the Pavilion and a three course evening meal. (apologies for the increase on last year which is purely down to increased costs)

If you wish to join us please let Bernie have your name as soon as possible. We also need to pre-order meals so if you are coming please pop in to the office to choose your meal.

Adoremus Te

Eucharistic Prayer Group for Young Professionals/ Adults. Every Tuesday 6.00pm-7.30pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Metropolitan Cathedral. This is a new prayer group set up by and for young professionals/adults and students seeking time with God through adoration, rosary & silent prayer. Please enter the Cathedral via the car park entrance.

WELCOME While Fr Mark was away in Jordan he was informed that visas have been granted to the two Seminarians from the Holy Land who will be staying with us for the month of July. Wajdi Sahawneh from Jordan & Nadeem Giacaman from Bethlehem will arrive on Monday 1st July and will take part in parish activities and visit parts of the UK. We look forward to welcoming them to the UK, Liverpool and to our parish.

On Sunday 7th July Archbishop Malcolm, Archbishop Patrick & Bishop Tom will join us for the 10.30 a.m. Mass to formally welcome the seminarians. Please come along and make this a great celebration.

Welcome

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 8th June	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 9th June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>		10.30am - Bridget McDermott 12 noon - Baptism - Frankie Pruden & Jack Fisher
Monday 10th June		10.00am - Michael O'Neill
Tuesday 11th June		10.00am - Bob Stam
Wednesday 12th June		10.00am - Peter White
Thursday 13th June		10.00am - Rita & Timothy Courtney
Friday 14th June		10.00am - Ian McCulloch
Saturday 15th June	5.00pm - Michael Sinnott	12 noon - Baptism - Sean Stitt
Sunday 16th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>		10.30am - Terry Hulme 12 noon - Baptism - Ollie Hollis

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.

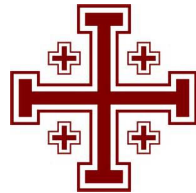
We hope you are using the weekly reflections found in the Newsletter which help us to reflect on the Synod questions and in a few weeks you will be invited to respond to them. A meeting is also arranged for **Wednesday 19th June, 7 p.m.** in the church hall when we will look at these questions together. 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 online: www.synod2020.co.uk. There is also now a box at the back of Church for completed paper copies of questionnaires.

The aim of it is to have as broad a constituency of people filling it in. Please encourage friends and family who are not churchgoers 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.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



**Frankie Joe Pruden
Jack Ryan Fisher**

Baptised Sunday 9th June 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 JUNE



The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

Lord in your mercy.....

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

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DAY FOR LIFE 2019

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on **Sunday, 16 June 2019**. *Day for Life* is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre** and other life-related activities supported by the Church. This is the only official Pro-Life collection which the Bishops endorse.

The 2019 theme is “**A Catholic response to Domestic Abuse.**” One in four women and about one in six men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. Two women are killed every week in England by a partner or ex-partner. We acknowledge that men, women and children suffer domestic abuse at the hands of husbands, wives, parents and other family members. Violence of this kind should never be tolerated or justified. It is an offence against the dignity of the human person.

The Church is recognising the hurt done to those who have experienced domestic abuse. Pope Francis writes: *‘Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical, and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union.’* (Amoris Laetitia 54)

A Lifeline For Married Couples

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 7–9 June 2019, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

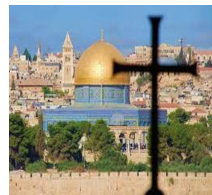
MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Work to replace all the gutters around the church will begin this week and will take over a week to complete.

Work will begin to repaint the back of the sanctuary where the plaster has flaked and also around the church walls will begin next week. This 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 and a meeting with Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa at the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

The cost of the pilgrimage is which includes the flight, 12 days full board, tips and gratuities, full guided tour and staying in 2 very good hotels. Single room supplement is £400.

Synod Information Day At Our Cathedral

On Tuesday, 25 June, the Cathedral will be hosting a 'pop-up' information hub located next to the Cathedral Cafe on the Cathedral steps. All are invited to join us throughout the day for complimentary refreshments as we chat informally about the project.



There will also be two other events on Wednesday, 26 June from 7.00pm– 8.30pm and Wednesday, 3 July from 2.00pm–3.30pm in the Gibberd Room in the Cathedral. People attending are encouraged to share their views on a one-to-one basis with our team of volunteers. We are hoping to speak to people of all ages, backgrounds and religious beliefs and we would love to hear your views. We warmly invite everyone to attend, both Catholics and non-Catholics.

If you can't make a meeting then why not take part in the online survey at www.synod2020.co.uk. The online survey closes on 30 June.

Go Purple for Nugent!

Thursday, 27 June 2019 marks the 114th anniversary of Father James Nugent's death. We're asking people to raise funds for our Merseyside based charity, Nugent, from 24–30 June by holding your very own 'We Are Nugent Day'. Activities might include a purple themed cake sale or wearing something purple to work or school. Have some fun by going purple this June and raise some funds for your local charity, Nugent. For more info please contact Fran D'Arcy at Nugent on 0151 261 2000 or e-mail: fundraising@wearenugent.org.



Lectures at The Phil

Organised by John Moores University, the Roscoe Lectures are free and open to the general public.

The first lecture will take place on Tuesday, 11 June at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall at 5.00pm presented by the Rt Reverend Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool. The lecture will be entitled *"Believing in the public square: the place of faith in England today."* To book tickets please contact the box office at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on 0151 709 3789 or book online at <https://www.liverpoolphil.com/whats-on/comedy-spoken-word/the-rt-reverend-paul-bayes/3423>.

PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Pentecost celebrations in Liverpool on 9th June start at 3pm the Metropolitan Cathedral. From there people process to the Anglican Cathedral, stopping to pray in various places that through God's Spirit we may bring hope and blessing to our city and region. Culminating with a Taizé service at the Anglican Cathedral at 4:30pm.



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.



HOLY LAND EVENING

Many people ask Fr Mark about the situation in the Holy Land and especially how it affects the local Christian community. On Monday 17th June, 7.00 p.m. in the church hall, he will give a presentation on the situation and why we are mandated to support our Christian brothers and sisters.

This is open to everyone but especially those going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October.



FRIENDS REUNITED

One of the more amusing stories of the Old Testament is where the Hebrew people decide to build a tower so high that it will pierce the clouds and reach heaven. While they are still building this Tower of Babel, God comes down, scatters the people and disunites them so that they all end up speaking different languages and not understanding each other. This is the origin of our word to 'babble'.



We hear this story each year on the eve of Pentecost. But on Whit Sunday itself the story comes full circle with the sending of the Holy Spirit. What we see in the Acts of the Apostles is that when the Holy Spirit descended on the Church, the disunity of Babel was reversed and people were once more united. Although they were from many different nations they could all understand the language of the apostles' preaching.

So Pentecost is the Church's birthday. No longer afraid and huddled together for safety, the apostles come out preaching from the hip. And armed with the Holy Spirit they make converts by the thousand. Yet they could not have done this without the Spirit, without the fire in their bellies.

Nor can we do it today. Without the Spirit we are simply a human organisation, at worst a Quango and at best a plausible charity. Yet the Church claims to be much more than this: it professes to be the visible presence of Christ on earth today. So we need the Spirit to breathe life into the Body of Christ. It is the Spirit who constantly purifies us from our tendency to put ourselves first and to seek to control rather than to serve. It is the Spirit who unites us in one body of witness and praise. It is the Spirit who leads us ever deeper into



the mysteries of God and reveals his purpose. And it is also the Spirit who inspires us to strive for the best and who empowers us to speak the words that God wants the world to hear. The joyful feast of Pentecost proclaims that the Spirit is at the very heart of everything we do as Church. As St Paul puts it: *'Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.'* (Gal 5:25)

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.

St Mary's College, Crosby
Year 5 Boys & Girls Taster Day,
Thursday, 27
June, 10.00am-
3.00pm.
To register call
0151 924 3926.

COME & SEE CONFERENCE

12th October

09.00 - 20.30

2019

13th October

09.00 - 18.30

Keynote Speaker

Workshops

Steve Atherton, John Bell,
Amy Cameron, Maureen Roche,
Jean Washbourne,
Michael Winstanley,

Peter McVerry SJ

with....

Music and prayer
led by
Jo Boyce and friends
with Steve Murray

Christ the King High School Stamford Road Southport PR8 4EX

Suggested donation: £40 [Concessions available on request]

Book and pay online from www.irenaeus.co.uk

Download a booking form from www.irenaeus.co.uk or email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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