



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 14th July 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it take for me to help someone in need? How can I imitate the good Samaritan?

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.



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Fr Yacoub Rafidi, a priest from the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Rector of the Latin Patriarchal Seminary in the Holy Land, who will be staying with Fr Mark for the next 11 days. Fr Yacoub will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral this weekend before visiting London for a couple of days. We hope he enjoys his time with us.



ORDINATIONS Please keep in your prayers Reverend Thomas Clarke ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at St Charles Borromeo Parish in Aigburth on Saturday, 13 July. We pray too for the other young men around the world ordained to serve as priests and deacons. This weekend Fr Mark celebrates his 23rd anniversary of priestly ordination.

The next meeting of the Catholic Men's Society is due to take place on Monday 22nd July 7.30 - 8.30 pm, to which we are inviting our parish visitors, Wajdi Sahawneh from Jordan and Nadeem Giacaman from Bethlehem. We hope to share our thoughts and experiences on various aspects of life and the church of today. Any men interested in joining us are more than welcome - come along!



Dementia Friends Champion

If anyone would be interested in becoming a Dementia Friends Champion, which means you would be able to

present the one hour Dementia Information Session in your parish or group, we have training taking place at LACE on Tuesday, 23 July from 10.00am–4.00pm and there are very few places left. To book please telephone 0151 522 1040. Together with the Alzheimer's Society great support is available.



**Dementia
Friends**

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

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 call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.



Saturday 20 July

'Magnificat' Concert with the players and singers of the Liverpool Bach Collective directed by Philip Duffy
Music by J S Bach and Purcell. 7.30 pm at the Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas (Liverpool Parish Church), Old Churchyard, Liverpool L2 8TZ. Tickets: £10 (concessions £7) at the door.

LEISURE TIME TRAVEL

Tour to Fatima

14 – 18 October 2019

5 days by air from Manchester

Airport transfers in Portugal

Full pilgrimage programme

Half board - £449.00 in a twin room share

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 13th July	5.00pm - Cath Madden	12 noon - Baptism - Zara Winters
Sunday 14th July <i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Stephen Donoghue 12 noon - Baptism - Molly Hughes
Monday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>		9.30am - School leavers Mass
Tuesday 16th July	9.00am - Sick & housebound	
Wednesday 17th July		
Thursday 18th July	9.00am - Private intention	
Friday 19th July		9.00am - Joseph Stevens
Saturday 20th July	5.00pm - Ronnie McGarrigle	
Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Parishioners

DONATIONS PLEASE

We are again having our Open Air Parish Celebration Mass and Picnic on Sunday 21 July. There will be stalls after the outdoor Mass on the school field. Do you have any unwanted gifts that you can donate for the tombola? Or if you can donate any bottles (not necessarily alcoholic!) we would be grateful. Help on the day would also be greatly appreciated. Please pass any donations in to the Parish Office as soon as possible. And please **COME ALONG** and support this next community event.

PROVISION FOR PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

A retiring collection will be taken after Masses this weekend which will, help to support our Liverpool priests in retirement. Please be generous and use the Gift Aid envelopes which can be found at the back of church if you pay tax.



PRIEST
RETIREMENT
FUND

CELEBRATING MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer of the Church is a beautiful way to begin each day. It is a time to get closer to God by expressing our love for him, thanking him for his blessings and offering him the day ahead. Fr. F.X. Lasance wrote in his book that Morning Prayer *“floods the heart with the breath of life and bathes it in the sunshine of God’s smile. By giving God your day in prayer first thing in the morning, you get the clear air of heaven flowing into your heart”*.

Fr Mark would like to introduce the practice of praying Morning Prayer together, something which many parishes do. Morning Prayer is part of the official prayer of the Church and it consists of psalms, readings and intercessions.

Morning Prayer will be prayed together at 8.40 a.m. before morning Mass on Monday & Friday.



Christopher Lambert, Doreen Lambert's son, is taking part in a sponsored run this weekend to help raise money for his cousin's husband, Duncan Atkinson, who has recently suffered a major brain tumour and as a result has lost his job. Chris has decided to do a sponsored run to raise funds to help support Duncan's family.



Would you like to make a donation? Place it inside an envelope and pass it to the Parish office and we'll make sure that Chris receives it. Alternatively, you can make a donation online: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/duncanatkinson>

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 JULY



The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Lord in your mercy.....

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Parish Office:

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

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FUN AT THE EISTEDDFOD!! Thanks to those who joined us for our annual trip to the Eisteddfod in Llangollen. We had a wonderful day with glorious weather. The singing and dancing were amazing again and a great time was had by all!!



Wajdi's uni-cycling skills need a bit more practice!!



CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



Limited seats available for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman. The Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon
Departing Manchester airport
Saturday 12 – Tuesday 15 October 2019.
Includes Return Flights, Half board accommodation in Rome Hotel, Airport transfers to Hotel in Rome. Guided Tour of St Peter's Basilica. Attend Canonisation Mass.
For further details please call: Leisure Time Travel 0151 287 8000, 07512 856 045

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all in our school communities, Primary & High schools a very happy, peaceful and safe summer vacation.



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 £1899 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.

SYNOD2020

Thank you to those who have submitted thoughts, reflections and answers to the four questions and which have now gone to the Synod 2020 Office. A team from Liverpool Hope University will now collate all responses see from across the Diocese and the major themes will be presented to Synod Members in September. We will keep you informed.



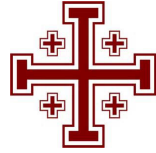
SONGS WE REMEMBER

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 24 July 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.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to those who came to Mass last Sunday and especially to those who helped in many different ways to make our church look amazing and who made our many guests feel welcome. Fr Mark received many emails thanking everyone and the following message sums them all up:



"Dear Fr Mark, a quick email to say what a lovely Mass we all had in your parish last Sunday. The church looked spectacular and the genuine warmth of welcome we all received was very special and much appreciated. From the men on car parking duty to the ladies who looked after us all in the parish hall, a big thanks to them all".



The Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre will be with us for two further occasions during the Autumn months to which you are most welcome to join us:

Saturday 14th September	Mass at 11.30	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Saturday 19th October	Mass at 11.30	Feast of Our Lady Queen of the Holy Land



NEIGHBOURS FROM...?



You can usually see Alex with a can of beer in his hand on the bench outside the market. The smell isn't very nice and he could do with a new set of clothes. Not that he would buy any himself since most of his state benefits are divided equally

between the off-licence and the Black Bull. He's not originally from round here; he seems to have appeared a few years ago, lives in one the flats on the estate and has no family that anyone knows of.

Everyone at our church knows Rita. She turns up for everything and has joined almost every group going. She's a pleasant enough soul, very willing, but can be a bit clingy. This is probably due to her living alone. She does have a granddaughter somewhere but they rarely see each other.



Akim and Kwame live in Abuja. They're thirteen and eleven years old and have to look after each other now that both their parents have died from AIDS. They don't complain, since many of their friends are in the same boat. It seems that there are more people in their village with AIDS than there are without it. Their patchy health service does its best but the problem is so vast.

Life couldn't be different for the gang of kids who hang around our local chip shop at nights. Left to their own devices by their parents, they make a lot of noise and can seem a bit intimidating to older people. In fact, they're harmless enough apart from the occasional broken bench and the hoard of litter they create.

And so the list goes on at home and abroad. Lupita and Toni are grandparents who work in a sweatshop on the outskirts of Manila... Abdhel and Ibrahim are twins who beg for food in Darfur... Louise lives in our town and longs for her husband to be out of prison... Magodonga lives near Harare and wants nothing more than a decent education... Craig has all the advantages of Los Angeles but doesn't know it because he spends most of his time on drugs...

Near or far, who is my neighbour?

The Cafod shop on St Johns Road, Waterloo which had to close last Christmas due to a shortage of volunteers is set to be officially reopened on Wednesday 17 July by Bishop Tom Williams.



Renovation work has been taking place on the building and a group will be helping to set the shop up in the days before the launch. The shop originally opened in 1992 and to date has raised nearly £800,000 towards the work of Cafod. It is the only shop in the country dedicated to raising funds and spreading the word for the charity.

More volunteers are still needed to help, even if only for a couple of hours once a week or every two weeks. Basic training will be given. Anyone who is willing to help in any way please contact Pat Murphy Tel: 0151 931 5778.

THE MINISTRY OF SACRISTAN

Fr Mark would like to get a small team of people together who will form a Sacristy Group. A sacristan is someone charged with care of the sacristy, the church, and their contents. A sacristan is responsible for maintaining the sacristy where the church's liturgical items are kept including vestments, sacred vessels and books etc. The overriding aim of the sacristan is to ensure that the priest can celebrate the Mass or service with absolute confidence that all necessary items and processes are in place. The role of a sacristan is a very enjoyable job with a lot of 'job satisfaction'.



If you think you would like to be part of a team, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Preparation for 2020 will begin in September and information and enrolment forms have been sent out to families via school. If you know of a child not in English Martyrs or Queen of Peace schools in Year 4 or above, and would like to make their First Communion next year, they must collect a form from the Parish Office as soon as possible. There will be an information evening on Thursday 18th July in the parish hall.



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PARISH MASS AND COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Please come and join in
the outdoor mass
with Fr Mark at
English Martyrs
10.30am on
Sunday 21 July.**



**Sunday
21st July
10.30am**

**Bring a picnic and spend the
afternoon enjoying the stalls and
games. Relax with a nice cup of tea
and a cake!**



**Tombola
Stalls
Raffle
Face paints
Refreshments
Cake stall**