



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21st July 2019



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I act differently around strangers who look important and ones who don't? Do I treat others with kindness, whether listening or serving?

## 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.

## 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

## 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.



***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.



## REFRESHMENTS

Tea & Coffee will be served after the 10.30 a.m. Mass **NEXT** Sunday and we invite everyone to come along. It was noted that a number of people in response to the Synod questions asked for refreshments to be served after Sunday Mass. We have tried to do this but we need people to pop into the parish hall and participate. Fr Mark would love to have refreshments on a regular basis but we also need more volunteers. Let's do it next week!



## 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



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
<b>Saturday 20th July</b>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Ronnie McGarrigle	
<b>Sunday 21st July</b> <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Parishioners
<b>Monday 22nd July</b> <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>		<b>9.00am -</b> C Powell
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b> <i>Feast of St Bridget</i>	<b>9.00am -</b> Sick & Housebound	
<b>Wednesday 24th July</b>		
<b>Thursday 25th July</b> <i>Feast of St James</i>	<b>9.00am -</b> Private intention	
<b>Friday 26th July</b>		<b>9.00am -</b> Tom Deegan
<b>Saturday 27th July</b>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Parishioners	
<b>Sunday 28th July</b> <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Ellen Elsworth  <b>12 noon -</b> Baptism - Lucas Edwards

## A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

We all know the story of the two sisters, Martha and Mary. When Jesus came as a guest, Martha complained that Mary was leaving her to do all the work in the kitchen and just sitting around talking and listening to Jesus. Surprisingly, Jesus came down on Mary's side!



Yet we all live our lives like Martha. We shave in the shower and listen to the news on the radio at the same time to save precious minutes. At traffic lights we join the queue with fewer cars so we can be off first. And we scour the supermarket checkouts to find the least dozy-looking cashier. We've become consumed with doing as much as we can as fast as we can. We're not so much burnt out as burnt up, consumed with activity. However, we rarely stop to ask ourselves why we are doing what we are doing and whether our priorities are right.

Of course, we have to work. And we have to prepare meals if we invite people round to eat. But, just for a moment, forget about the work you have to do to earn a living. How do you spend the rest of your time? What are your priorities? Does God feature in them? Do you pray or read the bible or is watching the soap operas more important? Do you ever just try and sit back for a few moments in God's presence? Do you have a sense of the spiritual? Of God being at your side in all that you do? Do you ever try to listen to what God might be saying to you in the events of your daily life? Do you try to process your activity?

The Greek word that describes Martha being distracted actually means 'pulled here and there by one thing and the next'. Sometimes in our flurry of activity that's exactly what happens to us. Our rushing around becomes an escape from reality. We find refuge in being busy. It seems to validate our existence but really it stops us from asking deeper questions about our life's direction.

Jesus speaks Martha's name twice. "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things." What a lovely reassurance of how fond he is of her! And what a reminder that from time to time we have to stop hiding behind activity and challenge ourselves at a more thoughtful level.



## 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.

## 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 Hanno,  
Rob Chew



## 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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## **SYNOD 2020: The next steps.**



On June 30th the on-line Synod Survey closed. Up to that date 1300 people had filled in the Synod questions online. As well as this the specific youth survey has added another 570 responses.

On July 16th the parish listening sheets all had to be sent to the Synod Office.

It is difficult to say how many people the response represented, a cautious estimate is that over 20,000 people have taken part from across the Archdiocese.

### **What happens with all this listening?**

Liverpool Hope University have been analysing all the data so that it can be taken to the Synod Working Party to discern the next steps on our Synod Journey.

### **Who is the Synod Working Party?**

The Synod Moderators (Fr Philip Inch, Fr Matthew Nunes), Mrs Maureen Knight, (Pastoral Formation) Mrs Debbie Reynolds (SFX pastoral worker), Sr Rachel Duffy FCI, Miss Kate Wilkinson. (school chaplain at All Hallows), Fr Mark Beattie, Fr Stephen Pritchard and Fr Dominic Curran.

### **What will they do?**

On August 15th – 17th the Synod Working Party will gather under the guidance of Fr Eamonn Fitzgibbon and Dr Jessie Rogers (from Limerick Diocese.) They will lead a three day process of discernment and prayer. Fr Peter McGrail will present all the data from the listening that has taken place and after a time of discernment we hope that a number of themes may emerge which indicate the way forward for us on our Synod journey.

### **Then what?**

The themes will be presented to the Synod Members at the September 2020 Synod Gatherings in Wigan. These will be presented to the Diocese on Synod Sunday (October 2019) and then each theme will be explored, discussed, examined and prayed about. Synod Members will then be invited to listen to the people of the Archdiocese and then with them discern what proposals should be put forward based on each theme.

### **What can I do?**

Pope Francis continually reminds us that the work of Synodality is the work of the Holy Spirit and if we listen and discern then the voice of God will be heard. At the opening of Synod 2020 in February Archbishop Malcolm said: *“In October 2018 we celebrated the first Synod Sunday. In my Letter for that day I focused on the need to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the life and experience of all the priests, deacons, religious and people of our Archdiocese. It is our duty to discern carefully together what the Spirit is saying to the Church in the Archdiocese, and agree on common directions and actions for the future.”*

So prayer is vitally important at this time in our Synod journey, especially on August 15th -17th. The words of Archbishop Malcolm in February 2019 can be at the heart of our praying: *“In convoking the Synod I am calling us to be bold and creative in the task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in our Archdiocesan community with its various parish and ecclesial, religious and social communities.”*

Thank you for all that has taken place and please pray as we move to the next steps of Synod 2020.

# 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,

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