



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 28th July 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What have I prayed for persistently in the past? Am I receptive when I am asked for something persistently?

THANK YOU! - to everyone who helped make the outdoor Mass last weekend a success. The cakes as ever were delicious and lots of people bought raffle tickets or had fun on the tombolas! We raised a fantastic £384. We will be selling raffle tickets again this weekend and will draw the winning ticket in the Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday.

A key was found on one of the stalls last Sunday. If you have lost one please call to the Parish Office

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.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The next meeting for those going to the Holy Land in October will take place in the parish hall on Monday 23rd September, 7.00 p.m. It's important that all those taking part in the pilgrimage attend. The final draft of the itinerary will be published and final preparation discussed





WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Lucas Stephen Edwards
Baptised Sunday 28 July 2019



Wajdi & Nadeem staying with us for the last four weeks and we ask the



On Tuesday we bid a fond farewell to our two Seminarians from the Holy Land. It has been an enormous pleasure to have Lord to bless them as they enter the last two years of their training for the priesthood. We promise them our daily prayers and we know they

will pray also for our parish family. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time with us and they leave with many happy memories.



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



CATHOLIC PIC The August edition is now out and can be found at the back of church. The main article features an interview with our last newly ordained priest. Fr Mark has also written an article regarding the recent Investiture of Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 27th July	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 28th July <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Ellen Elsworth 12 noon - Baptism - Lucas Edwards
Monday 29th July <i>Memorial of St Martha</i>		9.00am - Joan Smith
Tuesday 30th July	9.00am - Peter McGrail	
Wednesday 31st July <i>Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola</i>		
Thursday 1st August <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.00am - Private intention	
Friday 2nd August		9.00am - Ana Fuentes
Saturday 3rd August	5.00pm - Kevin Cluskey	12 noon - Baptism - Margot Barry
Sunday 4th August <i>18th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Joe Lovelady 12 noon - Baptisms - Reuben Fitzpatrick & Sofia Rimmer

SCRUNGE?

If you were having a competition for ugly-sounding words then 'scrunge' would be a strong contender. What does it mean? I don't know, but you can tell from its sound that it won't be anything pleasant.



(Actually it doesn't exist!)

Some words are off-putting. 'Stewardship' sounds so stuffy and institutional. It's the sort of word we give a wide berth to because it sounds rather boring and overly religious. Yet Jesus reminds us that we are all called to exercise stewardship over

what God has given us.

It's easy to talk about global stewardship, about saving the planet for our children and grandchildren. It's easy because it doesn't necessarily bite home in our lives. But stewardship is much closer to home than global warming and carbon footprints. It's about how we use the ordinary things in our life.

How do we use our time? What are our priorities? Is my time mine or am I aware that I am given it to do good with? Am I generous with my time? They say that if you want something doing urgently then ask a busy person. Maybe that's because people who pack lots into their time are aware of how much needs to be done, whereas the couch potato can never quite 'get round to it'. If my time is valuable then do I use most of it on valuable things?

How do I use my talents? God has never made anyone without talents. Are you even aware of what yours are or do you falsely stay in the background pretending not to have gifts and talents that can be put to the service of others? Do you hide your talents or do you make them useful by letting others benefit from them?

How do you use your treasure? And what is your treasure, the thing that you most value in life, that you would give anything to defend and would do anything to possess? Your treasure is what you love most of all in life. God has given everyone treasure in abundance but it's to be used so that others can have a better quality of life.



Jesus reminds us that we all have time, talents and treasure. And he tells us that one day we'll have to account for what we're doing with them because they're only on loan. It's called stewardship.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE **LAST FEW PLACES!!!**

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 £1897 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, Mary Vondy



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of
prayer and love, become ever
more clearly "schools of true
human growth."

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,

Peter McVerry SJ

with....

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