



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7th July 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I share Christ's peace with others?
How can I respond when it is not reciprocated?



A very
warm
welcome
to all our

guests this weekend: Archbishops Malcolm & Patrick, Bishop Tom, His Excellency Michael Byrne, priests, Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre and distinguished guests. We are all here to welcome our Guests of Honour, Wajdi Sahawneh & Nadeem Giacaman from the Holy Land who arrived last Monday. We hope they have a great time in our parish, city and country.

On Thursday we welcome Fr Yacoub Rafidi, Rector of the Latin Patriarchal Seminary in the Holy Land who is spending his summer vacation with us.



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.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We desperately need more people who are willing to form a group to assist in the care and support of the bereaved. The more people we get the easier it will be. Please consider joining us and give your details to the Parish Office.

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.



St Mary's College Proms in the Park

Saturday 13 July 7.30pm

St Mary's Blundell Park Playing Field, Little Crosby Road. The concert will be compered by BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Roger Phillips, and conducted by St Mary's Director of Music, Andrew Byers.

Tickets: £17.50 (adults), £10.00 (children and students), with entrance free for youngsters under five. Family ticket (two adults and two children) £50.00.

Bookings: St. Mary's College
Tel: 0151-924 3926.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 6th July	NO MASS TODAY	
Sunday 7th July <i>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Seminarians
Monday 8th July		10.45am - Funeral mass - Patricia Billington
Tuesday 9th July	9.00am - Ann Bowling	
Wednesday 10th July		
Thursday 11th July <i>Feast of St Benedict</i>	9.00am - Perpetual mass list	
Friday 12th July		9.00am - Marion Doran
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

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.

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE FORMBY

Weekend Retreat
led by Fr Pat
Collins – 'Self
Esteem and the Love of
God' 12-14 July 2019 Contact
Sr Nora on 01704 879665.



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

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 starting in July.





MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Patricia Billington

Funeral mass - Monday 8th July
10.45am



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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CATHEDRAL EDUCATION SERVICE



Each year the education service at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King welcomes over 4500 young people aged 4-24. Our team of retired and semi-retired teachers provides a tremendous resource for schools and colleges. We welcome Catholics other Christian denominations, Muslim schools and indeed young people with no religious background. The work is very challenging but also extremely rewarding.

We are looking for new staff who feel they would like to work with young people. This role would particularly suit someone who is retiring this year but would like to continue to work with young people. All that we are asking is a commitment to offer one afternoon or morning per month. Contact Sean Murphy, Head of Education Service 0151 707 2109

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

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.

SUNDAY 14 JULY

Lourdes Pilgrimage
Departure Mass 5.00 pm in the
Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ
the King.

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

This is your last opportunity to answer the 4 questions and to bring them back to church by Monday afternoon.



You are encouraged to use the Synod survey which is simply four questions and is completed on line: www.synod2020.co.uk.

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!

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.



TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

The first thing that we have to recognise is that God is beyond our grasp. Just because we use words to describe God doesn't mean that we understand God, that we've written the instruction book.

But we still need to talk about God and so we use words and images that come from our own experience of life. This allows us to say things about God based on what we are familiar with. So when the people of the bible came to view their dealings with God they talked about them in terms of a parent-child relationship. God was like a father and we were like his children.

This allowed us to have a vision of God in which he was the author of all life, in which he created everything, loved everything and everyone he had made and took care to provide for all our needs. Like a human father God was understanding of our foibles and was eternally patient and forgiving.



There's nothing wrong with this. But, of course, God isn't a man. He's a divine being. By the same token, God's not a woman either. Yet in the bible we come across a number of references to God that view him (her?) more as a woman than as a man. In today's reading from Isaiah we find one of these passages. God is referred to as a mother who suckles her children at the breast and who comforts her son.

Anything we ever say about God is only a pale shadow of what God really is. So God doesn't really suckle at the breast but he/she does provide that intimate care for us like the mother does for her little baby. God is not really a mighty warrior but he/she does provide us with a way of battling evil, a reason to fight against our baser instincts.

We Christians (apart from some of the great saints) are not used to thinking of God in a feminine way. But if we read the scriptures thoroughly we will realise that by bringing all our parental experience to bear on God then we get a much fuller picture of what God is. God acts both like a mother and a father. And after all, if God has both masculine and feminine traits then we are getting two for the price of one, and a much bigger God!



EVENTS AT JOSPACE Two

fundraising events taking place at St Joseph's Hospice.

Friday 12 July 7-9pm A first! Gin evening. Tickets £20 includes three free drink tokens, nibbles, live entertainment and raffle ticket



Saturday 13 July 12.30pm-4.30pm Garden Party. Teddy Bears Picnic and Parade , Treasure Hunt , BBQ & Prosecco Bar , Garden Afternoon Tea Entertainment and Music Stalls and Games ,Raffles and Tombolas Reflections Service at the Pool of Remembrance, Visit stations of Cross

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.



FR MARK'S THEATRE GROUP

There are still 2 tickets available for the trip to the Empire on Wednesday 23 October to see Les Misérables. Cost of ticket and coach is £64. If you are interested please see Bernie in the Parish Office.



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**