



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15th September 2019



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I imitate the father in today's Gospel story? Who do I need to forgive and welcome back into my life?

## MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer is one part of the Divine Office which is one of the official forms of Prayer of the Church. Many parish communities come together to begin the day in the way, praising God in creation and asking Him to bless them throughout the day.

We will start to pray Morning Prayer together every Monday & Friday at 8.40 a.m. in church. All are welcome to come along as we join our voices

## 2020 LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY

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Orders must be made by  
Tuesday  
1st October.



## EPISCOPAL VISITATION

Every few years the Diocesan Bishop must make an official visit to each parish in his Diocese regardless of other occasions he may visit. At the moment Archbishop Malcolm is visiting our Pastoral Area and he will

be in our parish

28th/29th September when he will celebrate the weekend Masses. During the Sunday Mass he will formerly enrol the children preparing for their First Communion.



"Yes, Your Grace; I do respect your opinion.  
I just don't want to hear it!"



## **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.



### **Monday 7 October 2019 - The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis: A Synodal Catholic Church - Talk by Fr Gerry O'Hanlon**

- Our context: the signs of the times in Church and Society.
- Synod as renewal of faith, reform of Church, missionary focus.
- Biblical, historical, and ecumenical roots of Synodality.
- Pope Francis and Synodality - from an 'era of change' to a 'change of era'.
- How this might translate on the ground in parishes/dioceses.

Former Irish Provincial Gerry O'Hanlon SJ is a theologian and author of many books, including The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis. He is currently Social Theologian with the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice Hosted by Liverpool Hope University. Lectures begin at 7.30pm  
See website [www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures](http://www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures)

#### **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

**MASS INTENTIONS** We are running short of Mass intentions. If you do have an intention please put the details on a piece of paper and pass to the Parish Office

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
<b>Saturday 14th September</b>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Michael Sinnott	<b>11.30am -</b> Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Sunday 15th September</b> <i>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Sheila & John McArthur  <b>12 noon -</b> Baptism - Isabella Maguire
<b>Monday 16th September</b>		<b>9.00am -</b> Mary Mitchell
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	<b>9.00am -</b> Bob Lambert & Nicola	
<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>		
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	<b>9.00am -</b> Sick & housebound	
<b>Friday 20th September</b>		<b>9.00am -</b> John Herbert
<b>Saturday 21st September</b>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Michael Smith	<b>12noon -</b> Baptism - Francis Hughes
<b>Sunday 22nd September</b> <i>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Harold & Mary Bevan  <b>12noon -</b> Baptism - Nathan Hunt

## MISSIO HILL RED BOX

Our 2018 parish contribution to the Missio Red Box campaign raised £1,146.00 for which we say a big thank you to all those who contributed. Sadly we were down from the contribution made in 2017 which was £1,484.27. Do you have a red box? Can you participate? Ask at the Parish Office or leave your details in the sacristy and we'll get a red box to you. Leave it in your home and simply pop your spare change inside it. Every few months it will be collected and the money will be sent to Missio.

Since 1922, Missio has been the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. We bring the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and we train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church can take place.



By taking a red box you are contributing in a major way to the spreading of the Gospel and to sustain Christian communities across the world.

## PIETY STALL

Take a look in the piety stall. We have some lovely new stock. There are some beautiful cribs

Christmas has come early this year!!

## “ A Spiritual Spa Day for Women”

Taking place on 28 September, the day gives women the opportunity to come and be refreshed in the Living Water, to experience the renewing love of God through inspirational teaching, quiet adoration, prayer, spending time in the grounds of St Cuthbert's, Wigton and in fellowship with other women. Ring 016973 45623 for more info

## HOME MISSION SUNDAY 2019

Each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. It is an opportunity to inspire us all to share the Good News we have received. This year, on the 15 September we are encouraged to take to heart the invitation to **'Rejoice with me'**. This joyful invitation comes from two of the three people mentioned in the Gospel of the day. Through this short phrase, we are invited to experience the joy of finding something, or someone, that had been lost.

### Rejoice with Me

Every party or celebration is someone saying to those around them **'rejoice with me'**, whether a birthday, anniversary or thanksgiving. If you have had even one person encounter Christ and come home, through the RCIA programme or encounter Christ through a programme like Alpha, how could your parish celebrate and share this joy with others? We would love to hear of your celebration on social media via #RejoiceWithMe. How can we invite others to the love of God the Father and so with them we will rejoice.

A retiring collection will be taken this weekend to help support the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE).

This is your Parish Newsletter. If it's of interest to you, it may be of interest to others. If you have something to share, an event or otherwise, let the Parish Office know and we'll always try and find room to share your news of what's going on in our community.

## COMING UP AT IRENAEUS

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS  
17th; 24th; 31ST OCTOBER  
& 7th NOVEMBER 2019



**'A STORY OF THE PEOPLE'**  
JOURNEYING THROUGH EXODUS

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SCRIPTURE WEEKEND  
FRIDAY 1st - SUNDAY 3rd  
NOVEMBER 2019



**'THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE  
LABOURERS ARE FEW'DISCOVERING  
MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**

## THE AUCTION

Once upon a time a woman died while giving birth to her only son.



Her husband, an art dealer, never remarried and he did his best to bring up the boy by himself as the child grew to maturity in the family home. He taught his son all about the paintings and sculptures that he had collected, and the lad came to appreciate art himself and

worked in his father's shop

War broke out and the boy was called up to fight for his country. He went off as a soldier to serve his nation but was killed in action abroad. The father was devastated at the loss of his son.

A few months later there was a knock at the father's door and a young man stood there with a brown paper parcel under his hand. It turned out that he served in the same unit as the dealer's son and they had become friends. He was an amateur artist himself and they often talked about art. The parcel was a portrait of the dead boy that he had done from a photo. It was poor quality but he said he'd done it because the boy was his friend. He would take no money for it.



Several years later the father died and his great fortune was being auctioned off. The place was full of other dealers hoping to snap up some bargains.

The auctioneer began by announcing that in his will the dealer had specified that the poor painting of his son was to be auctioned first.

This frustrated the dealers who were anxious to get on to the real treasures. 'Who'll give me £100? No one? Well am I bid £20?

None of the dealers was interested. At the back of the room stood the young man who had painted it. He bid £20 and bought back his own painting.

At that moment a lawyer stood up and said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, that concludes the bidding. My client left instructions that whoever bought the painting of his son should receive all the other works at no extra cost. So they all go to the gentleman at the back. Thank you.' As the will and testament said, 'Whoever chooses my son gets it all.'

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### THEODORE OF CANTERBURY (September 19th)

Although known as Theodore of Canterbury, he was actually born in Tarsus, Cilicia, in 602 and was appointed by Pope Vitalian to the Diocese of Canterbury where he arrived as an old man in 669. He was well received by the peoples of Britain and he set himself the task of organising the church by creating new dioceses and appointing bishops to them, as well as fostering learning.



Although Theodore was the first bishop to rule the whole English Church, a dispute arose with St Wilfrid who resisted the attempt to split his diocese (all the area north of the Humber). Wilfrid appealed to Rome who found in his favour and against Theodore. Nevertheless, Theodore went ahead with his plan and a rift was caused that was only healed just before Wilfrid died when he was restored to his diocese.

Theodore established centres of learning for training the clergy and with the help of Hadrian and Benet Biscop several seminaries were set up in some of the monasteries. He died in 690.

### 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

### 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  
preparations discussed







Restored Lives

## Recovery from Divorce and Separation



**"This course is the single most helpful thing I've done."**

**Archdiocese of Liverpool Marriage and Family Life Department**



**The next 6 week course will start  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September to  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**



**Meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming.**

**The course is for any person who is going through,  
or who has gone through, a relationship breakdown.**

**Topics cover: Facing the effects of what's happened; Communication and Conflict Resolution;  
Letting Go; Managing other relationships; Legal matters; and Being single and moving forward.**

**For details of times and venue contact:**

**Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815**

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool are looking for volunteers to help to facilitate or coordinate their marriage preparation courses. You will be given the appropriate training and development to enjoy being part of a vibrant professional community and will be contributing to a truly worthwhile cause. If you are interested please contact :  
Maureen O'Brien on 0151 522 1044 or email [m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk)



**SPONSORED WALK** - Donna Power is taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of Alzheimer's Society on Sunday 29 September. Anyone wishing to sponsor Donna should see her at Mass or there are sponsor forms in the sacristy.



## **NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS 2019**

Servers' family and friends are invited to the National Mass of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen, which this year for the first time, will be held outside of London at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 21st September 2019 at 2pm. Main celebrant is His Grace, Patrick Kelly, Archbishop Emeritus of Liverpool.

## **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, Ann Cahill, 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, Rene Jackson



## **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **The Protection of the Oceans**

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans."

Lord in your mercy.....



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## **NOVENA WITH NEWMAN**

All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13th October. This is a time of special grace for us to join together and call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven. We encourage you to join in the Novena with Newman - nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation, starting on Friday 4th October and finishing on Saturday 12th October on the eve of his canonisation. The novena prayers will soon be available from the back of church.

A website has been created to help people prepare for this special occasion:



[www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com)

## **LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESES PASTORAL FORMATION COURSES**

### **THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION -**

Wednesday 16 October 2019 10am-4pm at LACE,  
Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA

This Bereavement Training will help to develop knowledge skills and understanding of how we can be involved in providing support for those who have been bereaved following the death of a family member or close friend.



### **RESTORED LIVES - RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE OR SEPARATION -**

Commencing 19 September 2019 for a series of six meetings

Meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming. The course is for anyone going through or has gone through a relationship breakdown

**FOR MORE DETAILS OF BOTH THESE COURSES CONTACT:**

**MAUREEN O'BRIEN 07967 753371 OR JACQUI SELLEK 07793 825815**

# COME & SEE CONFERENCE

12th October

09.00 - 20.30

**2019**

13th October

09.00 - 18.30

**Keynote Speaker**

## Workshops

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Amy Cameron, Maureen Roche,  
Jean Washbourne,  
Michael Winstanley,

**Peter McVerry SJ**

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