



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17th November 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does the assurance of heaven change the way I live my life today?

November Pious List

Envelopes are now available at the back of church. Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory or post into the Parish Office. Through the month of November, one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the list.

JOSPICE CHRISTMAS LADIES DAY

Titanic Hotel, Liverpool. 1st December 2019 11.30am to 6pm. Festive drink on arrival, three course lunch and afternoon of entertainment, Christmas shopping and pampering. Cost is £40 tickets available from Jospice on 924 3812



WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS

Archbishop Malcolm will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Tuesday 19 November 7.30 p.m. — 9.00 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Stonebridge Lane, Croxteth.

DONATIONS AND HELP PLEASE!

We have a couple of fund raising activities coming up over the next few weeks and are aiming to provide some really nice Christmas prizes. We would be very grateful for any contributions of bottles, groceries or gifts to include in raffles etc.

We have a small team of wonderful helpers but are desperate for more people to help with organising things. If you would be willing to join the fundraising group please contact the parish office



HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN

This Diocesan campaign sees 100's of Christmas cards being sent to parishes across the Holy Land. Last year we sent cards to the Seminary Community near Bethlehem, this year we will send cards to the parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour.

Beit Sahour is a suburb of Bethlehem and it's believed the shepherds who visited Baby Jesus on Christmas night came from the village. We celebrated Sunday Mass with the parishioners during our recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land.



Beit Sahour, the land of the Shepherds has one of the largest Christian community in the Palestinian Territories. The Parish was established in 1859, with only 80 families. Today, it is one of the most active parishes in the area with pastoral initiatives for various activities and groups: three youth groups, a choir, young couples and scouts.

1. Write a card as you would normally do
2. Don't seal the envelope so we can place an arabic message inside
3. Bring it back to church and place it in the box provided.

Archbishop Malcolm is encouraging parishioners to get involved:

"I wholeheartedly endorse the Diocesan Holy Land Christmas Card campaign and I would encourage our parishes and justice and peace groups to send Christmas cards to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. On my visits to the Holy Land people often remark how supported they feel when they receive a Christmas card from our diocese, and I believe it to be a real sign of our solidarity with those who live there. It's also a promise of our prayers for them at Christmas, and this means so much to them."

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 16th November	5.00pm - Jean Turner	12 noon - Baptism - Bobby & Harrison Edwards
Sunday 17th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Pious List 12 noon - Baptism - Jack McHale
Monday 18th November		9.00am - Joan Molloy & Family
Tuesday 19th November	9.00am - Sick & housebound	
Wednesday 20th November		
Thursday 21st November <i>Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am - Rose Culkin	10.00am - Funeral service - Monica Walsh
Friday 22nd November		9.00am - Pious List
Saturday 23rd November	5.00 pm - Pious List	12 noon - Baptism - Roman Bailey
Sunday 24th November <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i>		10.30am - Special Intention (JM) 12 noon - Baptism - Jersey Brehany

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

*All Souls
Mystical
Communion*

God of all life, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. Grant that all those who have been baptised into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Amen.

Christmas by Candlelight in the Lutyens Crypt is taking place on 19th December from 7pm.

We're planning a really special evening of Christmas cheer, and would love you to be a part of it! On the evening we'll be serving up a delicious two-course Christmas supper for all guests. Entertainment will be provided by X-Factor finalist Danny Morris (our very own Micheal Bublé) who will be singing festive favourites, and our amazing Youth Choir will also be making a special appearance. Tickets are priced at £19.50 each. Contact c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

FEAST OF THE WEEK

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (November 21st)

Who could know God, if it were not for you, most holy Mary?

Who could be saved?

Who would be preserved from dangers?

Who would receive any grace, if it were not for you, Mother of God, full of grace?

What hope could we have of salvation if you were to abandon us, O Mary,
who are the life of Christians?



(St Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre)

CAFOD ANNUAL FUN RUN - 12.00 on Friday 27

December - Wavertree Athletics Centre



PRAYER LIST

We are always happy to receive names of people who need our prayers which are published in the Newsletter each week. The list has now been wiped clean and you are encouraged to re-submit names to the Parish Office. To keep the Prayer List we must comply with Data Protection rules, so you are asked to keep the following points in mind:

- 1.The person whose name is being submitted **MUST** give their consent and happy for their name to be published in the Parish Newsletter.
- 2.The Prayer List will be published on the new parish website and the person whose name is being submitted **MUST** be made aware of this and give their consent.
- 3.The Parish Office must keep a record of those submitting names so all names to be included in the Parish Newsletter must be done through the Parish Office either in person, by telephone or email.

Names can be submitted now.



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

SYNOD 2020

The listening journey that we are on will identify some significant priorities in our Archdiocese. It will also be a journey that Archbishop Malcolm will be sharing with the appropriate authorities in Rome in response to Pope Francis's call to listen.



The next task is to generate the proposals for action within each Theme. These proposals will be taken forward to the Synod day in October 2020 when they will be voted upon. The Themes are:

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| 21st Oct -18th November: | All called and gifted by God |
| 18th Nov -16th Dec: | Sharing the Mission of Jesus |
| 20th Jan -17th Feb: | How we pray together |
| 17th Feb -17th March: | Building Community, nurturing belonging |

We encourage you to visit the Prayer Station in English Martyrs church, take a proposal slip, write a proposal and to place it in the box.

Our parish is currently working locally to create opportunities for us all to engage with the Themes, reflect on how they challenge and inspire us, and generate proposals that will help us to become the Church God is calling us to be.

This weekend is the final weekend exploring our first Synod Theme, *All called and gifted by God*. Thank you for submitting all of your Proposals for Action which will help us to discern our Parish response to this Theme. Sunday 17 November is also the final day for submitting Proposals on this first Theme via the Synod website: www.synod2020.co.uk

Today we also start our period of exploration of our second Synod Theme, *Sharing the mission of Jesus*. You are invited once again to share your Proposals for Action on this Theme as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

Keep up to date with everything that's going on with Synod 2020 by logging on to the website synod2020.co.uk, the Catholic Pic has regular updates or speak to our Synod delegates, Gavin Williams & Sara Coxon.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Monica Walsh

Funeral service - Thursday 21st November
10.00am



Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service

with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon at the
Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on
Thursday 19th December 2019 at 2.00pm



Featuring the students from Great Crosby and Our Lady Star of the Sea
Catholic Primary Schools plus the "Songs We Remember" Choir.

Assistance with wheelchairs and refreshments
provided by students from Bellerive FCJ Catholic College.

**Refreshments will be served afterwards in the
Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome.**

For further information please contact
the Pastoral Formation Department
0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

CHRISTMAS EVENTS!!

BARN DANCE - Saturday 7 December

After the success of last year we are again having a Christmas Barn dance on Saturday 7 December. There will be a hot pot supper (including vegetarian option) and the wonderfully patient (!!) caller will again talk us through the dances. Cost of tickets will be £10. Tickets are now on sale. Last year was amazing fun so please get out your checked shirt and boots and join us at the 'Hoe down'



CHRISTMAS BINGO AND RAFFLE - Wednesday 11 December

Join us in the Parish Hall for our annual Christmas Bingo on **WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER** - doors open at 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm.



We are also having a **GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** which will be drawn at the Bingo. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. Prizes include a luxury food hamper and Christmas Drinks hamper ! Get your tickets to be in with a chance!

PIETY STALL– from this weekend in the Piety Stall we are selling some beautiful hand made Christmas wreaths (Cath has been very busy!!). We are asking for donations for those and suggest a minimum of £5.00. All proceeds of the sale of the wreaths will go to help the widowed ladies of St Martha's House in Bethlehem who we had the pleasure to meet on our recent pilgrimage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Power,
Joan Johnson,
Joan Greene,
Mary Cleary,
Bet Ashcroft,
Rene Jackson,
Eileen Hannon,
Peg Gray,
Nora Wright



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Bobby & Harrison Edwards

Baptised Saturday 16 November 2019

Jack Joshua McHale

Baptised Sunday 17 November 2019



SOUTH SEFTON FOOD BANK

As we head in to winter, food donations are absolutely vital to enable the Food Bank to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. The shopping list below shows the food items that they need right now. You can leave donations at the back of Church and one of our volunteers will ensure that they are taken to the Bank to help those in need

- tinned fruit (400gms)
- tea bags (80's)
- dried pasta (500gms)
- UHT milk (1 litre)
- Breakfast Cereals



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Lord in your mercy.....



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WILL MY DOG BE IN HEAVEN?

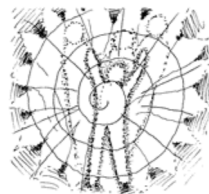


Jesus had less than a week to live when the events of today's gospel took place. So it's perhaps not surprising for him to be talking about life after death and teaching against the Sadducees that there is a resurrection that all created flesh will share in. Because the Sadducees didn't believe in a resurrection they tried to trick Jesus into giving a stupid answer to their farcical case of a woman who was the surviving widow of her husband and six brothers-in-law. Whose wife would she be in heaven?

Yet this is the sort of question that many people ask even today. Will my dog be with me in heaven? Will I recognise people I've known here on earth? What will happen if I come face to face with someone who's been my sworn enemy? What about my best friend who doesn't believe in God? And what if I don't like it?

Perhaps the first thing that we must say about heaven is that it's the fulfilment of all our desires and yearnings for God. Jesus enticed his listeners by saying that no eye had seen nor ear heard what God has in store for us. It goes far beyond what we could ever imagine or hope for. We see God face to face and as we gaze on his glory we are moved to the profoundest level of love, a love which leaves no room for any kind of emptiness or regret.

The second thing that we need to remember is that God is eternal, just like the life he offers us. We necessarily live in time but God's eternal nature means that he experiences infinity at every moment; in fact 'moment' is too restricting for a God who exists free from the boundaries of time. After our resurrection we share in that 'instantaneousness' of God. We are caught up in the immediacy of God. There is no yesterday or tomorrow about heaven. It's an eternal 'now'.



When we view heaven in this way we realise that many of our questions and difficulties about it are simply man-made and woman-inspired. We naturally have a tendency to tie things down to our own experience of reality. Yet today Jesus tells us that the afterlife is radically different from some of the ways we conceive of it. That's why he says that the Lord is God not of the dead but of the living: for to God all people are in fact alive.

