



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22nd September 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to serve God above money and possessions?

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. Morning Prayer is now every Monday & Friday at 8.40 a.m. in church. All are welcome to come along as we join our voices with people across the world in this very special act of praise.

2020 LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Ring Bound Directory £4.00
Standard Directory £3.50

If you would like to order a copy please give your name to the Parish office.

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

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
Saturday 21st September	5.00pm - Michael Smith	12noon - Baptism - Francis Hughes
Sunday 22nd September <i>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Harold & Mary Bevan 12 noon - Baptism - Nathan Hunt
Monday 23rd September		9.00am - Stephen McQuade
Tuesday 24th September	9.00am - Patricia Rice	
Wednesday 25th September		
Thursday 26th September	9.00am - Sick & housebound	
Friday 27th September		9.30am - Funeral mass - Joan Niblock
Saturday 28th September	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 29th September <i>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Patrick Greene

ANGEL PRAYERS

Do angels really exist or are they simply a way that people in the past (including Jesus) symbolised God's all-protecting care? This is an age-old debate and it still rages.



The word 'angel' means messenger. This tells us a lot. Angels are considered agents of God's action, mediators of God's communication. So they continually turn up in the bible, telling people not to be afraid and then giving them important information.

We teach our children prayers to the angels, asking them to keep us safe especially when we have no control over what is happening, as is the case when we go to sleep, hence the term 'guardian angel'. Adults have seen angels as warriors that fight for us on behalf of God when disasters and evil threaten our world. St. Michael is invoked as a 'safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil' and St. Gabriel is addressed as 'defender of the Church and lawyer of man'.

No matter how strong or weak your faith is, feasts of angels (September 29th and October 2nd) are opportunities to recognise God's desire for us to enjoy life and creation free from worry and harm, and a chance for us to thank him for the daily wonder of our existence.

MASS TIMES

Please note the change to Mass time on Friday. It is a Funeral Mass for Joan Niblock and is at 9.30am.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory



“ 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

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 become full and we have little space left to include new names. From this week the list has 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 from Monday.



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

COMING UP AT IRENAEUS

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



'A STORY OF THE PEOPLE'
JOURNEYING THROUGH EXODUS

CONTACT

JENNY

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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

TOMMY'S POUND

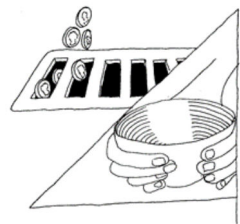
Tommy's mum had flu and was unable to go to church one Sunday morning but she was determined not to let that stop her son from going.



So she sent him off to church and gave him two pound coins, one for the collection and one to get himself an ice-cream on the way home. As he went off down the street Tommy was tossing one of the coins in the air and checking if it was head or tails. Eventually he dropped the coin and it went down the grid. 'Sorry, God' he said, 'I've just lost yours!'

In fact, in a certain sense, all money belongs to God. That's because money represents the product of skill, talent and enterprise. Although we can claim credit for the hard work, we have no hold over the other elements, since they are God-given. In reality we don't actually own the money we have; we are managers or stewards of it for God. So, whether we are financially rich or economically poor, our bank balance is a mirror of our share in God's riches, not in our own wealth. Christians, like all other people, are called to manage the produce of God's creation, using money which is a great power for good. We are only too aware that after we are dead and gone the money passes into the hands of others who in their turn are called to be good stewards of it.

There is nothing wrong with having money. Everyone needs it. But it's precisely there that the rub comes. How do we use our money? The miser who sits at home counting his money (or even checking on it via the internet!) has already been corrupted by it. Do we let money get the better of us, making us boast about it, tempting us to buy things just because we can and allowing us to feel superior to others because we are richer? Do we give in to 'retail therapy' or do we put our money to good use for the benefit of others? Do we see to our own financial responsibilities and then use the rest for the improvement of those whose needs are great?



Most people with money face a real dilemma at some point in their lives. Their problem centres around whether they are primarily focused on making and saving money or whether they are resolute about using the money to serve God. Which of the two is their priority? One of them has to be, since you can't have two priorities. And as Tommy found out at a very young age, you can't serve both God and money.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating this time of prayer for creation began at the wish of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios in 1989, and was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

The theme for 2019 is **“the web of life.”** The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Vatican has written a letter to encourage participation, highlighting that *“this theme connects our role as the stewards of God’s creation with the urgent need to protect biodiversity. This theme has important connections to this October’s Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazonian region.”* The Council of Bishops’ Conferences of Europe have also written to endorse this season, committing to unite in prayer for humanity to better respect the planet.

All powerful God, we appeal to your tender care that even as you temper the winds and rains to nurture the fruits of the earth you will also send upon them the gentle shower of your blessing. Fill the hearts of your people with gratitude, that from the earth’s fertility the hungry may be filled with good things and the poor and needy proclaim the glory of your name. Amen.

Season of
Creation 2019
the web of life



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



TEA & COFFEE

Tea & coffee will be served after Mass NEXT Sunday.

Please make every effort to pop in for a few minutes, meet
each other and say hello to Archbishop Malcolm.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with this and give your name
to the Parish Office.



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



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Francis Paul Hughes

Baptised Saturday 21 September 2019

Nathan John Hunt

Baptised Sunday 22 September 2019



English Martyrs Brownies are holding a MacMillan Coffee Evening on Thursday 24th September at 6.30pm – 7.45pm in English Martyrs Parish hall. All welcome to raise money for a great cause

In support of
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



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.....



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.



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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

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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

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

Steve Atherton, John Bell,
Amy Cameron, Maureen Roche,
Jean Washbourne,
Michael Winstanley,

Peter McVerry SJ

with....

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led by
Jo Boyce and friends
with Steve Murray

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