



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3rd November 2019



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What failings do I need to seek forgiveness?

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.

CATHEDRAL SEWING GROUP

This group meet in our Cathedral each week and work on a wide variety of pieces



for use in and around the Cathedral. They are always looking for new members so if sewing, embroidery etc is among your talents please contact David on 280 2392 for more information.

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.

LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 5 November at 10.00 am. Katie Musgrove will be presenting on the theme of 'Hidden gems of Seaforth and Litherland - a photographic project'. Entrance is £2 and all are welcome

ALICE ALCOCK - some may remember Alice who has recently died at the wonderful age of 104! Alice was married in English Martyrs in 1939 and was the Primary School Secretary for 20 years in the 1960's/70's. She later moved to Nantwich to be near her daughter and grandchildren and lived a wonderfully full and independent life until very recently

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 2nd November	5.00pm - Parishioners	12 noon - Baptism Annabelle Hill
Sunday 3rd November <i>31st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - L.D. 12 noon - Baptism - Riley Gore
Monday 4th November		9.00am - Helen Coulson 11.00am - Funeral service - Teresa Flynn
Tuesday 5th November	9.00am - Derek Checkland	
Wednesday 6th November		
Thursday 7th November	9.00am - Sick & Housebound	
Friday 8th November		9.00am - Pious List
Saturday 9th November	5.00 pm - Pious List	12 noon - Baptism - Gabriella Syhler
Sunday 10th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Nora Doyle 12 noon - Baptism - Penny McDonald

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 Bubl ) 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

THANK YOU! To Fr Mark and the parishioners of Our Lady & The English Martyrs in Liverpool. We would like to say thank you for the welcome you gave us when we stayed with you in July. For us it was a very special month and we loved every part of it. You made us feel at home and we are very lucky to have been chosen as the first Seminarians to come and stay in Litherland. We returned to the Holy Land very happy with wonderful memories, better English and bigger bellies! We have told our fellow students all about our stay and now they all want to come. The love you showed to us will always stay with us and we ask you to keep us in your prayers in these next two years as we continue our studies to be priests. We promise you our daily prayers and always our love.



Wajdi & Nadeem

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. 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.



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. As part of this work we are holding 4 meetings to look at each theme individually. The first meeting will take place on **Monday 11th November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall when we will discuss the first theme '**All Called and Gifted by God**' and have the opportunity to submit proposals.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS We are still short of Mass intentions - especially at Our Lady Queen of Peace. If you do have any intentions please put them on a piece of paper and pass in to the office.

MAKING THE FIRST MOVE

There was a sign outside a church that read, 'Don't let your funeral be the next time you come and visit us!' We can understand what it meant; it was encouraging people to think about the place of God in their lives and their response to God's workings.



But, actually, the sign is fundamentally flawed. Why? Because it encourages people to think that they are the ones who must make the first move. It gives the impression that God is sitting back waiting for them to decide to start doing something about their lives. And that simply isn't true!

The amazing thing about God's dealings with us is that he always makes the first move. Think of Zacchaeus in today's gospel. He'd heard all the rumours about Jesus and wanted to see for himself. Being a small man he climbed up a sycamore tree to get a good view. But before he could say anything, before he could make his mind up, it was Jesus who made the first move and told him he was coming home with him to stay for a while. When Zacchaeus heard what Jesus had to say he was immediately moved to repent and give half his property to the poor. (He'd cheated people by charging them too much tax and then keeping most of the money himself.)

God never ceases reaching out to us. We find this hard to cope with because we think that God is so concerned with weighty global problems that he has no time for us and our particular situations. Yet the opposite is true. When we feel drawn to God it is only because God's grace has been offered us in the first place. Our lives are a response to Christ's example of sacrifice and love; our response comes from hearing God's word; our actions are inspired by God's Spirit working in us, if only we take the time to discern it.



At the eucharist we thank God for never abandoning us and for continually offering us the chance to enjoy the life that Christ promised. Amazingly, God never stops leading us on to deeper trust and love. And all he asks in return is that we respond.

CHRISTMAS (YES! It is coming!!)

We are trying something a little different for our Christmas Trip this year. Chatsworth House in Derbyshire have a Christmas Market with more than 100 stalls offering a wide range of Christmas gifts and decorations. The theme of the market this year is Phileas Fogg and his travels. Tickets include entry in to the House to view the magnificent collections and also to the wonderful gardens. We will also have a hot lunch in one of the many restaurants.



The trip will take place on Friday 29 November and cost (transport, entry to House and lunch) will be £53. If you are interested please pass your name in to the Office. We need to confirm numbers by 15 November

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’



FEAST OF THE WEEK

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (9th November)

The Lateran Basilica stands on the site of an ancient palace on the Celian Hill in Rome. The basilica standing there today is the Cathedral church in Rome. This feast commemorates the dedication of the basilica built by Constantine which, by a tradition dating from the 12th century, is said to have taken place on the 9th November. The basilica is called the Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World, and is celebrated as a sign of unity and respect towards the Holy See and the Pope.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Annabelle Violet Hill

Baptised Saturday 2 November 2019

Riley Alan Gore

Baptised Sunday 3 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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SYNOD 2020 TALK - Monday 11 November 2019 - Faith & Theology in Later Life Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle

- How can we look to the past, live in the present, and gaze into the future?
- Being hopeful in changing times.
- How we can try and navigate faith issues with children and grandchildren.



Ros Stuart-Buttle is Senior Lecturer in Theology & Education at Liverpool Hope University. She went to school in Crosby, now lives near Bollington, and has been married for 40 years, with three (adult) children and five grandchildren. The talks are hosted by Liverpool Hope University and take place in Hope Chapel - entrance by Chapel or Gateway Building. Tea and Coffee from 7pm. Talk begins at 7:30pm. Concludes at 8:45pm.

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

Each November CAFOD holds Memorial Masses across England & Wales in honour of supporters and loved ones who have died.

The Liverpool Archdioceses Mass will be held on Sunday 17th November at 11am at Our Lady Of Compassion Church, School Lane, Formby, L37 3LW Tea and cake will be served in the meeting room after the Mass. All are welcome.



John Henry Newman Lecture - Liverpool Metropolitan

Cathedral Join us for a special evening to mark the Canonisation of John Henry Newman on Thursday 7 November 2019. The evening will begin at 6pm with a joint sung Evening Prayer at Liverpool



Metropolitan Cathedral featuring the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir joined by the Great Choir of Liverpool Cathedral.

The lecture beginning at 7pm in the cathedral's Gibberd Room includes Newman scholars The Revd Canon Dr Rod Garner and The Right Reverend Monsignor Roderick Strange Catholic Church. The lecture will conclude with a time for questions and is followed by refreshments. This event is free but you must apply to the Cathedral for tickets.

