



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 26th January 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What divisions among the people in my life can I help to heal?
How can I build unity in my family, parish, or community?

The next CMS meeting is on Monday 27th January in the Parish hall at 7.30pm. We will be discussing the programme for the coming year, any men interested are more than welcome!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This is now celebrated Saturday at English Martyrs 12.30p.m.-1.00 p.m. If the church is locked please knock at the presbytery door.



SONGS WE REMEMBER

Come along and join us in our dementia friendly Sing-alongs on Wednesdays at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo from 2pm-3.30pm (including afternoon tea). Upcoming dates for the new year:

22 January;
5 February;
19 February;
4 March;
18 March



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.



Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome, on Wednesday 5 February 7:00pm-9:00pm at [St Joseph's](#) Parish Centre, Crow Orchard Lane, Wroughtington WN6 9PA.

‘THE PALESTINIAN PAINTINGS’ - Israel Zohar

Israel Zohar is a classically trained artist whose commissions include HRH Diana, Princess of Wales, and various other dignitaries. The Palestinian Paintings are a new departure for him in that they deal with a contemporary, heavily charged situation. Viewers find them very moving and provocative.



Zohar is a Hebrew speaking Israeli citizen, born in Kazakhstan in 1945, brought to Israel as a small child and educated in Israel when it was a new state. He is now resident in north London

This exhibition of paintings will be on display in English Martyrs church over the next few days.

Each of the twelve paintings has a powerful message to tell us about the plight of ordinary Palestinian people.

The paintings are descriptive rather than overtly political and part of their power comes from the fact that they are based on actual photographs. They show us the underside of a politically charged situation.

Genocide is a terrible word to use but it is our humanitarian and Christian duty to speak out against the Genocide of the Palestinian people. It is hard to believe that this level of cruelty exists in the civilized West. Should we hide from inconvenient truth?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Power , Mary Jennings , Bet White
Joan Johnson, Mary Cleary, Dorothy Frodsham
Rene Jackson, Eileen Hannon, Peg Gray,
Nora Wright Pauline McGrath James Halpin
Kath Murray



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 25th January	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 26th January <i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Michael McDermott 12 noon - Baptism - Kelise & Klayton Lynch-Lennox
Monday 27th January		9.00am - Margaret Deaves
Tuesday 28th January <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00am - Sick & Housebound	
Wednesday 29th January		
Thursday 30th January	9.00am - Eileen Dixon	
Friday 31st January <i>Memorial of St John Bosco</i>		9.00am - Brian Mahon
Saturday 1st February	5.00pm - Pauline Hurn	
Sunday 2nd February <i>Feast of The Presentation of The Lord</i>		10.30am - Joan Greene 12 noon - Baptism - Penny Spencer

LOURDES
SPECIAL WEEKEND DEPARTURE
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Airport duty & passenger taxes
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Full Pilgrimage programme
Leisure Time Travel 0151 287 8000/07512856045



CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL - ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

Crippling drought and spiralling food prices continue to worsen the food shortages in both countries. CAFOD local Church aid workers have been working around the clock to get food and safe, clean water to communities in need. Millions of families have greeted the New Year facing hunger. If you can help please donate on the CAFOD website; www.cafod.org.uk. Please also keep the people in your prayers as they face this crisis;



Lord Jesus you fed the hungry, you shared your bread with all. Your people hunger now, and we are called to share your bread.

May rains fall upon the dry and broken earth and quench your people's thirst, so seeds grow tall and flourish, producing a bountiful harvest.

May we share the blessings you give us and bring comfort to those in need. May we show love through our actions so all have enough to eat.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long passages that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Biblical names and places.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part

Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about.



Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan.

Our parish will begin this month *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on **Thursday, 5th March at 7:00 p.m.** The evening will consist of a 30 minute video presentation followed by a time of reflection. Participants will receive a course workbook and other goodies to help you in this study of the Bible. The course is not heavy but fun and lively.

We need to know numbers of those interested so that we can order the resources, so please register at the Parish Office either in person, phone or email.

MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

At The Cathedral of Christ the King Sunday 9th February 2020, 11.00am -12. This Mass will give thanks to God for the gift of family and all are welcome to attend whether married, single, divorced, separated or bereaved. We look forward to welcoming you

SYNOD 2020

The period in which to reflect on the second theme of Synod2020 is now over and we now turn our attention to the third theme - **'How We Pray Together'**, which was launched last week. You are invited to a meeting with our parish Synod Members to share your thoughts on Monday 10th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. for those who may not be able to make it to the meeting there is information at the prayer station and an opportunity for you to 'post' your own thoughts on Theme 3 - **'How We Pray Together'**..



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.

It's OK Not To Be OK!

Approximately 1 in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year. There are services you can access in times of need.

www.hubofhope.co.uk – The Hub of Hope is the first of its kind mental health database bringing grassroots and national mental health services together in one place for the first time ever. The website allows anyone, anywhere to find the nearest source of support as well as providing a 'talk button' connecting users directly to the Samaritans.



www.mind.org.uk – 0300 123 339. Mind is a mental health charity whose aim is that no one has to face a mental health problem alone.

www.thesilverline.org.uk - 0800 4 70 80 90. The Silver Line is a free, confidential helpline offering information, friendship and advice to older people in the UK and is available 24 hours day.



ST THOMAS AQUINAS (January 28th)

St Thomas Aquinas was a 13th century Dominican friar. Famous as one of the Church's leading philosophers and theologians, he spent much of his time studying, writing and teaching. But he was also a great man of contemplation, as this brief prayer of his shows:



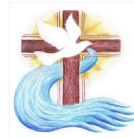
Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Kelise Sadie Lynch-Lennox
Klayton Daniel Lynch-Lennox

Baptised Sunday 26 January 2020



Barn Dance and Ceili

Starring **MICHAEL COYNE**

Accomplished Accordionist, singer and dance caller.

Liverpool Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, L6 5JG

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Doors open 2pm to 5.30pm

Admission £6 - Children £3

A coach will be leaving St. Helen's Church, Crosby but must be booked in advance. For tickets and coach bookings contact: Sr. Catherine 07486131930

There is a licenced bar, refreshments and Irish Stew available to buy

Helping to take sick/ disabled pilgrims to the Shrine of the Virgin of the poor, Banneux Notre Dame, Belgium.

WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS

SCRIPTURAL RETREAT DAYS

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

'A star shall come out of Jacob/ A look at
The book of Numbers.'

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

'Build yourselves up in Your Most Holy Faith'

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

'Here I am, Send Me... Reflections on the prophet Isaiah.



All sessions commences at **9.30am to 5pm** and will be held at
Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. Contact
Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or email Jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

SCRIPTURAL MORNINGS

5th, 13th 19th 26th March 2020

GOD REVEALS DEEP AND HIDDEN THINGS

DISCOVERING THE PROPHET DANIEL

COMMENCES AT **10.30AM -12PM**

ALL DETAILS ARE AS ABOVE.

BE NOT AFRAID

A WEEKEND OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

27TH March-29th March 2020

Residential or non residential available.

Contact, jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or ring 01519491199

Restored Lives The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday, 12 February at Holy Rosary Parish, Aintree, Liverpool, L10 2LG.

The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. If you would like to attend please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753 371 or Jacqui Sellek on 07793 825 815.

FISHING



If you follow me, it's people you'll catch, says Jesus in today's gospel. We all agree that we want to follow Jesus and come closer to God. But why are we so shy about fishing for others? Why do we find it hard to try and bring others to Christ?



Is it a cultural thing? Have we bought into the great deception that it's not the done thing to parade our faith on our sleeve? Yet if our faith is the single most important thing about our whole lives, how can we think of wearing it in our pocket? If our Christian belief is the one thing that makes sense of our existence, that provides us with the wherewithal to cope with what life throws at us, then how can we think of keeping it to ourselves and not trying to get others to experience it?

Don't talk about religion or politics, the saying goes. But if religion is about the ultimate meaning of life and politics is about how we organise it, then not to talk about either of them condemns us to the pleasantries of surface-living. Yet life's issues are deeper than talking about the weather, and faith's issues touch the core of reality.

Could it be that we're afraid of talking to others about our faith because we think we will be shown to be lacking? Is it because we feel ashamed and embarrassed because religious people are often caricatured as cranks in the media? Is it because we don't want to disturb people? Would we not disturb someone whose coat was on fire? Would we never tell a crying child that the toy needs to be switched on before it will work properly?

If we're not prepared to lead people towards God, then who is? And yet leading people to God is part of our 'contract'. To be a follower of Christ implies that we too proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth. Or at the very least to the ends of our street. If we talk to others and they begin to ask us questions that we can't answer, then it's a simple task to put them in touch with those who can. We're not expected to be geniuses or oracles. We're not expected to become full-time missionaries in some far-flung country. We're not expected to become experts on all matters of faith and religion.



But we are expected to do a bit of fishing.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the occasion when Mary & Joseph took the child Jesus, their first-born son, to the Temple to be presented to God and was proclaimed by the old man Simeon to be 'the Light of the Nations.' Traditionally on this day Mass begins with the blessing of candles and then a procession into church. We will begin the 10.30 Mass next Sunday in the church porch to bless some of the candles we'll use in church during this year.



Next Sunday will also be the last day for our parish Christmas Crib and your last chance to make your devotions and to give a Christmas Crib donation for St. Martha's House in Bethlehem.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY



Promotion of World Peace

We pray that
Christians, followers of
other religions, and all
people of goodwill
may promote peace
and justice in the
world.



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

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UNWANTED GIFTS? If you have any unwanted gifts please pass them in to the Parish Office. They will be a great help for our fundraising activities this coming year.



