



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

1st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 12th January 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I live my life as a disciple of Jesus? Do I share the good news through my words and actions?



SYNOD 2020 -

meeting in Parish Hall

THIS MONDAY

**13th January at
7.30pm.**

Please come and join the discussion
and reflection on the next Synod
Theme of :

How we pray Together



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:

8 January;
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.

Stop Human Trafficking – A New Year Resolution

Join forces with other local organisations to learn about Human Trafficking and what you can do to recognise and combat it in your parish.

Kevin Hyland OBE, who was the UK's first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and is a member of the Pope's Santa Marta Group to combat Human Trafficking, will be giving the Memorial Lecture at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA on Sunday 19 January 2.00-4.00pm.

Please come along to see how you and your parish can help to stop this deadly trade in your area. Info: s.atherton@rcaol.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be Thursday 23 January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room. We will meet to discuss The Christmas Train by David Baldacci. New readers are always welcome



WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 19 January 2020 where once again we will meet at 12.30pm at the Cathedral Car Park.

Previous walks have been excellent! Further details

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

New walkers welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The next meeting for children making their



First Holy Communion this year is Wednesday 15 January in English Martyrs school hall.

The family celebration mass is then on Sunday 26 January. Please join us to support the children as they continue their programme to take them to this most special sacrament.

Parish Website - don't forget to keep checking the website for news and events -
www.ourladyandenglishmartyrs.co.uk

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 11th January	5.00pm - Bernard Blundell	
Sunday 12th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of The Lord</i>		10.30am - Harold Buck 12 noon - Baptism - Daniel Cunningham
Monday 13th January		9.00am - Ronald Henshall
Tuesday 14th January <i>Memorial of St Kentigern</i>	9.00am - Henry Simpson	
Wednesday 15th January		
Thursday 16th January	9.00am - Special intention - IH	
Friday 17th January <i>Memorial of St Anthony</i>		9.00am - Henshall & Reilly Family
Saturday 18th January	5.00pm - James Halpin	
Sunday 19th January <i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - John Morgan 12 noon - Baptism - Elizabeth Moran



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

William Durney

Funeral Mass - Monday 20th January
10.15am



Mary Dargan

Funeral Mass - Monday 20th January 1.30pm

Patricia Benbow

Funeral Mass - Thursday 23rd January 10.00am

Augustine Collins

Funeral Mass - Friday 24th January 10.45am

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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" JANUARY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 51	S Donaldson
2nd	£10	No. 155	Mark
3rd	£10	No. 8	C Smartt
4th	£10	No. 20	J Mahoney
5th	£10	No. 196	J Shipp

Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Please contact Myra: 928 1136 or see Bernie in the Parish office. Please let Myra have your payment for the coming year if not already done so.

Confirmation for Year 8s

Although many of our year 8's will have already been Confirmed there may be some year 8's who would like to be Confirmed next year.



If there are any year 8's in non- Catholic schools who want to be Confirmed this year, they are invited to a preparation day on 29 February 2020, 10.00am-1.00pm at Lowe House in St Helens at which they will cover the material they will have missed in classroom based sessions.

They should sign up for the day through Eventbrite (search for 'Animate Youth Ministries').

Year 8 pupils in Catholic schools who want to be Confirmed this year will be given the chance to register through a specific Diocesan Confirmation website in the New Year.

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 you are invited to a meeting with our parish Synod Members to share your thoughts on Monday 13th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Reflection periods for the next two themes are:

20th Jan -17th Feb: How we pray together

17th Feb -17th March: Building Community, nurturing belonging

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.

Fourth Synod Talk: FAITH IN THE FAMILY

Speakers: Dominika Kurek-Chomycz & John Sullivan LACE Conference Centre. Monday 13 January 2020, 7.30pm. Tea and Coffee from 7pm. Please note the change of venue.

What does Scripture teach about faith and family? What does it mean to call home 'the domestic church'? What foundations for faith can be laid in the family? There will be an opportunity for questions and answers with optional Night Prayer at 9pm.

www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures

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.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Fr Mark received the following message from Fr Issa Hijazeen and the Christian community in Beit Sahour near Bethlehem:



“Dear Fr Mark,
I write on behalf of my parishioners to say thank you to you all for the wonderful gift of Christmas Cards we received just before Christmas. It was a great surprise to us all as we have never had them before now.

As you know well my parish is large so there was not enough cards to be given to every family so we decided to display them in the church and they are all around the nativity scene and many have come just to read them and we feel close to you.

Please thank everyone and especially all the children who bothered to make us very beautiful cards which we love very much.

You know Beit Sahour very well and we loved meeting your parishioners when they visited some months ago.

As you know, every hour from midnight to midnight on Christmas night and day, priests take turns to celebrate Mass on the spot where the baby Jesus was born. I celebrated two Masses and one Mass was for your parish.



Thank you once again dear brother and we wish everyone a merry Christmas from the town of the Shepherds and a very peaceful New Year.”

The [Cathedral](#) are once again looking for people who would like to act as volunteer guides for three hours a week.

- Learn on the job for as long as it takes. Answer queries at the welcoming desk.
- Listen to the stories of our wonderful visitors.
- If you like, take large or very small groups on tours.
- Give the job your own creativity.
- Be part of a ministry of welcome.
- Help us to increase our guiding groups to four.
- Add your own dimension to a large and flourishing team
- Be a consistent part of your group throughout the year
- Contribute toward presenting our Cathedral as a living Christian community, able to embrace everyone as valued individuals.
- Make new friends.
- Enjoy a fresh challenge.
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This random list could go on! Our aim is to take on twelve. Give us a call and we shall arrange for you to Come and See. Contact

Paul: p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk

GOOD LUCK!!

Next week we say 'Goodbye' to Carrie Cavanagh who is one of our wonderful Catechists and has been a major help with the First Communion Programme and with Children's Liturgy. Carrie is taking a fantastic new job in London so we give her all our good wishes for this exciting new chapter in her life. We will miss her tremendously!!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

THE PARISH CRIB

The parish crib will remain in Church until 2 February. It is traditional to visit the crib during the Christmas season and to make an offering of money which will go to charity. This year we will be collecting for St Martha's House in Bethlehem. We visited these lovely ladies when we were on our pilgrimage last year.



There is no welfare state, social benefits or care for the elderly in Palestine and families are expected to fully support their elderly members. Many people, especially Christians, are leaving their homeland and emigrating to other countries because of the political and economic situation, leaving their elderly relatives at home.

'St. Martha's House' was founded ten years ago and is a very small Day Care Centre where Christian elderly women of Bethlehem can spend two days a week at the Centre. They are collected from their homes in time for breakfast, they pray the rosary together, play bingo, sing, dance and chat. Once a week the staff make sure they have a bath and are given clean clothes. On the days that they are not visiting the Centre, staff visit the ladies in their homes and any jobs that need to be done for them are carried out.

The Centre is very much a life-line for these ladies and would not survive without this care and love. There is a waiting list for ladies to join but the premises is very small that only a certain number a day can be catered for. In the future we are hoping a permanent residence will be built so we can offer this service to more people.

Please give as generously as you can and we will ensure that the funds go straight to support these wonderful ladies.



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and **'The God Who Speaks'**.

During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'.

Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word. We will have a Bible Study course in the parish during 2020 and further details will be given on this. Other events will be taking place around the Archdiocese.



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. Lord in your mercy....



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