



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 19th January 2020



Parish Priest: Rev Canon Mark B Madden KCHS FRSA

0151 928 3471 [englishmartyrs@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@rcaolp.co.uk)

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I conscious of Jesus' presence in our midst? How do I show others that I am part of God's loving family?

The next CMS meeting is on Monday 27th January in the Parish hall. 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)  
New walkers welcome.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

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



## 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.



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
<b>Saturday 18th January</b>	<b>5.00pm -</b> James Halpin	
<b>Sunday 19th January</b> <i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> John Morgan <b>12 noon -</b> Baptism - Elizabeth Moran
<b>Monday 20th January</b>		<b>10.15am -</b> Funeral Mass William Durney  <b>1.30pm -</b> Funeral Mass - Mary Dargan
<b>Tuesday 21st January</b> <i>Memorial of St Agnes</i>	<b>9.00am -</b> Pat Ainsworth	
<b>Wednesday 22nd January</b>		
<b>Thursday 23rd January</b>		<b>10.00am -</b> Funeral Mass - Patricia Benbow
<b>Friday 24th January</b> <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales</i>		<b>10.45am -</b>  Funeral Mass - Gus Collins
<b>Saturday 25th January</b> <i>Feast of Conversion of St Paul</i>	<b>5.00pm -</b> Parishioners	
<b>Sunday 26th January</b> <i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		<b>10.30am -</b> Michael McDermott  <b>12 noon -</b> Baptism - Kelise & Klayton Lynch-Lennox



## **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](http://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

Thank you to everyone who took part in the discussions on the second of our four themed proposals **'Sharing The Mission Of Jesus'**, those proposals have now been submitted to the Archdiocesan Synod office.



We now turn our attention to the third theme - **'How We Pray Together'**, which is launched today, Sunday 19th January, keep your eyes open for the forthcoming date of our parish Synod meeting and 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](http://synod2020.co.uk), the Catholic Pic has regular updates or speak to our Synod delegates, Gavin Williams & Sara Coxon.

### PARISH HOUSEKEEPER

An opportunity is available for an experienced cleaner to be based at English Martyrs presbytery, Litherland.

This is a permanent post working 12 hours a week, Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9am-1pm with flexibility as required. The salary is £5,709.60 per annum.

The successful candidate will be required to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service and to ensure a pleasant and welcoming environment to all who visit the Presbytery.

To apply, visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) or ring 522 1102 for an application pack

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of prayer for Christian Unity runs from the 18th to 25th January 2020. The theme is 'Unusual Kindness'. Service taking place at Salvation Army, Stanley Road, Bootle on Monday 20 January at 7pm



The Archbishop Romero Trust is pleased to share four excellent documentaries to view online about St Oscar Romero and the Church in El Salvador. For further information go to: <http://www.romerotrust.org.uk/videos>



## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

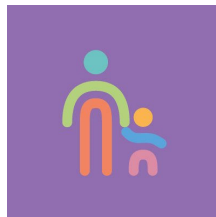
**Elizabeth Rose Moran**

Baptised Sunday 19 January 2020



## Nugent Adoption

Over 500 children across the North West are waiting for their new family. Can you help? Information Drop In Session, Thursday, 23 January, 6.00pm-7.30pm and Saturday 25 January, 11.00am-2.00pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Centre, Mayfield Avenue, Widnes, WA8 8PR or ring 01744 613 041 for more details.





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.

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](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk)



**Metropolitan Cathedral**  
of Christ the King Liverpool

**LOURDES  
SPECIAL WEEKEND DEPARTURE  
BY AIR FROM MANCHESTER TO  
CARCASSONNE**

**9 - 12 OCTOBER 2020 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS  
ONLY £479.00**

**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE BOOK NOW.  
INCLUDED:**

Return flights Manchester – Carcassonne

Airport duty & passenger taxes

Coach transfers in France to Lourdes.

10kg Checked in suitcase for the aircraft hold.

Full Board in Lourdes in 3 \* Hotel.

Full Pilgrimage programme

Leisure Time Travel 0151 287 8000/07512856045

**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....



Our Lady & The English Martyrs  
School Lane  
Litherland  
Liverpool  
L21 7LX

0151 928 3471

[englishmartyrs@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@rcaolp.co.uk)

Parish Office:

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

Archdiocese of Liverpool : Registered Charity 232709

