



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

The Presentation of The Lord
Sunday 2nd February 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth? How can I be more open and attentive to other people's voices?

LITHERLAND HISTORY

SOCIETY Next meeting is to take place on Tuesday 4 February at 10.00am. The speaker is Elaine Allen who will discuss 'Ghosts, Time slips and strange happenings' All are welcome. Entrance fee £2 includes tea and biscuits



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.



WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS

"... you will recognise them as disciples of Him who came not to be served, but to serve"



Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. The process of formation will be explained, serving deacons will share their different experiences and there will be time for questions. Wives, priests and deacons are also welcome.

7.30pm-9.00pm, Wednesday, 5 February at Joseph's Parish Centre, Crow Orchard Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9P A, refreshments from 7.00pm.

‘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 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
Monday 3rd February		9.00am - Bob Lambert & Nicola
Tuesday 4th February	9.00am - Sonny Nelson	
Wednesday 5th February <i>Memorial of St Agatha</i>		
Thursday 6th February	9.00am - Angela Deegan	
Friday 7th February		9.00am - Tom Hall
Saturday 8th February	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 9th February <i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - John Brennan 12 noon - Baptism - Ellie Lang

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.

CHRISTMAS ENDS - OFFICIAL (February 2nd)

For most of us, Christmas is now a distant memory, apart from maybe having to pay off the credit card bills! But for the Church it's February 2nd, the



Presentation of the Lord, that officially closes the season 40 days after the feast itself.



The Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas. In the liturgy of the day Christians recognise Jesus as the light that came into the world to enlighten all the nations and guide them on their way to God. It's the epilogue to Christmas and as we carry our candles the liturgy invites us to seek that light and be that light for our world today.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

This will take place on Tuesday, 11 February at 7.30pm at Christ the King & Our Lady Church, Queens Drive, Childwall. All welcome.

ST BLAISE

On Monday we celebrate the feast of St Blaise, patron saint of throat ailments. The traditional blessing of throats will be celebrated after Mass on Monday.

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.



CATHOLIC PIC

February edition is now available free of charge. This month's main feature is the Bishops' Holy Land Coordination Meeting of which Fr Mark is General Secretary.



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:

5 February;
19 February;
4 March;



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Penny Paula Spencer

Baptised Sunday 2 February 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

Are you horrified by Modern Day Slavery?

St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and those who work to combat it. Join us to celebrate her feast day on Friday 7 February at St Vincent de Paul's, James Street, L1 5JP from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Estelle Blake, the National Chaplain for Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery for the Salvation Army will be outlining how we can recognise victims and how we can respond. There will also be time for reflection as well as an opportunity for action.

All are welcome!

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The dates for the Training Days for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for 2020 are as follows:



Saturday, 23 May, Saturday, 18 July
Saturday, 3 October

Each of the days takes place at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 5RD from 9.15am– 4.30pm. If you feel called to this important ministry, please speak with Father Mark.

SOUTH SEFTON FOOD BANK

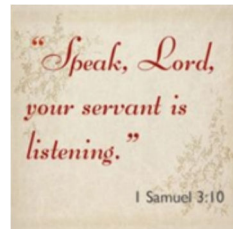
Winter is a hard time for some families. Food donations are absolutely vital to enable the Food Bank to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. You can leave donations at the back of Church and one of our volunteers will ensure that they are taken to the Bank to help those in need



SAMUEL GROUP

An opportunity for young people to listen to God's Word and explore the purpose of their life.

God calls to each of us in various ways, inviting us to enjoy lives of service, commitment, purpose and love. This is a series of evenings through Lent which will include praying with Scripture and reflecting with other young people, to talk about what's important in your life. There will be food and opportunities to listen to people talking about where they have discovered purpose and meaning in their lives.



Dates and Venue: Wednesdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm
26th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th, 26th March, 1st April

FCJ Centre St Hugh's, 53A Cranborne Rd, Wavertree, Liverpool, L15 2HY

If you would like to join the Samuel Group this Lent, email:
Sr Lynne fcJ - lynnefcj@gmail.com
Brother James f.i.c.p. - brojameshayes@gmail.com

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Sunday 16 February
Liverpool Bach Collective
Johann Sebastian Bach
Cantata 73:

‘Herr, wie du willst, so
schick’s mit
mir.’

(‘Lord, do with me as you
will.’)

6.30 pm at Christ Church,
Crosby Road South,
Waterloo, Singers and
Players directed by Philip
Duffy.

www.liverpoolbach.com

Email:

liverpoolbach@icloud.com

THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY



**Listen to the
Migrants' Cries**

We pray that the cries
of our migrant brothers and
sisters, victims of
criminal trafficking,
may be heard and
considered
Lord in your mercy....



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please pass them in to the Parish Office. They will be a
great help for our fundraising activities this coming year.



FUNDRAISING

