



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

First Sunday of Lent
Sunday 1st March 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

Next meeting is to take place on Tuesday 3 March at 10.00am. The speaker is David Brown who will discuss 'In my Liverpool home' 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.



ST OSCAR ROMERO

There will be a special choral evening prayer on Monday 23rd March at the Metropolitan Cathedral from 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. in celebration of St Oscar Romero, the eve of the anniversary of his martyrdom. During this special service the Cathedral will receive a relic of the saint and Archbishop Malcolm will preside. All are welcome.



OPEN CHURCH

One of the comments made at the recent parish Synod meeting was the sadness that so many churches are now closed during the day and people don't have the opportunity to pop in for a moment of prayer and to light a candle.



For a trial period English Martyrs will remain open each Friday during Lent from 9.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. In order for it to be successful we need people to call in, even for a few minutes. We encourage parents to call into church with their children on their way home from school.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Kathleen Traynor

Funeral Mass - Monday 2nd March

10.00am



LENT 2020



4.00 p.m. Lent Sundays Stations of the Cross & Benediction English Martyrs

8.45 a.m. Lent Mondays Morning Prayer English Martyrs

7.00 p.m. Lent Thursdays Scripture Course Presbytery
(Please give your name to the Parish Office)

8.45 a.m. Lent Fridays Morning Prayer English Martyrs

9.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lent Fridays Church open English Martyrs

Please do all you can to make this Lent special as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter

STATIONS OF THE CROSS This popular Lenten devotion will be prayed at 4.00 p.m. on Sundays during Lent. This year the meditations on each station will be through the eyes of someone present at the crucifixion and this first week we will focus on Mary, the Mother of God. We will conclude with benediction. Please make every effort to come along and make this part of your Lenten practice.

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 Emma Kelly



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 29th February	5.00pm - Parishioners	12 noon - Baptisms Oscar, Theodore & Frankie Watson
Sunday 1st March <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>		10.30am - John Dunn 12 noon - Baptism - Nevaeh O'Connor
Monday 2nd March		10.00am - Funeral Mass - Kathleen Traynor
Tuesday 3rd March	9.00am - Bill Helsby	
Wednesday 4th March		
Thursday 5th March	9.00am - Sick & Housebound	
Friday 6th March		9.00am - Peter O'Looney
Saturday 7th March	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 8th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>		10.30am - Debbie Rice 12 noon - Baptism - Joseph Harrison

CHURCH CLEANING

We have a small group of wonderful volunteers who help to keep our Church lovely and clean.

They are in desperate need of some more 'hands' to help. The cleaning takes about an hour and is done every other Tuesday at 9.00am. If you can give an hour of your time to help keep our Church looking 'spick and span' please just come along. The next session is Tuesday 3 March.



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 :

4 March;
18 March;
1 April;
22 April;

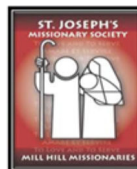


Family Fast Day, Friday, 6 March: Let's eat simply so others can simply live! As a family or as an individual have a simple meal on March 6 and perhaps give what you would have spent to CAFOD. There will be a retiring collection after Mass next weekend for CAFOD.



NATIONAL NOVENA

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intention of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Novena Director, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com



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.

If you would like to take part you must register your interest at the Parish Office as numbers are limited. There is a small cost for each participant of £5 which will help towards the cost of resources.

Sixth Synod Talk: THE CHURCH AS FRAGMENTED MIRROR

Speaker: David McLoughlin

LACE Conference Centre. Monday 9 March 2020, 7.30pm. Tea and Coffee from 7pm.

What sort of unity are we called to in a Global Church facing tensions within and without?

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers with optional Night Prayer at 9pm. LACE Conference Centre L17 1AA

www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures

THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO MARY

WHAT IS THE REDEDICATION?

This Re-dedication on March 29th is both a personal promise of the people of our country, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381.



THE ORIGINAL DEDICATION

The first dedication was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey as he sought the protection of Our Lady in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection.

THE REDEDICATION

On Sunday 29th March at 12noon, The Rededication will take place throughout the country. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are invited to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary. We respond to this invitation on the day of Rededication in two ways; by making a **personal promise** and a **communal entrustment**.

Our **personal promise** brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her opens to God's call.

Our **communal entrustment** unites us together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors.

Beginning on Friday 21st and for the next 33 days we are encouraged to pray the Angelus everyday in preparation for the Rededication Day and we will do so at Mass each day. Copies are available for you at the back of church to also pray the Angelus in your own homes. On Sunday 28th March we will join Catholics around the country to rededicate our country and ourselves to Mary.

If you wish to take part in the act of consecration, please visit: www.behold2020.com/prayer to complete a very brief online form which will enable you to receive the 33 days to Morning Glory prayers. These prayers will be sent to your email box every morning to be said, leading up to the Rededication Day at the end of March

WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS

SCRIPTURAL RETREAT DAYS

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 0151 949 1199

Lenten Alms

There is a box dedicated to Lenten Alms in church.

You can offer any money that you would have spent on luxuries during Lent.

The money is brought to the altar on Holy Thursday night and the Archbishop names a good cause each year for this money to go to.



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,

PLENTY OF TIME?

One day the devil called a meeting in hell with all his demons. Top of the agenda was the question of how to get people to stop believing in God and end up ignoring sin and being forever at each others' throats. This would then swell hell's numbers.

One of the chief demons said, 'I have a plan. Let's tell the people that there is no God and they've been tricked.' Another demon said, 'No, that's too obvious. Of course, there's a just and holy God. Anyone except a fool knows that.'

'Well then,' another demon said, 'Let them believe that he is a just and holy God, but tell them that they are so sinful that they've had their last chance and now he won't accept them. That will demoralise them.'

But another said, 'No, that won't work. Everyone knows he's also a God of mercy, and anyone who recognises their sinfulness and repents is assured of his forgiveness.' 'I know exactly what we can do!' another demon exclaimed, 'Let them believe there is a God - a just and holy God, full of mercy, but let's just tell them that there's plenty of time.'



Lent is the season of penance and self-denial. It's six weeks when we take stock of our lives and see whether they are taking us closer to God or further away from him. Is there any rush? Should we get urgent about it? Should we begin looking to see if there is a pattern about the way we fall into situations that we know are sinful and do us no good? Are there aspects of our lifestyle that need checking? Are



some of our desires questionable? Are we genuinely trying to purify our motives? Do we do enough for others, close to home or those abroad who are in need? Lent is about action, about opening ourselves to the working of God's grace, about having a change of heart, a U-turn in the normal pattern of our behaviour.

It's a holy season of self-denial. But don't worry; there's plenty of time. Or so the devil says.

The Catholic Miracle Rally This event will take place on 14-15 March at All Hallows Catholic High School in Preston. The rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of his Spirit is moving in his Church today. The weekend includes inspirational talks, joyful praise and intimate worship.

The Apostles' Creed

During the Seasons of Lent & Easter, the Apostles Creed is said:



I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

JOB VACANCIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Parish Centre Manager - Holy Name Parish Centre, Fazakerley

Parish Centre Manager - Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Centre, Walton

Parish Centre Manager - Our Lady of Walsingham, Netherton

Parish Centre Manager - SS Peter & Paul Parish Centre, Crosby

Parish Centre Manager - St James Parish Centre, Orrell

Parish Centre Manager - St Georges Parish Centre, Maghull

Parish Centre Manager - St Mary's Mother of God, Kirkby

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SYNOD 2020

We have almost finished this current period of preparing for Synod2020 when we have taken the time to reflect, listen and discuss the 4 themes which emerged from previous discussions. We are now reflecting on the final Synod theme : **Building Community, nurturing, belonging.**



You are encouraged to take a moment to look at the Prayer station in the church porch which will help you reflect on the theme. You will also find slips of paper to write any proposals you may have and to place them in the box. A parish meeting will be arranged to help us reflect, discuss and to make 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.

The next parish meeting will take place on Monday 23rd March, at 7.30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come along so we can discuss this final theme together.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

You are asked to keep in your prayers Michael Monaghan who will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive his First Communion at English Martyrs on Easter Sunday morning. This Sunday we formally send him out to meet the Archbishop in the Cathedral to be formally enrolled as a Catechumen. There will be little ceremonies called 'The Scrutinies' which will take place during lent in which as a community we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Michael and ask for blessings and graces. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH



Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Lord in your mercy....

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THE ANGELUS PROMISE

The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to “share in the joy of the Annunciation” by following Mary’s openness to God’s call, through her faith-filled “yes”. Through your own faith-filled “yes”, the Lord will work wonders in your life.

R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord

V: Be it be done unto me according to thy Word

Mary’s response to her invitation, “let it be done to me according to your Word”, opened her heart to God’s grace and all things became possible. Let my “yes” today take away fear, as I embrace God’s Will, and like Mary “ponder these things in my heart”.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: And the Word became flesh (*Bow or genuflect*)

V: And dwelt among us

At a moment in history, Mary’s faith-filled “yes” conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour.

Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God

V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that “the Word was made flesh and lived among us.” May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.