

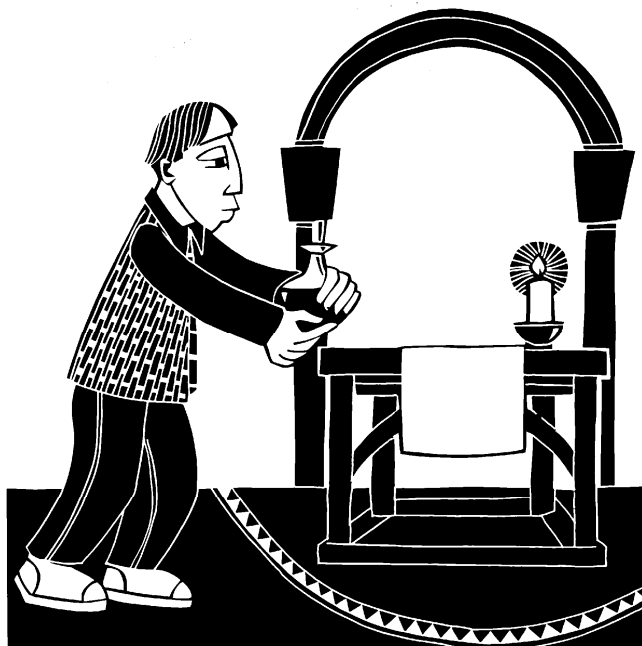


Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th February 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I need to be reconciled with anyone? How can the Holy Spirit guide me in doing the right thing?

The next CMS meeting is Monday 17th February at 7.30pm in the Parish hall.

Discussion will be around the role of men in the Church. 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.



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



Pauline Ryan
Funeral Mass - Tuesday 18th February
2.00pm



Fifth Synod Talk:

THE CHURCH IN AN INDIVIDUALISTIC SOCIETY. TODAY'S ECONOMIC INEQUALITY-WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

Speaker: Rt Rev Philip Egan

LACE Conference Centre. Monday 17 February 2020, 7.30pm.

Tea and Coffee from 7pm.

What currents are evident in contemporary culture? What does the Gospel of Christ say? What pastoral approaches might the Catholic community take?

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 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.

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 15th February	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 16th February <i>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Daniel Dempsey
Monday 17th February		9.00am - Elsie Smartt
Tuesday 18th February		2.00pm - Funeral Mass - Pauline Ryan
Wednesday 19th February		
Thursday 20th February	9.00am - Helena Shirley	
Friday 21st February		9.00am - John Fairclough
Saturday 22nd February <i>Feast of The See Of St Peter</i>	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 23rd February <i>Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Bridget McDermott 12 noon - Baptism - Aiden & Matilda Monaghan

REST IN PEACE

On Tuesday we celebrate the Funeral Mass for Pauline Ryan from Maple Court. 2.00 p.m. at English Martyrs. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. This will replace the 9.00 a.m. parish Mass.

It's important that Funeral Masses become the parish Mass of the day because the Church encourages a parish community to support the deceased with its prayers and to show support and encouragement to the bereaved. One of the works of mercy is to 'pray and bury the dead' and so you are encouraged to come along in order to carry out this important act whether or not we know the deceased person or family members.

SONGS WE REMEMBER

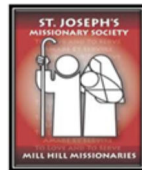
Come along and join us in our dementia friendly Sing-alongs on Wednesdays at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo from 2pm-3.30pm (including afternoon tea). Upcoming dates :

19 February;
4 March;
18 March



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.

Fundraising Barn Dance & Ceili

Starring Michael Coyne accomplished singer and dance caller, this will take place on Sunday, 23 February, 2.00pm-5.30pm, Liverpool Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, L6 5JG, adults £6, child £3, for tickets ring Sr Catherine on 07486 131 930. Helping to take sick pilgrims to the Shrine of the Virgin of the Poor, Banneux Notre Dame, Belgium.

THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO MARY

WHAT IS THE REDEDICATION?

This Re-dedication on March 29th is a 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 county and ourselves to Mary.

HUMAN SLAVERY

Most people think slavery only exists overseas, however modern slavery in the UK is very much real and sadly thriving. The British Government estimates that tens of thousands of people are subject to modern slavery in the UK today. Most people are trafficked into the UK from overseas, but there is also a significant number of British nationals in slavery as well.

Pope Francis describes trafficking as “*an open wound on the body of contemporary society*”. He asked the Catholic Church in England & Wales to lead the initiatives to try and combat modern slavery in the world. The Santa Marta Group was established comprising of Church & Civil Leaders along with Police Chiefs from around the world. Visit the Santa Marta website for more information www.santamartagroup.com



The UK Government estimates there are tens of thousands people in slavery in Britain today.

In 2017, over 5,000 people were referred to British Authorities as potential victims of slavery up a third from 2016. This includes 2,000 children.

Referrals included possible victims from 116 countries

46% of people referred were in labour exploitation and 34% were in sexual exploitation

34% of victims of slavery are estimated to be re- trafficked

UK nationals make the biggest group of potential victims

“May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery....” Pope Francis

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

LENT 2020

The Season of Lent is fast approaching and
it begins on Wednesday 26th February with
Ash Wednesday. Masses that day will be at
12noon (Our Lady Queen of Peace Syro
Malabar Church) &
6.30 p.m. at English Martyrs.
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.



Each Sunday of Lent there will be a Service of Stations of the
Cross and Benediction from 4.00 p.m. at English Martyrs.

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.

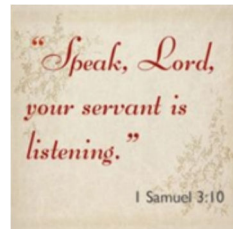
FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

This Sunday we again welcome the families of our children who are making their First Communion this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this wonderful Sacrament

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

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. Reflecting on the final Synod theme begins this weekend for 1 month. The 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 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....

Check the parish website for some more pictures from our Holy Land Pilgrimage:
www.ourladyandenglishmartyrs.co.uk

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