



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th February 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What darkness can I fill with the light of Christ that was entrusted to me at baptism? How can my light overcome these examples of darkness?

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.



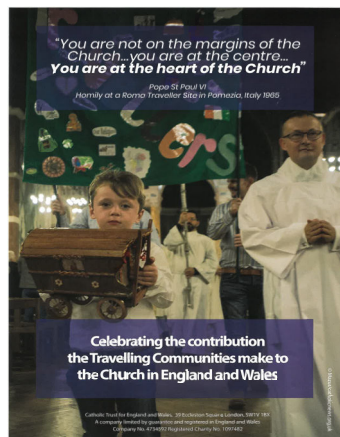
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.



Racial Justice Sunday

This weekend the Catholic Church will celebrate Racial Justice, the theme is: **You are at the heart of the Church.** It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the church in England & Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. See leaflets at the back of church.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



Joan Fieldsend
Funeral Mass - Monday 10th February
10.00am



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

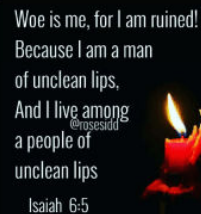
DATE	Our Lady Queen of Peace	The English Martyrs
Saturday 8th February	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 9th February <i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - John Brennan 12 noon - Baptism - Ellie Lang
Monday 10th February		10.00am - Funeral mass - Joan Fieldsend
Tuesday 11th February	9.00am - Peggy Jackson	
Wednesday 12th February		
Thursday 13th February	9.00am - Gus Collins	
Friday 14th February <i>Feasts of St Cyril and Methodius</i>		9.00am - Carmel Casey
Saturday 15th February	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 16th February <i>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>		10.30am - Daniel Dempsey

OVERCOME

What links Isaiah and the disciples? They were both overawed when faced with the presence of God. Isaiah had a vision of God and the overwhelming feeling was one of holiness. Angels kept singing the word 'holy', making Isaiah feel even more unclean and sinful. Similarly, when Peter, James and John saw how many fish they'd netted they were overcome with awe. This wasn't because they'd caught lots of fish but because they realised they were in the presence of someone special.

Holiness is God's trademark. Yes, there's love, mercy, justice, compassion etc. But it's holiness that marks God out as special. In fact, holiness means being set apart, being different from, being completely other. Some people never grasp the holiness of God. They practise their religion as if they were doing God a favour. After all, they could stop coming to church and offer their services to some local or national charity instead. I'm sure the Hospice Shop or Rotary would welcome them with open arms. But this is to miss the point.

True faith comes as a response to God's holiness. It's a result of realising the immenseness of God's glory and grandeur, of his 'otherness'. And to glimpse God's holiness means to be drawn into the only possible response: to try and be as like God as is humanly possible. When Isaiah had his moment his reaction was first to say 'I'm a man of unclean lips' and only later was he able to say 'Send me.' Peter's reaction to the holiness of Jesus was to shout out, 'Leave me, Lord; I'm a sinful man' and only later follow him. When we attend church we're not doing God a favour. We're not showing others how good we are, how loyal is our brand of Christianity. We come because we've experienced something of God's holiness in our lives and feel moved to react. That's why at our liturgy we first listen to God's 'holy' word and only then respond in praise. It's not so much what we do as what we allow God's holiness to provoke within us. We can only worship God when we've been overcome by holiness.



Woe is me, for I am ruined!
Because I am a man
of unclean lips,
And I live among
a people of
unclean lips
Isaiah 6:5

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'** 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.

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

You've probably never heard of Josephine Bakhita. That's because she is one of the many 20th century saints canonised by Pope John Paul II. In fact she's only been a saint officially since 2000.



Born in Darfur, Sudan, in 1868 she was kidnapped by slave traders when she was only nine. Having been abused terribly she was rescued by the Italian consul and taken to Italy where she worked as a maid. Eventually she became a Christian and took the name Josephine as a sign of her new life. She entered the convent of the Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice and spent fifty years as a Sister with a great reputation for holiness and ended her life in 1947. She is thought to be the only canonised saint originally from Sudan. Her Feast Day was celebrated on Saturday.

Restored Lives

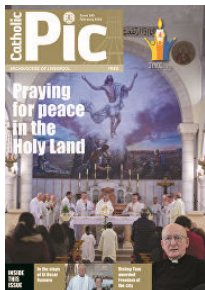
The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday, 12 February at Holy Rosary Parish, Aintree, Liverpool, L10 2LG.



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.

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:

19 February;
4 March;
18 March



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Ellie Louise Lang

Baptised Sunday 9 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

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.



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.

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

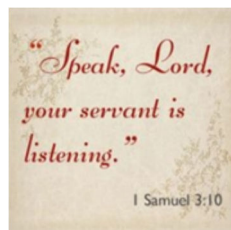
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SAMUEL GROUP

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

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK (February 11th)

"I would now like to address you, dear brothers and sisters, tried by illness, to invite you to offer your condition of suffering, together with Christ, to the Father, certain that every trial accepted with resignation is meritorious and draws divine goodness upon the whole of humanity. I express appreciation to those who help and care for you in residential centres, day hospitals and wards providing diagnosis and treatment, and I exhort them to strive to ensure that medical, social and pastoral assistance for those in need is never lacking, respectful of the dignity proper to every human being.

The Church, particularly through the work of her hospital chaplains, will not fail to offer you her help, well aware that she is called to express Christ's love and concern for those who suffer and for those who look after them. I commend pastoral workers and voluntary associations and organisations to support in practical ways and through concrete initiatives, those families who have mentally ill people dependent upon them. I hope that the culture of acceptance and sharing will grow and spread to them, thanks also to suitable laws and health-care programmes which provide sufficient resources for their practical application."

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY



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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