



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday 15th March 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do I thirst for spiritually? Can I find sustenance in the life-giving water I have received? How can I share this living water with those around me?

The next CMS meeting is on **Monday 16th March** in the church hall. We will be having further discussion on, **'The role of men in the church'**. Any men wishing to come along will be more than welcome.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The envelopes for the new tax year are now at the back of both Churches. Please collect your box when you can - the first week for the new year is 11/12th April.

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.



SATURDAY EVENING MASS-

Please note that Mass on Saturday 21st March will start at **5.30 p.m.** The Syro Malabar Community will be holding their Lenten retreat that day in Queen of Peace.

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.

NUGENT CARE COLLECTION

The annual appeal for Nugent Care takes place next weekend. At Nugent, our mission is to care, educate, protect and inspire those in need. We work alongside some of the most vulnerable people in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. We pride ourselves on our integrity, dignity, respect and compassion in all we do. Please support our work with your generous donation and please pray for those we serve as we continue the work of Father James Nugent.



THE WOUNDED SHEPHERD

Thursday 19th March
7.30pm. Author Austen Ivereigh will speak on a new book '*Wounded Shepherd*': Pope Francis and his struggle to convert the Catholic Church. St Anne's Parish Rooms, Overbury St. Liverpool.

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
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. There are NO STATIONS THIS WEEKEND

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 14th March	5.00pm - Monica Oakley	
Sunday 15th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>		10.30am - Parishioners
Monday 16th March		9.00am - Tony Elsworth
Tuesday 17th March <i>Feast of St Patrick</i>	9.00am - Special intention (ED)	
Wednesday 18th March		
Thursday 19th March <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>	9.00am - Thanksgiving (AD)	
Friday 20th March		9.00am - Sick & Housebound
Saturday 21st March	5.30pm - John F Madden	
Sunday 22nd March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		10.30am - Annie Liddy 12 noon - Baptism Noah Brennan

CORONAVIRUS

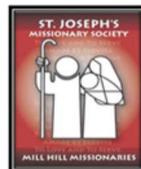
After discussion with the trustees, the Archbishop has asked that the following advice about containing the spread of the Coronavirus be followed in all of our parishes. This is simply to aid prevention of the spread of the virus and will be updated as the situation changes.

- *The sign of peace during Mass is suspended.
- *Holy Communion under both kinds is suspended
- *Holy Communion must be given in the hand and **NOT** on the tongue.
- *Holy water is now removed from church.
- *Eucharistic Ministers **MUST** wash/sanitise their hands before they help with the distribution of Holy Communion. Ministers will find sanitising gel on the credence table.
- *Ministers must then wash their hands in the sacristy after Holy Communion.
- *Eucharistic Ministers visiting care homes **MUST** follow advice from staff on infection control.

Further advice will be given to priests when necessary. We pray that this situation will not last long and we keep all those affected by the virus in our prayers.

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





Dementia Action Week

Dementia Action & Dying Matters Week: 11th - 17th May 2020

TUESDAY 12th MAY

Strawberry Cream Tea at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L171AA from 2.00p.m.

This afternoon is for Funeral Ministers, Parish Bereavement Teams, Dementia Champions, Eucharistic Ministers and all who would like to hear more about 'Dying to be heard'. Such an important topic this day and age - we need to be able to talk and to be listened to.

WEDNESDAY 13th MAY

'Songs We Remember Choir' at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD from 2.00p.m.

This will be a party (as we didn't have one at Christmas). Dave Ashley and his friend Albert **will** come along once again to entertain followed by a sing-along led by Dave and Albert.

THURSDAY 14th MAY

A public lecture by Kathryn Mannix bestselling author of 'With the end in mind' at Edge Hill University, St Helens Road, Ormskirk L39 4QP at 6.00p.m.

This book is one of the best books written on the subject. To book free places email: education@queenscourt.org.uk with your name.

FRIDAY 15th MAY

'How to pray with people living with dementia'. St Oswald's Parish, St Oswald Street, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 SSB at 11.00a.m.

After sharing an approach of 'the how' to pray there will then be an experience of a prayer service followed by refreshments.

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

An Afternoon Tea Dance in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Woolton, Liverpool L25 SJF from 2.00p.m.

There will also be something extra special going on.

SUNDAY 1st MAY

'We'll meet again' - a trip down memory lane.

An Afternoon of Celebration at LACE at 2.00p.m. including Afternoon Tea. Jimmy O'Donnell from Lancashire Memories will be the main feature with the 'Songs we remember' musicians leading a sing-along. A very fitting way to end this year's Dementia Action Week.

ALL ARE WELCOME! PASS THE MESSAGE ON!

For further information about any of the above events please contact Maureen Knight at the Pastoral Formation Department: 01515221046.

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 29th March we will join Catholics around the country to rededicate our county and ourselves to Mary.

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

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

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
Upcoming dates : 18 March; 1 April; 22 April;

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



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.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

For most of us Lent has come round again and we may think that we've heard it all before. But for a small group of people throughout the world it's something that they will never forget. They are catechumens and candidates. Catechumens are men and women who will be baptised at Easter and candidates are those who are already baptised but will be received into the Church at Easter. We are delighted to welcome Michael Monaghan into the Catholic Church when he will be baptised on Easter Sunday morning.

For the next few weeks the catechumens are going through an intense period that concludes many months or even years of preparation. Each Sunday of Lent the Church tries to give them (and us) one principal image to latch on to in order to express something of the significance of becoming a fully fledged Christian. What do you get when you believe in Jesus?



Today we're told that we get **WATER**. But it's not just any old water. Jesus promises the Samaritan women water of life. In other words, if you drink this water it will satisfy all your longings and yearnings. Following Jesus is not like some hobby, something that you can do part-time, something that you can take or leave. It's all-consuming because it alters the whole meaning of your life. It quenches that thirst of emptiness which can easily take hold of us. What Christ offers is something that satisfies deep down.



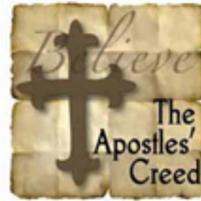
Next week we'll see that we get **LIGHT**. Jesus will cure a man who was born blind. It will transform his whole being. Not only will he see things, but he'll see everything in a new light, in a completely different way, because he knows the source of this new-found sight. The gospel sheds light for us on the decisions and choices of our lives. Unlike those who have not received this light of faith we see things differently.

In two weeks time we'll discover that we get **LIFE**. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead his life takes on a new meaning. He will never wake up the same ever again. The life that Jesus offers us has an effect on how we enjoy God's creation here on earth but it carries with it an extra bonus: the knowledge that we are intended for a life of happiness that never ends.

So if you think you've heard it all before, listen with the ears of a catechumen and rediscover what's really on offer for those who are prepared to give their lives to God. Please pray for Michael and all catechumens in these last few weeks of their preparation.

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.

EASTER BINGO!

Please come and join us on Wednesday 25th March for our annual Easter Bingo. Doors open at 7pm - 'eyes down' at 7.30pm. It is a lovely community event where we have lots of fun while raising much needed funds. Entry tickets available at the back of Church along with raffle tickets - there are lots of lovely prizes!!

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. 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 fourth and final Parish meeting will take place on **Monday 23rd March 7.30pm** in the parish hall, where we will discuss the fourth theme '**Building Community Nurturing Belonging**', from this meeting we will then submit the final proposals.

40th Anniversary of Assassination of Archbishop Romero: Romero Mass.

Sunday 29th March 6pm at Liverpool Hope University Chapel

L16 9JD at which the Archbishop of Liverpool will preside.

The relic of Romero will be venerated. At 7.15 Clare Dixon,

Head of CAFOD's Latin America Department/Romero Trust

will speak on Romero Forty Years On. All Welcome to Mass or simply come to the talk.



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.