



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday 8th March 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I listen to Jesus over the next week? What is he telling me?

PARKING DURING MASS



Can we please ensure that we show consideration to local residents when parking for Mass. Please do not park across driveways as this obviously means that residents are unable to move their cars for over an hour.

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.



REST IN PEACE

We are celebrating two Funeral Masses this week: Barney Ward, 10.00 a.m. on Monday and Adrian Harwood 11:45 a.m. on Thursday. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.



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.





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 <i>(Please give your name to the Parish Office)</i>	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

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 week we will focus on Simon Peter. 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 7th March	5.00pm - Parishioners	
Sunday 8th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>		10.30am - Debbie Rice 12 noon - Baptism - Joseph Harrison 4.00pm - Stations of The Cross
Monday 9th March		10.00am - Funeral Mass - Bernard Ward
Tuesday 10th March	NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday 11th March		
Thursday 12th March		11.45am - Funeral Mass - Adrian Harwood
Friday 13th March		9.00am - Stephen McQuade
Saturday 14th March	5.00pm - Monica Oakley	
Sunday 15th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>		10.30am - Parishioners 4.00pm - Stations of The Cross

CORONAVIRUS

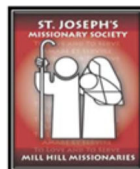
After discussion with the trustees, the Archbishop has asked that the following advice about containing the spread of the Coronavirus be followed in all of our parishes. This is simply to aid prevention of the spread of the virus and will be updated as the situation changes.

- *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



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 continue this 2 month *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on **Thursday at 7:00 p.m in the Presbytery**. 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.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Last week Fr Mark suggested the idea of celebrating 5.00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass in the side chapel and this met with approval.

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.

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;

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 county 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

Family Fast Day, Friday, 6 March:

There will be a retiring collection after Mass this weekend for CAFOD.



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, please speak with Father Mark.

MOUNTAIN VIEWS

We're not told in today's gospel what the name of the mountain was that the Transfiguration took place on. Tradition says it was Mount Tabor, but it doesn't really matter. In fact,



whenever a mountain features in the bible we can be pretty sure that God is about to appear in some form or other and tell us something significant.

That's what happened to Moses on Mount Sinai and to Elijah on Mount Carmel. Mountains are a sort of scriptural code for an appearance of God.

In our run-up to Easter we can be forgiven for thinking that mountains don't matter. But we all need them. Mountain moments are those in which we seem to catch something of God's presence amid the humdrum of our daily routines. Out of the blue we see something or hear something that makes us realise that there is more to life than meets the eye. Mountains are what bring us our spiritual experiences. It could be something natural like a sunset; it could be the birth of a child, the success of a friend, the embrace of two lovers. Whatever it is, it takes our spirit beyond our bodies and lets us have a glimpse of something that is greater than the merely human.

Because primitive peoples thought that God lived in the sky they went up mountains to be closer to him. But we have lots of mountain experiences down here on the ground. These moments of breakthrough sustain us through all the days when God's presence can seem a bit more distant from us, when like the people of Exodus we wonder whether God is with us or not. They act as a booster to our faith.

Today we see Peter, James and John. They have been given some bad news that Jesus is destined to be put to death and they are feeling low. Yet the Transfiguration is a flash of God's glory visible in Jesus. The Transfiguration is a defining moment for them. From being fearful they are strengthened.

As we journey through Lent on our way to Easter God will offer us our own moments of Transfiguration. He'll let us see his glory and, just as on the mountain top, he'll tell us *'This is my Son. Listen to what he's got to say.'* So, wherever we bump into our own mountains, we need to keep our eyes and ears open.

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. 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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" MARCH DRAW

1st £20	No. 39	L Connor
2nd £10	No. 217	M Henshall
3rd £10	No. 100	J Gittins
4th £10	No. 93	M Jones
5th £10	No. 49	C McQuade

Spare numbers are available.

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 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.