



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th July 2020



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THANK YOU

It's been nice to receive comments from people, happy to have returned to church, celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion though in a different way.

We can only open church with the great band of volunteers who help to keep us all safe and who clean and sanitise the church after each Mass. A huge thank you to them for all they are doing!



CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of



people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

MASS TIMES

Please note the revised Mass times which will hopefully allow more people to attend Mass during the week:

10.30 a.m. Monday - Friday & Sunday. (No Mass on Wednesday)

4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

All Masses at English Martyrs.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK.

This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?

A CAUTIOUS REOPENING OF CHURCH

In order to reopen our church it's important that the many guidelines laid down by the Bishops and the Government are kept to ensure the safety of everyone who comes to church:

1. The vulnerable should carefully consider the wisdom of returning to Mass too soon. They are not obliged to do so.
2. The Sunday obligation to attend Mass has not been re-instated.
3. Those who are able might be encouraged to come to Mass on a weekday rather than a Saturday evening or Sunday, to release the pressure on weekend Masses.
4. Each church is limited to how many people they can safely hold at any one gathering. Only one church in a parish may be used.
5. All people MUST wear a face mask. Hands must be sanitised as people arrive and leave church.
6. Social distancing guidelines are still in force.
7. Parish stewards must show people to the church benches, filling from the front and working backwards.
8. Church doors and windows should be left open.
9. Single use newsletters or other papers may be used but must be taken home.
10. Collections should be in a basket on the way in and the way out.
11. People MUST leave church immediately after they have received Holy Communion
12. Lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church must be avoided and outside the church gates.
13. Toilet facilities are not in use. Piety Shops are to remain closed.
14. The church is to be cleaned and sanitised after each Mass or Service.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 18th July <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm - Paddy McHugh</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 19th July <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 20th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - The Sick & Housebound</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 21st July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Brian Moorcroft</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalen</i></p>	<p>NO MASS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Mary & Chris Maloney (Birthday)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 24th July <i>St Charbel Makhlof</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Jane Morrison</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 25th July <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm - People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 26th July <i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Pat Benbow</p>

WITH YOU ALWAYS 2021



Registration forms are now available for the celebration of First Holy Communion & Reconciliation in 2021. This is open to children who return to school after the summer holiday in Year 4 or upwards. Forms will be given to children in our two primary schools and any child not in one of our schools can collect a form from the Parish Office. Forms need to be returned to the Parish office by the end of August.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY



Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance
Lord in your mercy.....

CATHOLIC PIC The July edition can be found online:

www.catholicpic.co.uk

SYNOD 2020

When we set off on our Synod journey with the words Together on the Road, we never imagined what God had in store for us. The last few months have been unexpected and they have taught us all that the road has many twists and turns on it and, as the Synod journey continues, God is calling us to listen, often in new and exciting ways.



Archbishop Malcolm has issued a video message and a revised Synod timetable has been published. Our Synod weekend will now take place on 18, 19, and 20 June 2021. You can watch the message and find full details of the changes on the Synod 2020 website: synod2020.co.uk

Please continue to pray for our Synod 2020 journey.

Our parish Synod members are Fr Mark & Gavin Williams. Sara Coxon is one of the Pastoral Area Synod members.

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

The annual collection to help support our retired Liverpool Archdiocesan priests takes place this weekend. We have approximately 50 priests now retired from ministry and some able to help in parishes when needed. The majority live in Diocesan houses scattered throughout the diocese and this annual collection helps towards their living expenses and health care. If you would like to make a donation, please put it in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

JAMES TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT (July 25th)

There are two James. Our patron today is known as James the Greater (or Great) to distinguish him from James the Lesser (or Less) simply because he became an apostle before the other one.

We know quite a bit about his background. He was a fisherman. He was the brother of St John. Their mother was called Salome. And he might have been Jesus' cousin.

He features in many of the accounts of the gospels and was one of the three inner circle friends of Jesus along with John and Peter.

It is said that he preached in Samaria and Judea after the death of Jesus and tradition claims him as the first apostle to be martyred. Compostela in northern Spain houses relics of St James and the church



there is the site of the famous pilgrimage destination that is still visited by thousands of pilgrims each year.

HOW MUCH DID JESUS KNOW?

When Jesus preached in his home synagogue of Nazareth people were amazed. Where did he get this wisdom from? Wasn't he the just the carpenter's son?



Now when Jesus lay in the manger at Bethlehem did he know he was the Son of God? When he began his ministry in Galilee did he know he was the Messiah? When he went through his Passion did he know he was God? The answer has to be 'no' in all these cases, otherwise the life and death of Jesus is worth nothing more than a fairy tale. For if he knew that he was God then his humanity was never fully tested.

It's easy to presume that because Christ was God then he knew all things. But God knows all things at once in an instant that never ends: eternity. However, we human beings think in ideas and concepts, and our human thought unravels in time; it takes us a while to grasp and formulate things. That's why from birth Jesus had to learn from experience and discover the truth of things for himself. He had a clear awareness of his sonship, although he did not have the words to think or express this. This was a consequence of God humbling himself to take on our human nature. Jesus's own consciousness was wrapped in human limitation.

It can shock people to realise the human limitations of Jesus, for many of us were brought up to think of him as an extension of God's almighty power. Indeed, his miracles seem to support this way of thinking. Yet the more we look at Jesus the more we realise that, in the person of Christ, God decided to become vulnerable rather than almighty, gentle instead of imperious, tolerant not merciless.



This leaves us with a very different God from the one that's popularly portrayed. In Jesus we find a God much closer to our way of being than we could ever imagine. We come face to face with God's own lifestyle, God's way to be human.

Most who heard his Sabbath sermon couldn't cope with him and took offence - a prophet despised in his own land who could work no miracles. And what about us? Can we cope with the real Jesus or are will still hankering after a magical God for whom human life presents no problems? Because if we are, then we're asking for a God who's not one of us and who can work no miracles either.

