



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th July 2020



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## WELCOME BACK

Since Friday 20th March the doors of our church have been firmly shut and now at last it's lovely to open the doors wide and say to you 'WELCOME BACK'. The church has been cold, empty and dead without you and it's lovely to be able to see life creeping back.



We are constantly being reminded that life will not get back to the normality we knew before lockdown for a long time and this applies to our life in church and how we publically celebrate our faith.

Please make sure that you take the leaflet 'A Cautious Reopening of our Churches for Public Worship. *What to Expect*' which will give you further information and take some for family, friends and neighbours.



**CATHOLIC PIC** July edition is now available. Only a few copies have been sent but you can access it online:

[www.catholicpic.co.uk](http://www.catholicpic.co.uk)

Other Catholic newspapers have not been arriving during lockdown.

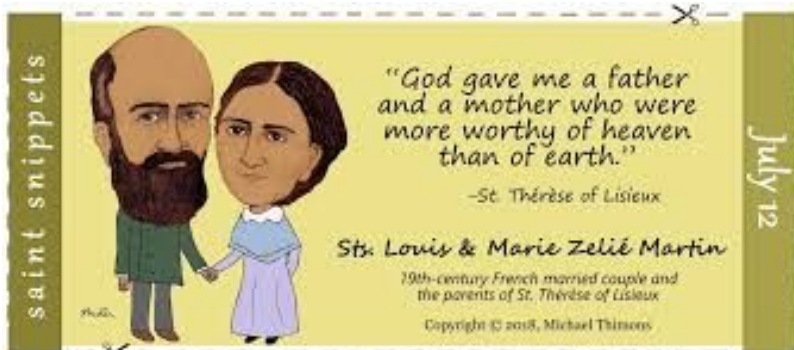
## MASS TIMES

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 for the time being at English Martyrs.



## 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;"><b>Saturday 11th July</b> <i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.30pm -</b> People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 12th July</b> <i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Sea Sunday</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.30am -</b> People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 13th July</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.30am -</b> Fr Mark - 24th anniversary of Priesthood</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 14th July</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.30am -</b> Joan Greene</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 15th July</b> <i>St Bonaventure</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO MASS</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 16th July</b> <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.30am -</b> Lee Kent</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 17th July</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.30am -</b> Peter O'Looney</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 18th July</b> <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.30pm -</b> Paddy McHugh</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 19th July</b> <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10.30am -</b> People of the Parish</p>

## A CAUTIOUS REOPENING OF CHURCH

### What will happen at Mass?

*It's great to be able to celebrate Mass together again though it will be slightly different.*

1. Mass will be shorter than usual. No homily during the week and a very brief reflection of a weekend. No Gloria. No Creed. No Bidding Prayers and only First Reading & the Gospel for week end Masses. No singing is allowed.
2. A basket is left near the Sacred Heart statue for your offertory envelopes, donations etc. These can be left as you enter or leave church.
3. Holy Communion will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass.
4. Fr Mark will sanitise his hands before the distribution of Holy Communion. He will also wear a visor.
5. The words "The Body of Christ" and the reply "Amen" will only be said at the beginning of the distribution. When you receive Holy Communion it will be given to you in silence.
6. Please wait in your bench until you are asked to come forward by the parish stewards.
7. As you come forward please approach the altar with arms out stretched so as to maintain a reasonable distance from Fr Mark.
8. You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and NOT on your tongue. You must have the palm of your hands flat and not cupped.
9. Once you receive the Sacred Host in your hand you are asked to step to one side, lower your face mask and place the Sacred Host in your mouth and raise the face mask immediately.
10. Please leave church by using the side aisles only. You must not return to your bench.
11. The parish stewards will clean and sanitise the church ready for the next Mass or Service.

## **A CAUTIOUS REOPENING OF CHURCH**

*Other Masses & Services are slowly being allowed to be celebrated.*

### **Funeral Masses**

We are now allowed to celebrate Funeral Masses but we must adhere to the guidelines.

A maximum number of 30 people (Government regulations) in church.

People must wear a face mask or covering.

No singing etc. is allowed.

Only the priest to receive Holy Communion.

### **Baptisms**

Baptisms can resume but guidelines must be followed.

A maximum number of 30 people in church. If more than one child is baptised during the same Service the maximum number of people is split between the families.

People must wear a face mask or covering.

### **Weddings**

There are to be no more than 30 people present. (Government regulations).

People must wear a face mask or covering.

All other guidelines to be followed.

### **First Communion**

Will be celebrated during the Autumn months. Guidelines will need to be followed.

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those who have died since lockdown:

**Pauline Seddon, Steven Woodward, Harold Nickson,  
Joseph Kennedy, David Roberts, James Baines,  
Scott Watson, Mary Ward, Brian Moorcroft, Ben Moss,  
Joan Murray, Patricia Vina, Patricia Seddon.**

Fr Mark also celebrated Funerals from other parishes who we keep in our prayers. We also remember with great affection Bishop Vincent Malone who died recently.



**MAY THEY RISE IN GLORY. AMEN**



### 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.....

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK.

Have I come to appreciate Mass and the Lord in Holy Communion more over these months of lockdown?

### CONGRATULATIONS

to our newest priest for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Fr Peter Murphy was ordained in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 28th June. Lockdown restrictions meant that it was not the Mass that had been planned but it was still a special time of prayer to welcome Fr Peter to the priesthood. Only 16 people were present in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to witness Archbishop Malcolm lay hands on him. We send Fr Peter our warmest wishes as he begins his ministry serving the Metropolitan Cathedral.  
Ad multos Annos.



SEA SUNDAY (July 12th)

### **For Seafarers**

Almighty God, hold in your arms those who work at sea. Give them patience to endure the hardships of their work and keep hope alive so that, although they endure great hardships, they shall know that they are not forgotten either by you or by us whose lives are enriched through their labours.



### **Remembering Seafarers' Families**

Merciful Father, we remember those who are left at home when seafarers join their ships. Grant them strength, wisdom, peace and patience. We pray for those who feel the acute pain of separation and who are sometimes afraid and uncertain; grant them comfort and hope as they wait long months to be reunited with their loved ones.

### **For the Crew**

We rejoice, O God, that seafarers of many backgrounds can work in harmony on the world's 40,000 merchant ships. We thank you that you have given your Holy Spirit so that unity may be experienced on the earth. Please give to all crews the unity that is needed to promote safety and wellbeing.

### **For the Shipping Industry**

Almighty God, we pray for the shipping industry; for those who build, own and manage ships. We thank you for every company which cares for those who go to sea on its ships. Grant to all who work at sea the blessings of safe ships, good food and just rewards for all their work. Lord, let justice flow like water and righteousness like an unfailing stream. Turn the hearts of those who are exploiting seafarers today and preserve the dignity of those who are working for irresponsible companies and serving on substandard ships.

