



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th August 2020



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THE MINISTRY OF READER



One sign that we are trying to resume some normality in church is that Parish Readers are now allowed to resume their important ministry but keeping to restrictions. Readers can either bring their own missals to read from or use the single-use sheets which will be on the lectern. Readers **MUST NOT** touch the lectern, microphone, sheets or lectionary when reading. If you would like to read please have a word with Fr Mark.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021



It's time to order the Archdiocesan Directory for 2021. This is an annual publication which gives details of all the parishes, clergy, departments and activities taking place in the Liverpool Archdiocese. The ring bound directory is £4.00 and the standard directory is £3.50. Place your order at the Parish office by Monday 14th September.

TRACK & TRACE

A track and trace system in church comes into effect this weekend which means that each time you come to church you will be asked for your name and contact telephone number which is then securely kept for 21 days before it's destroyed.

PIETY STALL

Our parish piety stall remains closed but you can still buy Mass Cards or Guild Cards from the sacristy or the presbytery.



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



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
Saturday 8th August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4.30pm - People of the Parish
Sunday 9th August <i>19th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am - Peter Kelly
Monday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	10.30am - Peter Smith
Tuesday 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	10.30am - Special intention (JM)
Wednesday 12th August	NO MASS
Thursday 13th August	10.30am - Margaret & Septimus Murphy
Friday 14th August <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	10.30am - Herbert & Ellen Taylor
Saturday 15th August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	4.30pm - Bridget McDermott
Sunday 16th August <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.30am - People of the Parish

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 have been distributed in school 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.

Please keep the children and families in your prayers.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST



The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Lord, in your mercy...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I overcome the fears and doubts I may have in my life? How can I support others striving to overcome their own fears and doubts?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A casualty of the lockdown was that we were not allowed to celebrate First Holy Communion with the children and their families in April/May, but thankfully we now have the go-ahead for the children to receive Jesus for the first time in this special sacrament whilst keeping to the conditions and restrictions in church.

Fr Mark has written to the families inviting them to celebrate sacrament throughout the month of August & October and this means that we will have very small groups of families join us for Mass either during the week or at the weekend.

Sadly we can't celebrate in the way we usually do, but it's good that the children can at last receive Holy Communion and share the occasion with their closest family members. Thank you for your understanding.



CATHOLIC-JEWISH SAINT (August 9th)

Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta, was born to a Jewish family in Breslau (then in Germany, now in Poland) in 1891. Her interest in philosophy caused her to be a great devotee of the teachings of the Carmelite nun, St Teresa of Jesus. She became a Catholic and joined the Carmelite convent in Cologne in 1933, taking the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.



Although a Catholic nun she was clearly of Jewish extraction and was gassed in the ovens of Auschwitz on August 9th 1942 during the Nazi regime's persecutions.

She died as a martyr for the Christian faith after having offered up her death in the holocaust for the people of Israel. A highly intelligent woman, she wrote many works on doctrine and spirituality. She was canonised by Pope John Paul in 1998.

PARISH WEBSITE Don't forget to keep checking the parish website for the latest news and updates:
www.ourladyandenglishmartyrs.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ryan Richardson who receives Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Have you missed Lourdes this year? Leisure Time Travel offers the opportunity to be in Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Fly from Manchester 7-11 December 2020. Full board in Lourdes. Spiritual Director is Fr Vin McShane. For more information please contact LTT on: 524 1476. Limited availability.



CATHOLIC PIC

The August edition is available to view on the parish website you can also access the Pic online at: www.catholicpic.co.uk The main feature reports on churches slowly reopening after lockdown and the various challenges that has brought to parish communities.





MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Johannes Van De Graaf & Bridget Burke

AND RISE IN GLORY.



JOSPICE 200 CLUB - a huge 'Thank you' to Myra for keeping the 200 Club running over the last few months. Results are below and numbers are still available if you wish to join. Contact Myra on 928 1136 or see Bernie in the Parish Office

April:

1st	£20	No. 180	M Harwood
2nd	£10	No. 87	M Boyle
3rd	£10	No. 154	Mark
4th	£10	No. 47	B Warner
5th	£10	No. 163	B Morrin

May:

1st	£20	No. 163	B Morrin
2nd	£10	No. 55	E McCoy
3rd	£10	No. 52	D King
4th	£10	No. 142	S Bulger
5th	£10	No. 133	K Murray

June:

1st	£20	No. 67	K Johnson
2nd	£10	No. 206	S Harper
3rd	£10	No. 111	B Spofforth
4th	£10	No. 194	S Hunt
5th	£10	No. 47	B Warner

July:

1st	£20	No. 151	F Bennett
2nd	£15	No. 109	J Wishart
3rd	£10	No. 70	C Maloney
4th	£10	No. 92	N Williams



August:

1st	£20	No. 114	M Quinn
2nd	£15	No. 207	J McCambridge
3rd	£10	No. 185	B Morrin
4th	£10	No. 5	D Birrell

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"No, we thought we'd stay at home this year and have a quiet summer."

TAKING THE RISK

Just imagine having an appointment with God. Elijah had one. He was told to go and stand on a mountain and God would pass by. How would he know it was God? Surely it would be obvious; you'd hardly be able to miss God's arrival! So when the mighty wind blew up a gale, this must be God. Not quite! Then a rumbling earthquake. No such luck! Finally a huge crackling fire. Still nothing! Surely this gentle breeze can't be God? But it was, and Elijah covered his face with his cloak.



It's amazing what creatures of habit we allow ourselves to become. We get into a rut and feel quite comfortable there. And this is never as true as with the way we relate to God. We tend to pigeonhole God to fit into our way of thinking and we're slow to see God at work when it doesn't seem to fit our pattern. Maybe that's why religious people are often caricatured as narrow-minded and blinkered, as conservatives who don't want things to change.

But, as Elijah found out, God is not predictable. God is not inviting us to a boring routine of religion, but to an adventure in faith, a challenge to the way we live. And just as Elijah presumed he knew what God would be like, so too we have grown used to not expecting God to ask much of us.

In today's gospel Peter thought Jesus was just a ghost and he demanded proof before accepting that it was really his Master on the sea. But in order to find out, Peter had to take the terrifying step of trying to walk on water. Only if he was prepared to trust in something bigger than himself could he stay afloat.

If our religion becomes as comfortable as an old pair of favourite slippers then we can be sure we're missing out on God's challenge to us. Faith is dynamic and God's call is vibrant and energetic. God always asks us to take that step into uncertainty, to go beyond where we'd naturally settle down, and if we stay within our own comfort zone then we're not where God is asking us to go.

Our liturgy today invites us to look around and see whether we're not missing out on a much bigger adventure than we're used to. We may find it a challenge but that's what God's put us here for!