



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th September 2020



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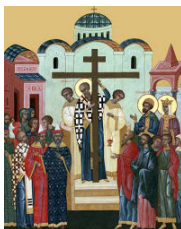
Triumph of the Cross

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Celebrated throughout the world and known as

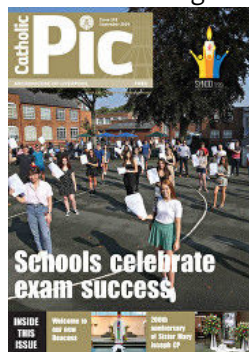
“The Triumph of the Cross” in the Roman Catholic Church this is a day that honours & commemorates the sacrifice that

Jesus Christ made on the cross for our salvation. Jesus "was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself," and we pray that "we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him"



CATHOLIC PIC

Now available at back of Church - free of charge



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who needs my forgiveness? How might I start a ripple of forgiveness that could expand to a tidal wave of unending forgiveness?

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



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.

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.

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 12th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm - John Rourke</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 13th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Anne Liddy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 14th September <i>Exhaltation of The Holy Cross</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Erin Roberts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Adrian Harwood Family</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 16th September <i>Sts Cornelius and Cyprian</i></p>	<p>NO MASS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 17th September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Paul Nickson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 18th September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - Bob Lambert & Nicola</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 19th September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm - Patricia Carroll</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 20th September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am - People of the Parish</p>

Have you ever felt like you are a doormat, forgiving people who repeatedly hurt you? Maybe they apologise then do it all over again? It's like they never seem to learn. It can be so frustrating.

Jesus beautifully reminds us in this parable, that God's love and mercy is huge. God is willing and able to forgive us continuously for offending him, if we likewise show sincere mercy to our brothers and sisters.



And so, just as the servant in Jesus' parable is forgiven his debt, at CAFOD we are calling on world leaders to cancel the debt of the world's poorest nations to ensure everyone has a safe, sustainable recovery from coronavirus. See website for details of how to support us.

It can feel so hard to swallow our pride and do as God asks us sometimes, but we remember the importance God gives to forgiveness, clearly expressed in the Lord's prayer "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us."

By practising forgiveness, we can avoid the very real consequences of being separated from God. So, let's accept this challenge, be like Jesus and forgive people, just as we want to be forgiven by our Father.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Let us forgive, and we shall be forgiven. Let us have mercy on others, and we shall feel that mercy of God, who, when he forgives, also 'forgets!'"

'Lord, help me to understand that you love me so much, and that you are always willing to forgive me. Through your grace may I also forgive people wholeheartedly, without keeping score. Amen.'

Since the global COVID-19 pandemic took hold in the UK in March 2020, there has been a 49% increase in calls and online requests for help relating to domestic abuse. The National Board of Catholic Women has released a new version of its guide to pastoral care and recognising abuse. It is available online at www.nbcw.co.uk.



TRACK & TRACE

In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name and telephone number) for all people coming to church.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Thank you for your understanding.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner
Lord, in your mercy...



PIETY STALL

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



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



THANK YOU FROM FR MARK

It's now just over two months since our church reopened after the long months of lockdown. It's great that we can come back together, even in a different and unusual way, to give thanks to God and to see and be with one another.



All of this is possible because of the great band of Parish Stewards that give up their time to ensure that we are keeping to social distancing rules and that we are all safe in a clean church. Many parishes are not able to celebrate Mass each day because of the lack of volunteers and so we are lucky to have our church open 6 days a week! We thank them for their important role ensuring that we can celebrate Mass and be together throughout the week.

ARCHDIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - REVISED DATES



Some of the Archdiocese Special Collections for named charities occurred during 'lockdown'. These have now been re-allocated and a full list of the dates are shown below. If you have gift aid envelopes please amend as necessary

Holy Places - 13 September 2020
Home Missions - 20 September
Peter's Pence - 4 October 2020
CAFOD Family Fast Day - 11 October 2020
World Mission Sunday - 18 October 2020
World Communications Day - 1 November
Day for Life - 15 November 2020
Sea Sunday - 13 December 2020

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 places



