



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th September 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I, this week, stop acting like a self-appointed judge of my own 'latecomers' and begin serving as a member of God's 'welcome committee,' since, after all, God has welcomed even me?

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



**Nellie Rose
Brough**

Baptised Sunday 20th
September 2020



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

In the light of the recent message from the Archdiocese about permission to resume taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound they are now running three online sessions to provide the basic formation for Extraordinary Ministers. These will be run on Zoom twice in November:



**as evening sessions, 7.30-8.30pm, on Wednesdays
4th, 11th and 18th November;**

**and as afternoon sessions, 1.30-2.30pm, on Tuesdays
10th, 17th and 24th November.**

It would be lovely to have some more Ministers to visit parishioners who are still anxious about attending Church but would welcome Communion at home. If you are interested please speak to Bernie in the Parish Office

ARCHDIOCESAN RESOURCES The Archdiocese has collated resources for Family prayer - visit <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/family-life> for full details. You can also find details of where you can attend a live streamed Mass

MASS TIMES

Please note there is ***NO MASS*** on
Friday 25th September.

Many congratulations to Marg and Jack
Willcox who are celebrating their
Golden Wedding Anniversary.



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 19th September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4.30pm - Patricia Carroll
Sunday 20th September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am - People of the Parish
Monday 21st September <i>St Matthew</i>	10.30am - Joan Murray
Tuesday 22nd September	10.30am - Stephen McQuade
Wednesday 23rd September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 24th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	10.30am - Private intention (FM)
Friday 25th September	NO MASS
Saturday 26th September <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4.30pm - John & Magdalen Rimmer
Sunday 27th September <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am - People of the Parish

In today's Gospel the first workers were promised a fair wage. But surely, in a just world, those who work all day should be paid more than those who work only an hour?

However, all the workers, no matter how long they toiled, were given a denarius which was the regular daily wage at the time. Justice truly demands that all have sufficient to live on.



We can apply this parable which is concerned with admittance to the Kingdom of heaven to rights in society today. Who has the right to live as citizens of a country? Is it those who have been here for generations? Or perhaps those whose grandparents were born here? What about those newly arrived: migrant workers and asylum seekers who are quite prepared to work in "the vineyard"?

The labourers who worked all day in the vineyard receive their just reward; they are not being exploited. The latecomers are those who were not wanted before – like today's asylum seekers with no place to call home.

Just as the landowner is merciful and generous to the latecomers, can we not be generous too?

*Generous God,
Open our hearts to the strangers in our midst.
May we build a society where all people receive a living wage.
Amen.*

Our Lady of Walsingham - 24th September

This feast celebrates the shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk, one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061, though a more likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but during the 19th and early 20th centuries pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived both for Anglicans and for Catholics



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



"Lord, I don't want much.
But just make sure it's
really good quality."

COVID-19 - uncertain times

As the virus continues to affect our daily lives, during this time, you may be bored, frustrated or lonely. You may also feel low, worried, anxious, or be concerned about your health or that of those close to you. Everyone reacts differently to events and changes in the way that we think, feel and behave vary between different people and over time. It's important that you take care of your mind as well as your body and to get further support if you need it. The Catholic Mental Health Project was set up by the Catholic Bishop's Conference to support the Catholic community to further develop spiritual and pastoral care for mental health. It aims to offer support and resources to local Catholic communities as they respond to those facing mental health challenges. Have a look at their website:

<http://www.catholicmentalhealthproject.org.uk>

Remember that social distancing does not mean emotional distancing!

*Loving God, we thank you for the wonder of our being,
but there are times when fear and anxiety threaten to overwhelm us.
Fill our hearts and minds with peace
in the midst of the storm,
and the sure and certain knowledge
that you are with us always.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



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





Restored Lives

Recovery from Divorce and Separation



“This course is the single most helpful thing I’ve done.”

Archdiocese of Liverpool Marriage and Family Life Department



**Due to COVID-19 the next six week course
will be held on Zoom**

**Starting Monday 12th October 2020 to
Monday 16th November 2020**



Meetings are in small groups and are free, confidential, informative and affirming.

**The course is for any person who is going through,
or who has gone through, a relationship breakdown.**

**Topics will cover: Facing the effects of what's happened; Communication and Conflict Resolution;
Letting Go; Managing other relationships; Legal matters; and Being single and moving forward.**

For details of times and to book a place on the course.

Please email: Maureen m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk