



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th September 2020



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**WE WELCOME
WITH GREAT
JOY**

**Roman Derek
Kellaher**

Baptised Sunday 6th
September 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to Bishop Tom who joins us for Mass this weekend and to Fr Stephen Giles who is with us each day .

Thank you to both of them for looking after us while Fr Mark is away on holiday.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to reconcile with someone whom I or others have excluded?

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:

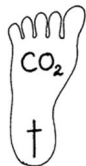
1. The vulnerable should carefully consider the wisdom of returning to Mass too soon. They are not obliged to do so.
2. The Sunday obligation to attend Mass has not been re-instated.
3. Those who are able might be encouraged to come to Mass on a weekday rather than a Saturday evening or Sunday, to release 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 |
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| Saturday 5th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 4.30pm - Michael McDermott |
| Sunday 6th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am - Margaret Young |
| Monday 7th September | 10.30am - Elsie Smartt |
| Tuesday 8th September <i>Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 10.30am - Maureen O'Donnell |
| Wednesday 9th September | NO MASS |
| Thursday 10th September <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i> | 10.30am - Joan Greene |
| Friday 11th September | 10.30am - Peter Kelly |
| Saturday 12th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 4.30pm - John Rourke |
| Sunday 13th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am - Anne Liddy |

CHRISTIAN FOOTPRINT

It's become very fashionable these days to talk about having a carbon footprint. It makes us realise that each of us uses up energy in many different ways and when we least suspect it. So it's not only flying all over the world or driving a gas-guzzling car that leaves its carbon deposit in our atmosphere, but also little things like leaving the TV on standby overnight or forgetting to switch the light off when we no longer need it. Of course, keeping the fridge door wide open doesn't help either!



In theory it's possible to monitor people's carbon footprints so that at the end of a week, month or year you can tell what sort of a mark they've made on our environment.

But just imagine keeping a record of a different type of footprint, something positive rather than negative. Let's call it your charity footprint. St Paul tells us today that we should avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. And he goes on to say that love is the benchmark of our faith, for love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. That's why it's the answer to every one of the commandments.

At the end of our lives what sort of charity footprint will we each have? Will we have lived for ourselves or for others? Will the computers show that on balance we have left more good behind us than bad?



Everyone's against global warming just like everyone's against cheating. Everyone's in favour of feeding the hungry just like everyone's against murder or robbery. The secret is to find practical ways of stopping global warming and practical ways of loving our neighbour. Most of us will not invent a wonder drug, discover a brand new source of energy or win a Nobel Prize. In the same way when it comes to practical charity it won't be the grand gesture but the small acts of kindness, the thoughtfulness and the consideration that will count in the end.

Think globally and act locally, they say. The same could be written about our attempts at Christian charity. Think celestially and act personally. God calls us to leave a charity footprint in very simple ways that don't grab the headlines. But just as switching off one light bulb can begin to make a difference, so too can one simple act of charity. And over a lifetime it all adds up.

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



WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to our school communities who return this week after their Summer break. For some children this will be their first time back in school since March. We pray for a good, safe and healthy term.



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.



*Congratulations
to our children
who made their
First Holy
Communion last
week*



