



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th October 2020



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to put on Christ, to pass along God's generosity to others?

## PRISONS WEEK

Prison is, among other things, a safety valve for society's anxieties. There is a desire to forget people who have been found guilty of wrongdoing once the key turns in the locks, and signs of sympathy are regarded as a weakness and a tolerance of what they have done. They are outcasts who do not deserve anything. But a considerable proportion of the prison population in the UK are suffering from mental health problems which left untreated will cause further harm in the future, and as the Church insists, even the worst offenders deserve to be treated as human beings. See the Gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King: "I was in prison and you visited me." During this week of prayer for those in prison, please keep this intention in your prayers. You can find special prayers and other resources at: [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)

### NHS COVID-19 APP

Have you got the new NHS COVID-19 app on your phone? This app uses contact tracing technology to help protect yourself and others so we can all try and get back to the things we love. The app notices and logs other nearby app users. If any of those users later test positive for coronavirus, you'll receive an alert with advice.



The Archbishop has asked that all churches make use of the app and the QR code which you will find at the front door.

The Government have placed further restrictions on the number of people attending Places of Worship: Only 6 people allowed at 'Life Cycle events' and this includes: Weddings, Baptisms & First Communion celebrations. 30 people allowed at Funeral Masses and Services.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Power, Mary Jennings, Bet White, Joan Johnson,  
Mary Cleary, Dorothy Frodsham, Rene Jackson, Eileen Hannon,  
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 and contact details provided.
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/Service.

### PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA

The Sisters have announced the permanent closure of their shop in Bold Street, having now opened their new customer friendly premises at 84 Church Street (Ranelagh Street/Hanover Street end).



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
<b>Saturday 10th October</b> <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>4.30pm -</b> Sarah McCormack
<b>Sunday 11th October</b> <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am -</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 12th October</b>	<b>10.30am -</b> Pat Ventre
<b>Tuesday 13th October</b>	<b>10.30am -</b> Philomena Wells
<b>Wednesday 14th October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 15th October</b>	<b>10.30am -</b> Tom Deegan
<b>Friday 16th October</b>	<b>10.30am -</b> Maude & Frederick Percival
<b>Saturday 17th October</b> <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>4.30pm -</b> Jacob Billington
<b>Sunday 18th October</b> <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am -</b> People of the Parish



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



## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishop recently wrote to the priests in which he said:

*"My thanks go to you and your parishioners who have worked so hard to get teams of cleaners and stewards together in order that our churches can continue to be opened for Mass, other liturgical celebrations, and private prayer. I have witnessed recently the energy and enthusiasm of some our volunteers, but I also know that much of the work that goes on is done unseen. Please do pass on my deepest thanks to all our volunteers. So much is possible when we work together, when we pray and discern together, when we reflect together, that it becomes a living out of our Synod journey in a concrete and substantive way. I hope that this energy and enthusiasm continues, despite the uncertainties about the future".*



## Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a new, free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

From Tuesday 29 September 2020, a telephone helpline and live chat facility is available from Monday – Saturday from 10am – 6pm, apart from Thursdays when the service is open 12 – 8pm.

**Telephone** 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times)

**Email** [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**LiveChat/Website**

[safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk)

## CAFOD HARVEST COLLECTION

Please be generous with the collection this weekend for the annual CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection. This is a Harvest like no other as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. With your support, we can help people all over the world rebuild their lives. This organisation deserves our wholehearted support. Its richly informative website can be dipped into for information. CAFOD is not just about overseas aid. The Live Simply campaign is something we should all lend our support to, as the future of the human depends on how well we learn to be stewards of creation. Fr Mark had agreed for our Parish to work towards the prestigious Live Simply award and this special year for us was due to start this weekend. We'll look at it again in 2021.



## SYNOD2020



Next weekend, 17 and 18 October, we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese.

Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021.

On Synod Sunday the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website. Over the following weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be. [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

## FIRST COMMUNIONS

First Communion

Masses continue for the next two weekends.

Some Masses will be celebrated with the children and their immediate families on Saturday mornings with one or two taking place at Mass on Sundays. Please keep them in your prayers.



## RESERVING A TABLE

Two beautiful images of our God are put before us today. The first tells us that God has already prepared a sumptuous banquet of food and fine wine for us. The second is that on the day we are called to share in this everlasting feast he will wipe away every tear from our eyes and take away all our shame.

Everyone likes a good feast but rich food and drink were especially welcomed by people who lived in the arid desert. So Isaiah's words from God were eagerly received by the Jewish people whose nation had been overrun by a foreign power and who had been taken captive into exile. Despite all their present troubles God promises them that in the end they will be triumphant and that he will never abandon them



The Eucharist that Christians celebrate every Sunday is the 'starter course' of this promised banquet. What God has promised us for eternity in heaven has already begun. The Eucharist is the sacred meal shared by those who have been baptised into Christ's death and who now await a full share in his resurrection. The rich food and fine wine is the body and blood of Christ who is really present among us when we gather in his name.



So our liturgy puts us in contact with the eternal presence of God and is not something that we do alone. Here on earth we join the heavenly liturgy of saints and angels who already see God face to face and are moved to constant praise. And that's why God has already begun to wipe away the tears from our eyes, for in our worship we are joined in communion with those who have gone before us and whom we once mourned and grieved for. But liturgy is not simply what our parish or community is doing. Liturgy is cosmic. We join our voices with choirs of angels and saints of all time in our hymn of praise. Scripture tells us that those of our family and friends who have died are not dead for ever but are indeed alive in Christ. Liturgy joins together the communion of saints on both sides of the grave.

A banquet of rich food and fine wine...our tears dried...our shame taken away...and this is only the starter. Why not reserve a table?

## MASS SHEETS & NEWSLETTERS

You will notice that we now have new Mass Sheets available for you to use. Government COVID-19 Guidelines state *"single use sheets can be provided as long as they are removed and disposed of by the worshipper."* They cannot be left in church and you must take them home and put them in the bin. You cannot take Newsletters or Mass Sheets to anyone else like friends, neighbours etc.





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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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