



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th October 2020




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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways am I a good Christian model for others? What can I do to model the greatest commandment of love to others?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – 'Here I am, send me!'. 

Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, visit Missio's website for more information: missio.org.uk

Another important way to support Mission is by taking part in the famous Red Box scheme. You keep the box at home and add your small change into it which will then be collected once the box is full. If you don't have a red box, please consider in doing so and contact the Parish Office.

SYNOD2020

You will see the first of four Synod2020 leaflets in your newsletter this weekend. These leaflets will cover all the proposals submitted for consideration as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be. Please look at these proposals and see if there are any which you are drawn to. Put a cross next to the ones you like, bring the leaflet back to church and place it inside the Synod2020 box. There will be a different leaflet each week. You can visit the Synod website for further information: www.synod2020.co.uk



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.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY.

William Riley — Funeral Service Friday 30th October 2.15pm

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
Saturday 24th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4.30pm - Brian Moorcroft
Sunday 25th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am - Mass of The English Martyrs
Monday 26th October	10.30am - Joseph O'Callaghan
Tuesday 27th October	10.30am - Dorothy Young
Wednesday 28th October <i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 29th October	10.30am - Mary Coughlin
Friday 30th October	10.30am - Ann Buck 2.15pm - Funeral service - William Riley
Saturday 31st October <i>Feast of All Saints</i>	4.30pm - Jennifer Dowd
Sunday 1st November <i>Feast of All Saints</i>	10.30am - Kitty & Joe Maloney



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



ST MARNOCK

At least four or five Scottish places claim a link with St Marnock, whose feast is celebrated by some churches on October 25th (and by others on March 1st).

At the northern end of the Sound of Bute we come across Inchmarnock, a place that shares its name with another in Aberdeenshire. The 'Inch' has nothing to do with measurement. It's the old Celtic word for 'island'.

Think of Enniskillen in Ireland and you've got the same word. Just to the east of Glasgow is Dalmarnock. 'Dal, Dol or Dail' gives us a clue. This means 'Marnock's meadow or field'. Think of Dolgellau in Wales and this time you have 'The meadow of the monks' cells'.

Portmarnock is a town on the eastern coast of Ireland and its meaning is easier to guess. 'Porth' is the old Celtic word for gateway, port or harbour.

And of course there's Kilburn. Its residents might not recognise the original reason for giving it this name, but 'Kil' is an ancient Celtic word for 'cell, recess, edge or corner'. In modern Welsh it's used for a lay-by!

So who was Marnock? Sadly all we know about him is that he was an Irish bishop and disciple of St Columba who resided for a time on Iona in the seventh century and after his death was buried at Annandale.



NOVEMBER LIST

Now is the time for you to submit names for the Month of the Holy Souls. With the current situation we must do things slightly different this year:

Pious List envelopes cannot be used this year so you are asked to write clearly the names of your loved ones, place it inside an ordinary envelope with your donation and bring it to church and place in the basket in the church porch. You can also email the names to the Parish Office:

englishmartyrs@rcaolp.org.uk and bring your donation separately and place in the basket.



In recent years the names of our loved ones have been placed in a Remembrance Book which is on display for people to see. We cannot use the Remembrance Book this year but the names will be kept in a box below the altar.

50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of the Forty Martyrs of England

This weekend we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England. An important occasion for our parish and the Bishops of England & Wales have given permission for parishes to celebrate one Mass this weekend to honour this important occasion .

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Remember that British Summer Time ends on Sunday when clocks go back 1 hour.



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

RETROUVAILLE is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the programme. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12th -15th Nov 2020. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Louis & Zac Ellison

Baptised Saturday 24th October 2020

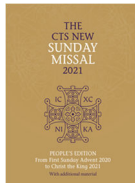
Ollie Paterson

Baptised Sunday 25th October 2020



THE CTS SUNDAY MISSAL 2021

The Catholic Truth Society have produced a beautifully designed paperback which contains all the Masses and readings for all Sundays & Solemnities from the First Sunday of Advent 2020 - the Feast of Christ the King 2021. The missal also contains prayers for the preparation of Mass, Latin-English text, Exposition & Benediction and reflections by Pope Francis & Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. The cost is only £7.95 and you can order a copy from the Parish Office. This is a great alternative to the weekly Mass sheets.



Free Online Talks at the Christian Heritage Centre

A series of free online talks will be offered over the coming months on "Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters". Exploring some of the great figures of western spirituality with well known experts, the series is free to attend online. They will take place at 7.30pm on Thursdays through to 10 December. Simply register to receive a link at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/> or by email to events@christianheritagecentre.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you feel called to this ministry then three online sessions have been prepared to provide basic formation and will be offered via Zoom: **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.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



COVID-19 REGULATIONS

It is worth reminding ourselves of the current regulations affecting places of worship and the celebration of Mass & Services. These regulations are to ensure the safety of everyone coming to church:

Every time you come to church you will be asked to either use the NHS COVID-19 app or to provide your contact details for track & trace purposes. These written details are securely kept for 21 days before they are destroyed.

Everyone must have their hands sanitised as you enter and leave church.

Facemasks must be worn by everyone over the age of 11 unless you are medically exempt from doing so. Facemasks must be used correctly—covering both mouth and nose.

There can be no lingering in or around the church grounds to talk to people. If you need to wait or talk to someone this must be done outside the church gate. When you arrive to church you must take your seat immediately and you must leave as soon as you have received Holy Communion. There should be no chatter in the church porch.

Candles may be lit but only one person should stand near the candle stands.

Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. Please wait until you are invited to come forward by a Steward. You must bring your belongings when you leave your bench. Approach with your mask in place and with flat palms. Please do not touch the host until the priest has moved his hands away. Lower your mask, place the sacred host in your mouth, raise your mask and leave church by the side aisles. You must not return to a bench.

Mass sheets, Newsletters etc can be used but they must not be left in church. You cannot take anything away in order to give them to another person because of contamination.

NEWS FROM NUGENT CARE

Nugent are asking individuals, schools and businesses to try and collect as many pennies as they can until Tuesday 1 December 2020. If they can collect one million pennies, this will raise £10,000

which will support their work across our communities from those living in poverty through their food markets in Kirkdale and Woodvale, to those providing education for those who need extra support in their learning. If you would like to get involved and request one of their collection boxes, please contact their fundraising team on 0151 261 4498 or email fundraising@wearenugent.org



Christmas is coming!

Buying Nugent cards will help support local families in crisis, as part of their wider appeal during the festive period. Once again, Nugent have produced some beautiful designs for Christmas cards and they are offering a 10% discount on orders over 50, they can also arrange collection/delivery rather than sending by post.

Designs and full information regarding the cards here:

<https://www.wearenugent.org/fundraising/christmas-cards-2020/>

They also have some older designs available at a lower price of £2 per pack

Dementia Friends

Should a person with dementia wear a face mask for coronavirus? Due to coronavirus, many of us now wear face masks or coverings while out shopping or on public transport. Some people with dementia may not like wearing a face covering or understand why they should wear one. Read advice on how to help those you care for.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>



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

LiveChat/Website

safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

Dementia friendly radio station

A new dementia friendly internet 'ad-free' radio station has been launched. It's called Music for Dementia (m4d) and listeners can select from five different eras to listen to their favourite tunes.



It's a great resource for people with dementia and their carers, but also great for anyone who enjoys music. Please share far and wide!

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Lord, in your mercy...



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. Go to www.nbcw.co.uk.

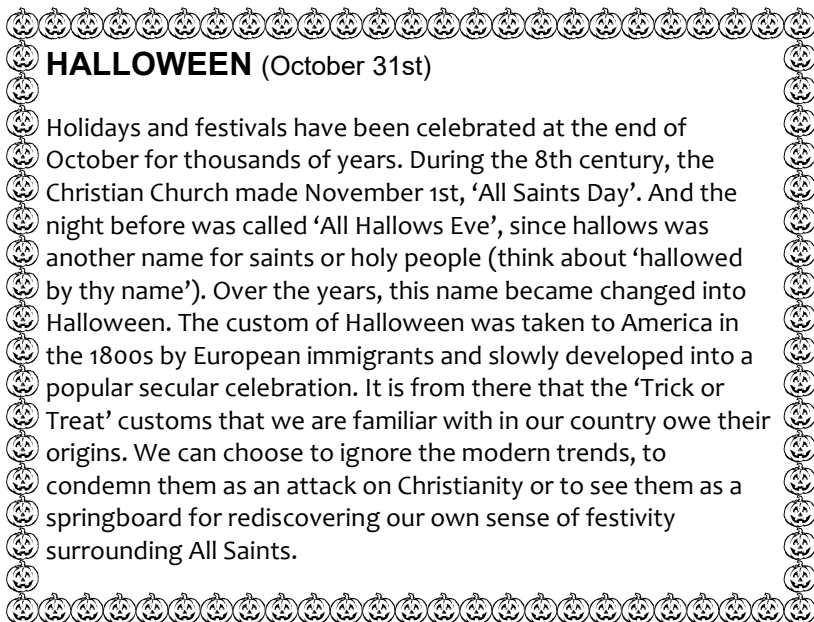


NHS COVID-19 APP

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.





HALLOWEEN (October 31st)

Holidays and festivals have been celebrated at the end of October for thousands of years. During the 8th century, the Christian Church made November 1st, 'All Saints Day'. And the night before was called 'All Hallows Eve', since hallows was another name for saints or holy people (think about 'hallowed by thy name'). Over the years, this name became changed into Halloween. The custom of Halloween was taken to America in the 1800s by European immigrants and slowly developed into a popular secular celebration. It is from there that the 'Trick or Treat' customs that we are familiar with in our country owe their origins. We can choose to ignore the modern trends, to condemn them as an attack on Christianity or to see them as a springboard for rediscovering our own sense of festivity surrounding All Saints.

The Diocesan Synod Prayer

You are asked to say this prayer

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus,
your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you
show us that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the
Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.

Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

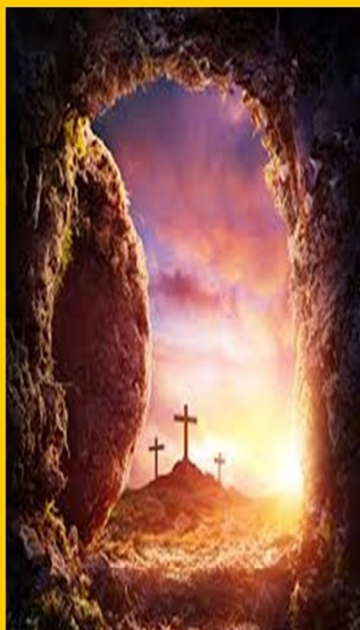
St John Henry Newman, pray for us.



Zoom

Christ is Alive Retreat

Tuesdays
20th; 27th
October
3rd November
7.00 pm - 8.30pm



No charge but donations gratefully received

To book please email
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