



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th October 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When I am reminded that everything is a gift from God, how do I respond?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday the Archdiocese will celebrate 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 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.

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
Saturday 17th October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4.30pm - Jacob Billington
Sunday 18th October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am - People of the Parish
Monday 19th October	10.30am - Joan Greene
Tuesday 20th October	10.30am - John & Barbara Percival
Wednesday 21st October	NO MASS
Thursday 22nd October	10.30am - Anne Dickson
Friday 23rd October	10.30am - John Young
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



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



The final First Communion Masses for this year take place this weekend. Thank you to those who have assisted, parishioners for your prayers and patience and for the families for your understanding during this very difficult year.

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 important Anniversary occurs on Sunday 25th October. The Bishops of England & Wales have given permission for one votive Mass of the English Martyrs to be celebrated over that weekend which we'll do so next Sunday.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Remember that British Summer Time ends next Sunday when clocks go back 1



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

A LUKE'S-EYE VIEW (October 18th)

Each of the four gospel writers has his own way of presenting the good news of Jesus. That's why events and sayings from one gospel sometimes don't appear in the other gospels. Each writer is trying to cast the message of Jesus in a particular way.



St Luke, whose feast is on October 18th, has a very special agenda. Probably the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament and writing in a very high standard of Greek, Luke portrays the message of Jesus as it affects the 'outsiders'. We see the loving personality of Jesus, his compassion for sinners and for those who suffer, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds and the poor. The role of women in is more prevalent in Luke than in any of the other three Gospels.



And in the Acts of the Apostles (also written by Luke) we find the early Christian community living a simple life of working and sharing, relying on its faith in the promises of Jesus. We see how the early Christians at first preached only to Jews before realising that all people are called to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and to follow him.

Because of its emphasis on compassion, on the poor and on the place of women, some people today call Luke the author of the "Social Gospel".

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.



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.

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

Dementia friendly radio station

A new dementia friendly internet 'ad-free' radio station has been launched this week. 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!

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

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



Lord, in your mercy...

SYNOD2020



Today 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.

Today the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will find on the Synod Website.

Over the coming 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. Please visit the website, read the summary proposals, and prayerfully reflect on them.

www.synod2020.co.uk

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.

NO EASY ANSWERS

We're all familiar with the trap the Herodians and the Pharisees set for Jesus, asking whether it was right for a Jew to pay allegiance to Caesar. Jesus must have been making a strong impact because this alliance between Herodians and Pharisees was such an unlikely one. The Herodians had crossed over to the Romans whereas the Pharisees epitomised the Jewish Law. In fact, they hated each other.



We all know Jesus' answer: give both God and Caesar what they're due. And at first we can think of it as a smart reply. But upon reflection we come to realise that it might have got him out of a sticky situation but it's not really any answer at all.

We live side by side with two kingdoms: the kingdom of secular government and the kingdom of God. And week by week, month by month, we come up against the rub. We find ourselves faced with circumstances where one conflicts with the other. So we recognise the State's right to levy taxes but we might have problems with the sort of medical or social services they provide with the money they raise. We recognise our right to defend ourselves but we might have trouble with wars and campaigns that our governments lead us into.

Christians have a smart reply to the problem, but it too only raises more questions. They say that there is nothing that does not belong to God, so God must come first in all things. This is true on one level but it does not take away our need to use our own consciences when making our decisions, and it means that we have to be quite clear about the influences that are shaping our consciences. We are called to think about what belongs to God and to let it influence the way we live. When earthly authority is opposed to what we believe is God's authority how do we react? Conscience is both a blessing and a curse because we cannot blindly follow rules and regulations; we have to inform our consciences and act in accordance with what we believe to be God's will for humanity.



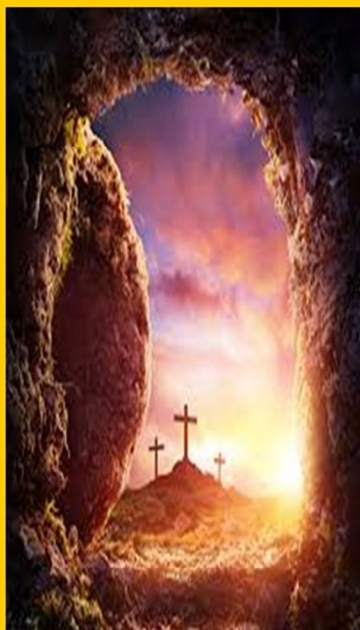
Today's reading is a classic example of how the gospel does not provide us with pat answers. The good news is good news but it's also a challenge to us to be just as adult about the things of God as we have become about the things of Caesar. And vice versa.

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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