



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Thirty Third Sunday of ordinary Time
Sunday 15th November 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I have a gift that maybe I've kept to myself out of fear or apprehension that I could develop and share?

SYNOD2020

You will find the last Synod 2020 leaflet on the parish website this weekend. Please spend some time to read it and see if any proposals appeal to you, write them down and place them in the Synod2020 box when church reopens. You can visit the Synod website for further information: www.synod2020.co.uk. Our Synod members will read and reflect on all of the contributions before discerning which proposals are put forward. We hope to have completed this next step in our Synod journey by early December.



DOMESTIC ABUSE

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. It is available online at www.nbcw.co.uk.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Shelton, Funeral Service took place last Thursday. We pray also for Peter Flynn, Funeral Service will take place in church on Monday and for Mary O'Brien, Funeral Mass on Thursday. May they rest in peace.

*Requiescat
in pace.*

LOCKDOWN We pray that everyone in our parish community stay safe and well. Public Masses have been suspended this month but we resume on Thursday 3rd December at 10.00 a.m. You will find a list of live-streamed Masses on the parish website.

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, Gaetano Scappaticci, Peter Maloney, Olive & Eric Forest,



SUNDAY THOUGHTS



“A clever woman is never without wool,” goes an old Arab proverb, meaning that the wise person always has enough to provide for their family. The author of Proverbs would agree, for his ‘perfect wife’ has enough wool and flax to work with hands that then reach out to the poor and needy. She has used her talent at spinning wool into thread to clothe not just her family but others in need

After all the servants report back to the master in this Sunday’s Gospel reading, the master makes the offhand comment that had he put the money in a bank he would at least have earned some interest. Why then did the master not go the safe route and put all nine talents in the bank to begin with? Perhaps the master was more concerned about teaching his servants how to use their gifts productively than just earning a healthy return. May we show ourselves to be worthy of God’s trust in us specifically and in the human race in general, using our talents to do more than just earn interest.

Are we ready for the thief who comes in the night? The woman in the Book of Proverbs is, for she fears the Lord. That is, she has reverence and respect for God because of God’s power, sense of justice, and generous mercy. For that reason, she uses her God-given talents for the betterment of others.



We, the Church, are the bride of Christ. Are we the worthy wife Christ is looking for, an unfailing prize, one who brings him good with the goods we have been given?

Do we realize that all that we have and all that we’ve ‘earned’ are merely on loan to us during our lifetimes? Are we good stewards of our share of God’s generosity?

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
Saturday 14th November	Pious List
Sunday 15th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 16th November	Ann Spackman Funeral Service - Peter Flynn
Tuesday 17th November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	Pious List
Wednesday 18th November	Private Intention
Thursday 19th November <i>International Men's Day</i>	Funeral Mass - Mary O'Brien
Friday 20th November	Pious List
Saturday 21st November	Mgr Austin Hunt (LISCF)
Sunday 22nd November <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>	10.30am - People of the Parish

FEAST OF THE WEEK -

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Who could know God, if it were not for you, most holy Mary? Who could be saved? Who would be preserved from dangers? Who would receive any grace, if it were not for you, Mother of God, full of grace?

What hope could we have of salvation if you were to abandon us, O Mary, who are the life of Christians?



(St Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre)

MASS TIMES

Some weeks ago Fr Mark announced a review of Mass times in light of the current situation and the publication of the 2021 Diocesan Directory. Thank you to those who expressed their views. A couple of minor tweaks to Mass times will be made:

Saturday: 4.30 p.m.

Sunday: 10.30 a.m.

Weekday: 10.00 a.m.

Changes will take effect from **Thursday 3rd December** and will become our standard Mass times.

Masses will be celebrated at English Martyrs as we only have permission to use one church during the pandemic.

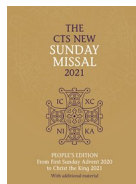
FR DES POWER

Please keep in your prayers Fr Des Power who has sadly died at the age of 91. Fr Des briefly lived in our parish in the early 90's before becoming parish priest in Leigh. His Funeral Mass was celebrated last Thursday in Christ the King Childwall. May he rest in peace.



THE 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.

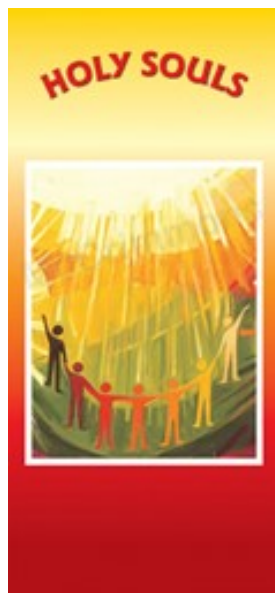


NOVEMBER LIST

November is the month of remembrance of our faithful departed. Even though church is closed at the moment you can still submit names for the pious list. Fr Mark will be celebrating Mass everyday for our loved ones. You can bring your list to the presbytery.

You can also email the names to the Parish Office: englishmartyrs@rcaolp.org.uk and bring your donation separately when you next come to church.

We cannot use the Remembrance Book this year but the names will be kept in a box below the altar. Masses will be said each week for the 'Pious List'.



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!



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

safespaes@victimsupport.org.uk

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor in 2016. *‘as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, the entire Church might celebrate, on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the World Day of the Poor. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. Misericordia et Misera, Letter of Pope Francis to end the Year of Mercy, 20 November 2016, § 21.*

This year, 2020, the Pope’s theme is: **‘Stretch our your hand to the poor,’** (Sirach 7:32). In Section 3 of his letter, he restates the continuing obligation of the whole church towards the poor:

‘Generosity that supports the weak, consoles the afflicted, relieves suffering and restores dignity to those stripped of it, is a condition for a fully human life. The decision to care for the poor, for their many different needs, cannot be conditioned by the time available or by private interests, or by impersonal pastoral or social projects. The power of God’s grace cannot be restrained by the selfish tendency to put ourselves always first.

And in Section 6 he extends the thought about ‘stretching our your hands’ to connect concern for the poor with the coronavirus pandemic: *‘A hand held out is a sign; a sign that immediately speaks of closeness, solidarity and love. In these months, when the whole world was prey to a virus that brought pain and death, despair and bewilderment, how many outstretched hands have we seen! The outstretched hands of physicians who cared about each patient and tried to find the right cure. The outstretched hands of nurses who worked overtime, for hours on end, to look after the sick. The outstretched hands of administrators who procured the means to save as many lives as possible. The outstretched hands of pharmacists who at personal risk responded to people’s pressing needs. The outstretched hands of volunteers who helped people living on the streets and those with a home yet nothing to eat. The outstretched hands of men and women who worked to provide essential services and security. We could continue to speak of so many other outstretched hands, all of which make up a great litany of good works. Those hands defied contagion and fear in order to offer support and consolation.’*

NEWS FROM JOSPICE

St. Joseph's Hospice is planning its usual Christmas events this year and hopes that you can join in from your homes.

Both the Christmas ladies Day and Light up a Life service will take place between now and December 4th.

On 29th November, when Christmas Ladies Day would have taken place, the hospice will stage activities on its Facebook page including a raffle, the prize draw and an online Christmas market.

The annual Light up a Life appeal will take place on 4th December with a service when the hospice's Christmas tree lights will be switched on. You can contact the hospice and dedicate a light to a loved one who has died.

For more information on these two events please contact the hospice; 0151 932 6044 or fundraising@jospice.org.uk



ZOOM SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

Led by Fr Chris Thomas from the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo.

Thursdays 16th & 26th November
10.30 am - 12 noon

No Charge but any donation gratefully received

Book a place with Jenny:
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

CATHOLIC PIC

The November edition is now available. If you would like a copy, please call to the presbytery and ask for one. Alternatively, you can read it online: www.catholicpic.co.uk
The main feature this month is a report on the preparations for the Synod.



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>

FRATELLI TUTTI - 'ALL BROTHERS'

The new Encyclical Letter by Pope Francis is about love and attention – the kind of attention that brings a broken and bleeding world back to health. It's well worth a read:

Chapter 1 - describes the sad state of the world. It is depressing, yet the pope offers hope. "Difficulties that seem overwhelming, he writes, are opportunities for growth".

Chapter 2 - a meditation on the parable of the good Samaritan.

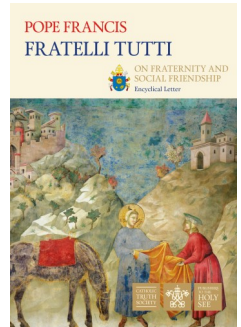
Chapters 3 and 4 - present the Pope's fundamental vision. "The spiritual stature of a person's life is measured by love,

Chapter 5 - presents the Pope's political philosophy,

Chapter 6 is on the importance of social and cultural values,

Chapter 7 deals with reconciliation and peace building.

Chapter 8 - speaks of the role of religion in building fraternity.



CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & THE CATHOLIC TIMES

At the moment delivery of the Catholic newspapers is proving difficult and often come too late from a weekend. You can get it delivered direct to your home every week, **POST FREE**. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. **SPECIAL OFFER**
3 months :-£22.00 or 12 Months:- £80.00.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGES

The British Pilgrimage trust was formed in 2014 and is dedicated to renewing pilgrimages in Britain. Their website has many pilgrimage routes with maps you can download, but they also offer virtual pilgrimages which can be accessed by subscription. To learn more visit <https://britishpilgrimage.org>

SYNOD 2020 DIOCESAN 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.

PRAYER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishop has asked that the following prayer be widely circulated and prayed at this time of crisis:

A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER AND ILLNESS.

God Our Father,

each person is precious to You.

You are the Giver of life.

Have mercy on us and protect us

at this time, as the Coronavirus

threatens health and life.

You are an ever-present Helper

in time of trouble.

Watch over those who are

suffering, give strength to those

who are aiding the Sick and give courage

to all in this time of anxiety.

We ask this of you in the name of your Son

Jesus Christ. AMEN

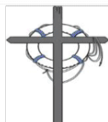




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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold?
Do you want to improve your communication?
Have you separated, divorced, or are you
thinking of doing so?
Do you want to try again?

The **Retrouvaille** programme may be just what you need!

Next programme is 'Virtual One'

on 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th November 2020.

Being 'Virtual' means experiencing it in your own home.

**For further information
or
Future Programmes**

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