



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sunday 22nd November 2020



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way is Jesus king in my life? How do I live in this world while following God's law of love?

### CHRIST THE KING

Most solemnities are focused on biblical events. In contrast, Christ the King is focused on an idea.

In the history of the Church it was established rather recently. In the face of powerful and growing secular states in 1925, Pope Pius XI decided to designate the last Sunday in October as a day to recognise the universal rule of Jesus Christ. In 1969 the day was moved to a place of honour at the end of the liturgical year.

The original motivation for the feast, therefore, was to celebrate the dominion of Christ that transcends national boundaries and that makes war a sacrilege against Christ's body. Today as at its inception, war and violence disturb many areas of the world. Pray for these nations, pray for victims of acts of terror and of war.

### 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](http://www.nbcw.co.uk).

**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



It ought to be a comfort to us to know exactly what is on the final exam. We can undoubtedly recall times when we spent hours studying a whole term's work, not knowing what would be on the test. But thanks to today's Gospel, we know how we can inherit eternal life. Those who are welcomed into the kingdom fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the ill, and visited the imprisoned. Will we take advantage of knowing the questions in advance?

Few of us are virtuous enough to care for the least among us all the time, in every circumstance. Hopefully none of us totally ignore the needy. We likely fall somewhere in between, helping when we feel we can, but ignoring the needy at other times and in some circumstances. Often we choose to spend that money on ourselves or spend that extra time on something we enjoy. We can pray for the grace to make us more generous, at the same time hoping God's mercy is even more generous.

Jesus spent his entire public ministry helping those in need: healing the sick, driving out demons, feeding thousands, washing his disciples' feet, finally giving his life for our sins. But Jesus also asked the woman at the well to draw water for him, reclined at table and allowed Martha to serve him, and accepted the anointing with expensive perfumed oil by the woman in Bethany. Christ is in us all, giver and recipient, and it is in acts of mercy between two people that he can be seen.

**Farewell to Matthew.** Today we end our Sunday-by-Sunday hearing of St. Matthew's Gospel. Matthew has kept our eyes on the Kingdom throughout the year, and our reading culminates in the overwhelming picture painted in today's passage, one of the greatest of the many parables of Jesus he records. Matthew has also given us one of the greatest guides to living, the Beatitudes, which tell us that the meek, the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, the mourners - all the unfortunate and all those who struggle for right - will inherit the kingdom.



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
<b>Saturday 21st November</b>	Pious List
<b>Sunday 22nd November</b> <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 23rd November</b>	Peter Callaghan
<b>Tuesday 24th November</b> <i>St Andrew Dung-lac &amp; Companions</i>	Pious List Funeral Service - Mary O'Neill
<b>Wednesday 25th November</b>	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 26th November</b>	Peter Maloney Funeral Service - Brenda Craven
<b>Friday 27th November</b>	Pious List
<b>Saturday 28th November</b>	Pious List
<b>Sunday 29th November</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	People of the Parish

## 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.

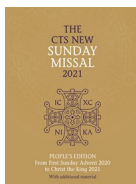
Sunday: 10.30 a.m.

Weekday: 10.00 a.m.

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

## THE SUNDAY MISSAL 2021

Copies of the 2021 CTS Missal are now ready to collect from the Parish Office for those who have ordered them. We can order more if people would like to purchase one. £7.95. The Missal begins next Sunday and will end in November 2021. It contains all the Sunday and holyday readings and the order of Mass in English & Latin.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK -

**St. ANDREW**

(November 30th)



Everyone knows that St Andrew was a fisherman and the brother of St Peter. Most Scots are aware of the story relating to St Rule who came ashore on the east coast where the city of St Andrews stands today, bringing with him some relics that were said to be of the original saint. What not many people know is that in 1969, when Pope Paul VI appointed Gordon Gray as the first Post-Reformation cardinal in Scotland, he handed him a box containing more relics thought to be those of St Andrew. As he did so he said, "Peter gives you his brother." These relics are now kept in St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

## CAFOD FUN RUN 2020

The Coronavirus Pandemic may have stopped many things this year, but it won't stop our annual CAFOD Fun Run! That's right folks, you heard it here first. This year's CAFOD Fun Run will go ahead on Sunday 27th December 2020, but with a twist...! After the success of the Great North Run, the London Marathon, and CAFOD in Lancaster's Summer of Hope 5k, this year's CAFOD Fun Run will be a virtual event! See the back page for further details.

## 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](mailto: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'.



## SYNOD2020

You can find the four Synod2020 leaflets on the parish website or the Synod2020 website which gives further information: [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)



These leaflets highlight the many proposals submitted for consideration and if you like any of them please let us know by the beginning of December. You will find the Synod box in the church porch.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Synod which takes place in June 2021.

## 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](mailto:safespaes@victimsupport.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS 2020

The way in which we will celebrate Christmas this year will be very different and the Archbishop has asked all parishes to follow the same set of guidelines.

Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day will be ticket-only and this is to ensure that we keep to the maximum number of people allowed in church during the pandemic. Two types of ticket will be available: a single ticket which admits one person or a family ticket which admits upto four people living in the same household.

Tickets will be available from the sacristy or Parish Office from Saturday 5th December. Regular Mass-goers will have the first opportunity to obtain tickets before they are widely distributed. Entrance to the Masses on these two days will be ticket only.

Times of Christmas Masses are:

Christmas Eve:	5.00 p.m.	The Vigil of Christmas
	9.00 p.m.	The First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day:	10.30 a.m.
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Fr Mark will arrange another Christmas morning Mass if all tickets are distributed and there is need for more Masses. All Masses at English Martyrs.

This arrangement for ticket only Masses applies to all parishes within the Archdiocese.

The Archbishop has also decided that there will be NO Saturday evening Masses on 26th December within the Archdiocese to allow the priests and parish stewards some rest time. There will be midday Mass on 26th December.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays is still not reinstated. The week between Christmas Day - New Years Day is the Christmas octave which means that you can come to Mass anytime that week to celebrate the birth of the Lord and to visit the Christmas Crib.

Sadly because of national restrictions, Masses over the Christmas period will be different as we are still not allowed to sing and the Archbishop has reminded the priests that Masses must still be short. We will have the parish Christmas Crib but this must also be different this year.

## 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](mailto:fundraising@jospice.org.uk)



## 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>

## POPE FRANCIS

### PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



### Artificial Intelligence

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



**YOUTH SUNDAY** National Youth Sunday 2020 (NYS) takes place today, the feast of Christ the King. National Youth Sunday represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people - their gifts, talents and uniqueness. It also provides the Church with an opportunity to thank them for and affirm their contribution to the life of the local and universal Church.



*Nationally* - CYMFed has produced resources to help facilitate the celebration of National Youth Sunday in parishes and at home. They can be accessed at [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com) Resources are split into four categories; For You; For Parish; For School; and For Family.

*Locally* - Animate have created a video to celebrate Youth Sunday. It can be found on the Animate You Tube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/AnimateYouth> Then search for 'Youth Sunday 2020'). We hope the video recognises the great gifts young people bring to the Church in our diocese, whilst also encouraging and challenging those young people to be 'Saints of the third millennium'.

## GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK

**Wednesday, 2nd - Tuesday, 8th December**

An opportunity for us to show our love and support to those who mourn and have been grieving during this very difficult time.

For help and advice:



## 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](http://www.catholicpic.co.uk) The main feature this month is a report on the preparations for the Synod.

## A MESSAGE FROM MARY'S MEALS

So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education.



Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2 November until 31 January 2021, donations made to our '*Double The Love Campaign*' will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our **Big Family Christmas dinner table** or buying a Christmas gift card on our website.

More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove).

Thank you



### THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS

The Irenaeus Team have arranged online Advent Reflections on the Prophet Isaiah taking

place on zoom on the 3rd & 10th December, 10.30 a.m. - 12noon (zoom link will open at 10:00) To book your place you are asked to email Jenny: [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary O'Neill, Funeral Service on Tuesday and for Brenda Craven, Funeral Service will take place in church on Thursday.

May they rest  
in peace.

*Requiescat  
in pace.*

## 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





IT'S OUR  
**37th**  
YEAR

# CAFOD FUN RUN

**LIKE NO OTHER**

**SUNDAY 27TH  
DECEMBER 2020**

Join this year's virtual event by running, walking or toddling 5k  
in your local area. Tag [#CAFODFunRun](#) on your social media  
with your Fun Run photos and [make a donation to  
our just giving page.](#)

**Charity number: 1160384**

Collect as many sponsors as you can

For further details [visit our JustGiving page](#) or [contact liverpool@cafod.org.uk](#)

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/funrunlikenoother>



## **CAROL SERVICE BY ZOOM**

**21ST DECEMBER  
7.00 PM**

**(The Zoom link will open at  
6.30pm)**

***To book your place email  
[jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)***