



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Thirty Second Sunday of ordinary Time

Sunday 8th November 2020



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What must I do this month, this week, and this very day to prepare myself for the heavenly banquet?

SYNOD2020

You will find the third Synod2020 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



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 William Bennett whose Funeral mass will be celebrated in church on Monday. May he rest in peace.

*Requiescat
in pace.*

We also remember with gratitude two priests from the Archdiocese who have have died recently; Mgr Austin Hunt and Fr Des Power. May they rest in peace.

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,

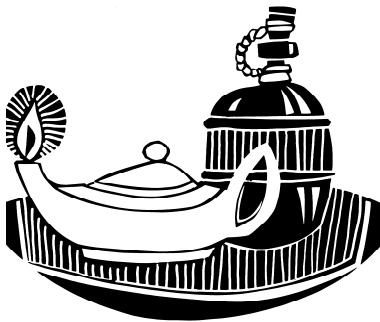


SUNDAY THOUGHTS

As Christians, we do not have to grieve *'like the other people, who have no hope'*. We are blessed with hope, hope in the promise of life everlasting, hope that one day we may be invited to the banquet, hope that our loved ones who have passed away already dwell in the presence of the Lord. As Paul writes, if we believe that Jesus was truly raised from the dead, then death is not the final chapter.



A lot is packed into Matthew's short parable in today's Gospel, in which a wedding feast is compared to the kingdom of heaven. The ones who wisely plan ahead are rewarded; the unprepared are rejected. All the women, even the wise ones, fall asleep while waiting for the pivotal moment. The wise ones cannot share with the foolish ones; what is required to enter the feast must be what you have brought or what you have done yourself. No second chance is given to the ones who ran out of oil. Their need to buy more proves fatal. A few weeks ago the rejected guests were those without a wedding garment, now it's the ones without working lamps. At baptism we were clothed in Christ and were given a lighted candle. Only those who put on Christ and light the way are welcomed to the kingdom. We must live out our baptism.



'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour,' may have been repeated quite frequently in the days and years immediately after Jesus' death and resurrection (Matthew 25:13). The early church assumed that Christ would return very soon. They believed that the Second Coming was right around the corner. But it wasn't. An intervening two thousand years has made us complacent. But like a lucky number in the

lottery, the end days are as likely to come tomorrow as they are any other day. Let God-given wisdom give us the urgency we need each and every day.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
Saturday 7th November	Pious List
Sunday 8th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 9th November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Funeral Mass William Bennett
Tuesday 10th November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Pious List
Wednesday 11th November <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 12th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	Joseph Gonsalves
Friday 13th November	Pious List
Saturday 14th November	Private Intention
Sunday 15th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am - People of the Parish

FEAST OF THE WEEK -

ST DYFRIG (November 14th)

Dyfrig (also known as Dubricius) was born in the sixth century in the Wye Valley, where he also received his formation in the monastic life.

He founded a great monastery at Moccas in Herefordshire and rose to considerable influence as abbot and bishop. He is said to have brought St Illtud to repentance, to have ordained St Samson (also connected with Dol in Brittany) to the priesthood, and to have ordained St Deiniol as Bishop of Bangor.

He took himself off in prayer to Caldey Island and in old age he retired to the Island of Bardsey, off the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales where he died.

Subsequently Bardsey became famous as the island of Saints, and as a place of burial and pilgrimage.

St. Dyfrig, pray for us.



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.

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



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

safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Lord, we remember those who died when madness ruled the world and evil dwelt on earth, those we knew and those whose very name is lost. Because of their sacrifice, may we renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny, and oppression. Still we cry to God out of the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish. Let not new clouds rain death upon the earth. Turn to yourself the hearts and wills of rulers and peoples, so that a new world may arise where men and women live as friends in the bond of your peace.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

In a world still troubled with war, hatred and unrest, we pray for peace and unity... You have called us to be one, to live in unity and harmony, and yet we are divided; race from race, faith from faith, rich from poor, old from young; neighbour from neighbour. O Lord, by whose cross all enmity is brought to an end, break down the walls that separate us, tear down the fences of indifference and hatred; forgive us the sins that divide us, free us from pride and self-seeking; overcome our prejudices and fears. Give us courage to open ourselves to others, and by the power of your Spirit make us one.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



Artificial Intelligence

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

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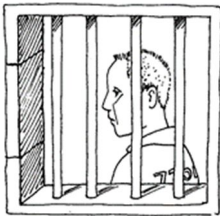
Parish Office:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

Archdiocese of Liverpool : Registered Charity 232709

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS

For forty years now, Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.



Prisons Week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

Prisons Sunday – the second Sunday in October – marks the beginning of the week of prayer each year, running through until the following Saturday.

For more information: www.prisonersweek.org

ZOOM SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

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

Thursdays 9th; 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 form 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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