

Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland





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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Besides myself, who do I know that is in need of God's mercy? What can I do so that it flows through me to those in need?

SYNOD2020

The second of four Synod2020 leaflets is published today 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 your 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.

You can visit the Synod website for further information: <u>www.synod2020.co.uk</u>

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.

WELCOME A warm welcome back to Fr Stephen who joins us for Mass on Saturday.



WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that Mass on Thursday will be at 10:00 a.m.

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, Joseph Gonsalves, Gaetano Scappaticci, Fr Des Power, Peter Maloney



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 and you are asked to follow them:

Each 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.

Parish Stewards will escort you to your place and we ask you to co-operate with this. You cannot sit wherever you wish but people will sit in the order they arrive. This is to help the parish Stewards to clean and sanitise the church after Mass.

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. Ideally you are asked to light candles before Mass.

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.

Please help us to keep our church environment safe and healthy by following the guidelines which all Paces of Worship are asked to follow.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	ENGLISH MARTYRS
Saturday 31st October	4.30pm -
Solemnity of All Saints	Jennifer Dowd
Sunday 1st November	10.30am -
Solemnity of All Saints	Kitty & Joe Maloney
Monday 2nd November	10.30am -
Commemoration of The Faithful Departed	The Pious List
Tuesday 3rd November	10.30am -
St Winefride	Private Intention
Wednesday 4th November	NO MASS
St. Charles Borromeo	
Thursday 5th November	10.00am -
	Canon Alfred Walmsley
Friday 6th November	10.30am -
	Mark Graham
Saturday 7th November	4.30pm -
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 8th November	10.30am -
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	The Pious List

FEAST OF THE WEEK -St. Winefride

Winefride lived in the 6th or 7th century near Treffynon (Holywell) in North Wales. According to one version of her life, she was beheaded by a prince whose advances she refused, and springs of water sprang up at the place of her martyrdom. She was, however, restored to life by her uncle, St. Beuno, and lived the rest of her days as a nun. Holywell has remained a place of healing and



pilgrimage through penal times to the present day. Her feast day is celebrated on Tuesday.

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 Saturday 28th November 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 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-spiritualmasters/

NOVEMBER LIST

November is the month of remembrance of our faithful departed. You can submit names and a donation for Masses to be said for all our loved ones.

Pious List envelopes are available at the church door or you can use your own. Please bring it to church and place the envelope in the offertory basket or through the presbytery letter box.

You can also email the names to the Parish Office:

<u>englishmartyrs@rcaolp.org.uk</u> 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. 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



HOLY SOULS

ALL SAINTS

The day before All Saints is called Halloween in the secular world. The name is Christian, Halloween means the eve of All Hallows, the eve of All Saints, but that is the only Christian element in it. All the rest that accompanies Halloween



is of pagan origin so it goes back to the time before Christianity. It was a pagan Celtic feast. They believed that after sunset on Samhain, which we now called Halloween, the spirits of the dead and evil spirits roamed the skies seeking to harm humans, especially if the dead had been harmed by them. To protect themselves people disguised themselves by dressing up in costumes and carried lights inside in turnips.

In order to turn a pagan feast into a Christian feast the Church placed the feast of All Saints on 1st November, to coincide with the pagan celebration.

Children have fun on Halloween now and it is OK but it would be a pity if children did not know the Christian feast at this time, the feast of All Saints.

So if your children are celebrating Halloween and know nothing about All Saints, please explain All Saints to them. We are Christians now, so let us not celebrate as pagans. The Church has tried to turn a pagan celebration

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



Artificial Intelligence We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind Our Lady & The English Martyrs School Lane Litherland Liverpool L21 7LX 0151 928 3471 englishmartyrs@rcaolp.co.uk

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

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ALL SOULS DAY

On Monday we keep the annual Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Try and come to Mass that day as we remember our loved ones.

All Soul S Mystical Communion

God of all life, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. Grant that all those who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief upon you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Amen.

ZOOM SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

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

Thursdays 5th; 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

VIRTUAL NUGENT COFFEE MORNING 5TH NOVEMBER

The virtual coffee morning will include a chance to talk to Phil Thomspn, and features a special guest speaker.

To sign up visit https:// www.wearenugent.org/ connect-with-nugent-coffeemorning/

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 $\pounds 2$ 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 <u>www.thecatholicuniverse.com</u> 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









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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