



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 30th May 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I noticed the Spirit's presence in my life?
How can I become more aware of the Spirit's effect on me?

CHURCH RE-OPENING

Please note that all restrictions are still in place.

Face masks to be worn properly over the mouth and nose at all times.
You need to give your details for track & trace purposes or use the NHS COVID app on your phone.
Please sit where you are asked to by the Parish Stewards.

Procedures for the reception of Holy Communion are still in place.



Fr Mark has taken the decision not to reinstate the Saturday evening Mass for the time being as the number of people coming to that Mass was low. The Saturday Mass will begin again as soon as we get back to normality.

If you are vulnerable or show COVID symptoms you must stay at home.

Baptisms can resume after 17th May with only the parents and child present.

Taking Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound cannot resume until the end of June. Any person in danger of death can receive the Sacrament of the Sick and arrangements can be made by contacting the presbytery.

Can we please also ask that, after having your hands sanitised, you immediately enter Church and take your seat as instructed by the stewards. Please do not linger in the porch. The lockdown is easing but we do still need to be careful and observe social distancing when entering and leaving Church

Thank You!



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Recruitment for boy and girl choristers 2021

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. We are recruiting boys currently in year 2 & 3 and girls currently in year 5. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Boys, year 3-6) and St Edward's College (Boys & Girls, year 7-10.)

If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, alongside application forms and voice trial booking slots can be found at: <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/?>

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The Bishops of England and Wales are asking us to return to Sunday Mass now in our Churches that are as safe as we can manage, but know that if you still don't feel able to join us and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, each of you will be at the centre of every Mass we celebrate.....none of you are forgotten, all of you cherished by the Lord through His Church!

You can read the full statement on the Bishops' Conference website:
www.cbcew.org.uk

How blest we are to have our beautiful church safely open again! It can only happen of course because of the commitment and diligence of our stewards.....and of course your cooperation with all the safety measures we have in place.

POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

The Beauty of Marriage



Let us pray
for young
people who
are

preparing for
marriage with the
support of a Christian
community: may they
grow in love, with
generosity,
faithfulness and
patience

Lord in your mercy...

SYNOD2020

As we approach our Archdiocesan Synod, taking place online on 19th June, Synod Members are currently discerning how they will vote on the recommendations that have emerged. If you haven't seen them yet, you will find the Synod2020 booklet at the back of church.



This is your last chance to have your voice heard by highlighting your priorities. Thank you to those who have taken the time to read the recommendations and indicating your priorities. Gavin, Sara & Fr Mark will look at them and will use these to shape the way they will vote in a few weeks time.

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers in the coming months.

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Lavanah & Nahla Cooper

Baptised Saturday 29th May 2021

Lucas Bunday

Baptised Sunday 30th May 2021



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please collect your new box of envelopes from the church porch as soon as possible. Thank you.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY



Please note that Mass on Monday will be at 12 noon.

CAFOD & INDIA

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns and set up safely run isolation and quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 29th May	10.30am - First Holy Communions Baptism - Lavanha & Nahla Cooper
Sunday 30th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Lucas Bunday
Monday 31st May <i>Feast of The Visitation</i>	12 noon Special intention (CBQ)
Tuesday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	10.00am Denise Doyle
Wednesday 2nd June	No Mass
Thursday 3rd June <i>Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>	10.00am Neil Dunbar
Friday 4th June	10.00am Bridget McDermott
Saturday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	10.30am - First Holy Communions Baptism - Poppi Hunt
Sunday 6th June <i>Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Daisy & Teddy Quadrio

PAPAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR MARY

In response to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church. The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: ***"Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God"*** (Acts 12:5).

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, entrusted by the Holy Father with the task of organizing the event, has extended this invitation to all the Shrines around the world, in order to promote the diffusion of the initiative in the relevant Regions, so as to reach priests, families, and all the faithful, inviting them to join in this prayer of intercession and hope to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the plight of the pandemic: for those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased. These are some of the intentions that will punctuate our prayer to Our Lady. Every Shrine around the world is invited to pray, in the language and manner used locally, asking for the resumption of social life, work and the many human activities that were suspended during the pandemic.

The official channels of the Holy See will broadcast the prayer said each day in each of these thirty Shrines at 6:00 p.m., according to time scheduled in Rome. A short liturgical guide has been prepared that provides further information. The guide in Italian, English and Spanish can be downloaded from www.pcpne.va

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE - STONEYHURST

The Logos & Literature: Elaborating the Divine (online evening talks), 29 April - 8 July

A series of talks exploring some of the great themes of the Catholic Christianity in literature both old and new. Details and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

ARCHDIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

Animate Youth Team Coordinator - The salary for the post is £14,603.40
Applicants are invited to contact Fr Simon Gore (Director of Youth Ministry) on 01744 740 467 or s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk for an informal chat about the role. Closing Date: 8 June.

Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator - The role is full time, 35 hours per week (Monday-Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm), with the ability to work flexibly as per the needs of the business. We are offering a salary of £33,759 plus an attractive pension package with 38 days holiday plus a range of other benefits. Closing date: 5pm, Monday, 14 June.

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

SAFEGUARDING Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Catholic Church of England and Wales, the Church of England or the Church in Wales.

Opening Times:

Monday: Tuesday; Wednesday 10am – 6pm

Thursday: 12pm – 8pm

Friday: Saturday 10am – 6pm

Sunday: Closed

Website: www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/

How can we help? - Remote support is provided nationally through our helpline and Live Chat for as long as our clients feel they need it and it is deemed to be helpful. We can help with advocating with authorities and other agencies, giving you emotional support, providing information (including information on church and police procedures), understanding your needs and working together on individual support plans. Our Services are for people aged 18 or over, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the perpetrator is living or deceased. You do not have to have reported the incident to the Church authorities or the Police in order to access support. Our service is for people who have experienced any kind of abuse – this includes (but is not limited to) sexual violence, inappropriate sexual behaviour, physical abuse, financial abuse or exploitation, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

We are often asked to place the names of those who are sick and in need of our prayers in the Parish Newsletter. We are happy to do this but we must comply with data protection. Names can only be included if that person or their next of kin gives us written permission to do so. Names will then be published for two weeks only unless stipulated, this is to avoid names remaining on the list indefinitely. Forms to help with this are available from the back of church, sacristy or the parish office.



MARY'S MEALS

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities.

Mary's Meals grew out of a response to the Bosnian conflict in the early 1990s. Since then we have been involved in emergency relief work in countries including Myanmar, Haiti, India, Kenya and Thailand. Mary's Meals is now providing life-giving and life-changing school meals to more than 1.8 million of the world's poorest children. Around 64 million of the world's hungriest children do not attend school. In order to survive they have to work or beg. Please pray for them as you pray the Rosary.

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA

The new shop is now open.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Saturday:

10am - 5pm

Email:

liverpool@pauline-uk.org

Tel: 0151 709 1328

84 Church Street,
Liverpool, L1 3AY

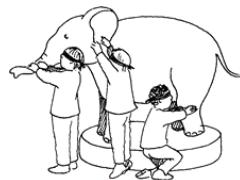
MASS ON THE PHONE

For those who have no access to the internet, you can still listen to the Mass in full on your phone. The Mass is provided free of charge, except for the local phone charge. It comes from Middlesbrough Cathedral every Sunday.

Phone: 01642 130 120 and you are connected to the Mass for that week. You can listen at any time of day or night.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

There's an old story told of three blindfolded men who are taken to an elephant. The first one feels its trunk and decides that it's a snake. The second one feels its legs and says that it's a tree. The third one feels the flapping of its ears and concludes that it's a type of fan.



All three men were convinced that they were right. Yet the moral of the story is either the fact that it all depends on your experience or that some things are too complex to be understood from our human point of view.

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate our God, one God but three persons. Once we've said this we've said it all. It's possible to delve into theological arguments about the precise role of each of the three persons, whether their activity overlaps and how it is exercised in salvation history. But this is to miss the point.

Today's feast is ultimately about the grandeur of God, about his (or her) otherness. Anything we want to say about God we have to multiply by infinity and even then we are no closer to describing God. Our liturgy invites us simply to stand in awe.



For how can we begin to explain a God who has never not existed, who created everything that exists not from some sort of raw material but out of nothing? How can we start to shed light on a God who is 'out there' but who came 'down here' in the person of Jesus so that we could learn the true meaning of what life is really for? How can we describe the psychological complexity of Jesus who at one and the same time was God and yet a man? How can we cope with a cosmic God whose Spirit brings him as close to us as the beating of our hearts or the breath we take?

The answer is that we can't. Today is the feast of our ungraspable God, of our unspeakable Lord and of our invisible presence. We worship God simply because he has shown that he loves us. Let us rejoice and be glad!

SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Could you be a Foundation Governor for one of our schools?

Service as a foundation governor in a Catholic school is one of the most significant and important ways members of the Catholic Faith community can support the Church's divine mission of helping all to arrive at the fullness of Christian life.

There are few specific requirements. However, a Foundation Governor must:

- Be a Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly and gives true witness to the teachings of the Church
- Be prepared to work with discretion as a member of the full governing body and attend training events to help build up a body of knowledge and expertise
- Bring a wider skill set to enhance the wider Governing Body in undertaking its collective duties to lead the school and meet the contemporary requirements of the Department for Education and Ofsted

Our two parish schools currently requires new Foundation Governors and there may be opportunities in other Catholic schools in the area. Please contact Fr Mark directly if you feel able to support our wonderful schools in this way.

STANDING ORDER

Fr Mark explained the difficulty in banking coins with HSBC from the beginning of August when the counter service at the Bootle branch comes to an end. On average we bank more coins than notes each week.

Standing Order is an easy way of making your weekly donation to the parish. Just one simple form is all it takes and we encourage you to consider this as it has many benefits:

*You won't need to look for money each week. You can still use your weekly envelopes and place an empty one in the basket. The amount you specify on the form goes from your bank account into the parish account.

*Reducing the amount of money left on the premises is better for safety.

*We reduce the amount of coins banked each week.

Please do consider setting up a Standing Order and we will happily help in completing the one form. Contact the Parish Office.

Friends of the Holy Land - Pentecost challenge

The Pentecost Challenge has proved to be really successful but they are still a little way off their target for providing funding for education for the young children of the Holy Land.



The date for completing the challenge is 30 June. For anyone who walks regularly it really is a great way of learning more about the Holy Land. When you have registered you receive an email each time you reach a town along the Bethlehem to Nazareth route. The email gives you information and videos about that town. It really is fun! You still have time to register and complete the 83 mile challenge!!

Full full details and how to register and take part please go to:

<https://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/pentecost>

Bernie, Sara and Stephanie Coxon have registered as a team. Bernie has now completed her 83 miles and Sara and Stephanie are following a little way behind!! If you would like to sponsor them you can do so at: fhl.enthuse.com/pf/bernadette-coxon

FIRST COMMUNIONS

This is the time of the year when some of our children are making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks. A special day for them when they will be joining us at the table of the Lord to eat his body and drink his blood.



Each of us has a responsibility towards these children. Let's remember them in our prayers so that through our example and that of those of their families they may come to know the joy of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us pray that their First Communion may be the first of many and that they may grow in faith until that day when they play their full part in the Body of Christ that is the Church.

CORPUS CHRISTI

This annual celebration of the Body & Blood of Christ reminds us of the importance of the

Eucharist in our lives.



There will be a time of prayer and Benediction on Sunday 6th June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, at 4 p.m. in church. All are welcome.

