



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 13th June 2021



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What resources and talents do I have that I can use to build the kingdom of God like a seed that grows to a fruitful plant?

## RESTRICTIONS

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.

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

Baptisms have resumed with up to 30 persons present.

The maximum number of people allowed to attend a funeral at English Martyrs will be 70 persons

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.

## FEAST OF THE WEEK St Alban - 20th June.

St Alban was the first person recorded to have suffered martyrdom for his Christian faith in Britain. He lived at Verulamium in Hertfordshire (near the present St Albans) during the third century. The story is told that a priest (some call him Amphibalus) escaping persecution was given shelter in Alban's house. Alban was so impressed with him that he became a Christian. When they came looking for the cleric, Alban dressed up in his clothes and pretended to be him. He was executed by being beheaded at Holmhusrt Hill near St Albans. Later the present Abbey Church was built in his honour and he has been venerated on that spot since the fourth or fifth century. His name in Latin 'Albanus' means 'white' and is also behind the name of several places in France called St Auban, as well as the British/Irish surname 'Tobin'.



## DAY FOR LIFE

*Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on 20 June in England and Wales.

This day, inaugurated by Saint John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach.

A collection will be taken next weekend. For more information:

[www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)

## 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](http://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...*

## **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/>

## **UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE**

We started this Bible course in 2020 but was interrupted with the first lockdown. Fr Mark is hoping we can restart it from Thursday 16th September, 7 p.m. in the presbytery. Please give your name to the Parish office if you would like to join this exciting course.



Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long passages that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Biblical names and places. This eight-part Bible study helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. The evening will consist of a 30 min video presentation followed by a time of reflection. Come and join us.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Over 750 young people from across the Archdiocese have registered for the sacrament of Confirmation. Registrations for this year will close on 26 June.

If you know of anyone in Year 8 or 9 who would like to be confirmed, please ask them to register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

## **IRENÆUS PROJECT**

‘The word of the Lord endures forever.’ Reflections on the Letters of Peter & Jude by Fr Chris Thomas.

These will take place on zoom on Thursdays 17th & 24th June and 1st July from 10.30 am - 12noon. To book your place please contact Jenny on [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

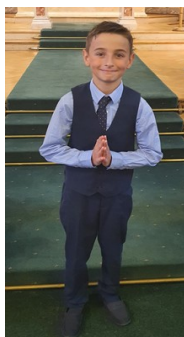
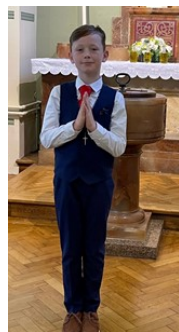
## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 12th June</b>	10.30am - First Holy Communions Baptism - Macie-Jo Green
<b>Sunday 13th June</b> <i>Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Eve Lovelady
<b>Monday 14th June</b>	10.00am Paul Turner
<b>Tuesday 15th June</b>	10.00am Tom Hall
<b>Wednesday 16th June</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 17th June</b>	10.00am Bob Stam
<b>Friday 18th June</b> <i>St John Rigby</i>	10.00am Terry Hulme
<b>Saturday 19th June</b>	No Mass
<b>Sunday 20th June</b> <i>Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Feast of St Alban</i>	10.30am People of the Parish



## CONGRATULATIONS

Just a few of  
our children  
who made  
their First  
Holy  
Communion  
last week.



## SYNOD2020

As we come towards the culmination of our Synod 2020 process, we turn once again to prayer, the source of all of our discernment and the core of our work through our Synod process, and so on Sunday, 13th June we start our Week of Prayer for our Synod.



You will find the Week of Prayer leaflet in the Newsletter and further copies are available at the back of church. Please join our Diocesan family as we pray everyday this week for the success of the Synod next weekend.

**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/](http://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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

1. Fr Mark celebrates his 25th anniversary of ordination on Tuesday 13th July. Please join him for Mass at 7.00 p.m. We hope to have a reception afterwards.



2. A parish Christmas day out to York on Saturday 4th December.

3. A pilgrimage to Walsingham from Monday 11th - Thursday 14th July 2022. Staying in Elmham House - the Shrine's Pilgrim Hotel. Twin & triple rooms with only a few single rooms are available. The trip will include a full day pilgrimage in Walsingham and a day out to Sandringham. Price is not yet available. Please give your name to the parish office if interested.

## FIRST COMMUNIONS

We've almost finished our First Communion celebrations for this year with just a very small handful of children who will celebrate this sacrament later in the year.



Congratulations to all the children and their families. Many thanks to our team of stewards & catechists for their commitment.

It's hoped that we will resume preparation in September for children eligible for First Communion in 2022.

## CATHOLIC PIC

The June edition is now available from the back of the church. This month's main feature is about the Christian community in Gaza and how they have been badly affected by the recent conflict with Israel.

## PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA

The new shop is now open.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Email: [liverpool@pauline-uk.org](mailto:liverpool@pauline-uk.org)

Tel: 0151 709 1328

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## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Christians sometimes focus so much on the Church that they lose sight of the kingdom. They tend to think that the Church is the be-all and end-all of religious activity and they can become blind to the kingdom of God.

Yet the kingdom and the Church are not the same things. The Church is the bearer of the kingdom but not the exclusive owner. The kingdom, which Jesus today speaks about in his parables, is wider than the Church and is not so visible and tangible.



Jesus taught his disciples that the kingdom is already with us, though it can seem to be hidden. It has already been inaugurated, though it is yet to reach its fulfilment. Day after day it is unfurled, little by little in an almost unnoticeable way.

The ideals of the kingdom clash with the values of the world. That's because the kingdom is eternal and universal whereas the world is about fads and fashion, about exclusivity and partiality. The kingdom is about truth and life, whereas the world happily lies and trades in destruction of all types. The kingdom espouses holiness and grace, concepts which the secular world considers laudable but outmoded. And the kingdom's principles of justice, love and peace are more likely to be echoed in the world's pop songs than in its strategies.

Does this mean that we've nothing to hope for? That injustice, violence, corruption and oppression will always be with us? Is it just par for the course?

Jesus says not. With his arrival on earth the kingdom of God has begun to embed itself in all aspects of our world. There are invincible forces already at work as the world matures and the kingdom silently grows. Like a seed planted in a field it grows unobtrusively, by day and by night. Like a mustard seed it starts off tiny but becomes a force to be reckoned with. And even now we sometimes catch a glimpse of the power of the kingdom when world events are confounded and when men and women, even just for a moment, unite in a shared vision that reflects the will of God.

The kingdom is here now. The way we behave will help or hinder it. But it's bigger than all of us put together. That's why we pray: Thy kingdom come.

## **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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's great to welcome back our happy band of Church Cleaners who would love more volunteers to help them keep English Martyrs looking spotless. Give your name to the Parish Office.



We also desperately need more people willing to wash the church linen as we only have 1 person doing this. Have a word with Cathy Smartt or give your name to the Parish Office.



## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

**Macie-Jo Green**

Baptised Saturday 12th June 2021

**Eve Hazel Lovelady**

Baptised Sunday 13th June 2021



## ARCHDIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

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.

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times:



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.

