



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th June 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does my faith in the Lord give me hope when I might otherwise feel hopeless?

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.

POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

The Beauty of Marriage



Let us pray
for young
people who
are prepar-
ing for marriage with
the support of a
Christian community:
may they grow in
love, with generosity,
faithfulness and
patience

Lord in your mercy...

Update from CAFOD

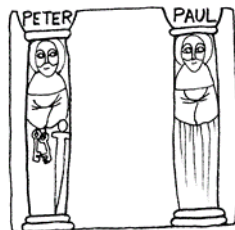
Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID- 19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

We are very grateful to all who keep CAFOD and our partners overseas in their prayers.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

PETER AND PAUL (June 29th)

Sts. Peter and Paul are the principal pillars of the Church founded by Christ. St. Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first 'Vicar' on earth. He was endowed with 'power of the keys' of the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:13-19) and charged with the role of shepherding Christ's flock (Jn 21:15-17). In St. Peter and his successors we have a visible sign of unity and communion in faith and charity. Peter, who professed Christ's divinity at Caesarea Philippi, suffered martyrdom under Nero, in about the year 64 AD. He was buried at Vatican Hill and recent excavations have revealed what is almost certainly his tomb on the very site of St. Peter's Basilica.

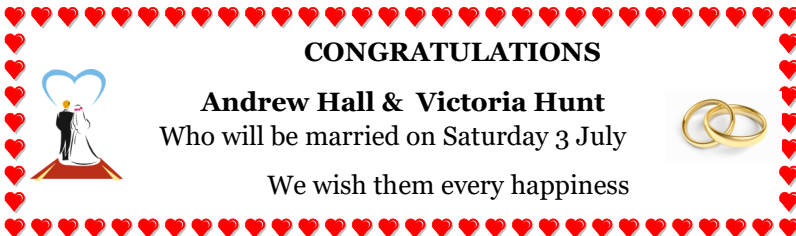


St.. Paul was chosen to form part of the apostolic group by Christ himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16). Selected to bring Christ's name to all peoples (Acts 9:15), he is the greatest missionary of all time, the advocate of pagans, the Apostle of the Gentiles. St. Paul was beheaded near Rome at the Tre Fontane, along the Via Ostiense, and was buried nearby, on the site where the basilica of St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls now stands.

HOLY DAY

On Tuesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter & Paul. Usually this is a day of obligation but the Bishops have not reinstated the obligation to attend Mass. There will be one Mass on Tuesday at 12noon. There will also be a collection at this Mass for Peters Pence.

CONGRATULATIONS



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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Fr Barry Matthews who joins us for Mass today.



IRENÆUS PROJECT

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

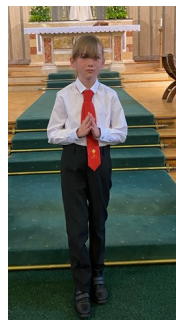
These will take place on zoom on Thursday 1st July from 10.30 am - 12noon. To book your place please contact Jenny on jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 26th June	No Mass
Sunday 27th June <i>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Sick & Housebound Baptism - Leighton Prendergast
Monday 28th June	10.00am Irene Klobski
Tuesday 29th June <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	12 noon Bob Lambert & Nicola
Wednesday 30th June	No Mass
Thursday 1st July	No Mass
Friday 2nd July	10.00am Milly Perry
Saturday 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	No Mass
Sunday 4th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Michael & Lucia Woolvine



Just a few more
children who
made their First
Holy
Communion
Congratulations!!



Settlement Scheme for European Citizens

A reminder that EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK by 31 December 2020 have until 30 June 2021 to apply for the Settlement Scheme.

Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their rights to live and work here or access important services such as healthcare.

Please note that Irish citizens do not need to apply.

All the relevant information can be found on the official Government website (www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families), from the European Commission (www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know) or from the charity Settled (www.settled.org.uk).

FANCY A WALK??

We have all been taking our daily walk through lock down - so why not keep it up.

We are thinking of starting a walking group - not ten mile hikes!! Just a gentle walk in the local area and a nice chat as we go. Bring a sandwich and a drink and we can have a picnic stop at the end. Anyone interested please let Bernie know and we will sort a date for the first outing.



SILVER JUBILEE

You are cordially welcome to Fr Mark's Silver Jubile
Mass on Tuesday 13th July at 7.00 p.m.

The Parish Community of
Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

cordially invites you to join us in
giving thanks for 25 years of priestly ministry
of

Canon Mark Madden KCHS
on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7 pm

English Martyrs Church, School Lane,
Litherland, Liverpool. L21 7LX

Please reply by Tuesday 6th July
englishmartyrs@rcaol.org.uk

*Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.*



ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" JUNE DRAW

1st £20 No. 79 M McQuade

2nd £15 No. 4 B Benbow

3rd £10 No. 64 J Caunce

4th £10 No. 6 B Morrin

Spare numbers are available for
anyone wishing to join, £1 per

month. Please contact Myra:
928 1136



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 Middlesborough
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.



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.

SAFEGUARDING DBS CHECKS

The certificates for those people who had a DBS check in 2017 are all now overdue for renewal.

The system is slightly different now - you need to fill in forms then return those to the Parish Office with your 3 forms of identification. The forms will then be submitted online from the Parish Office.

Can anyone who had a DBS certificate approved in 2017 please call to the Office to collect the forms for completion - this will apply to Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists and Sacristans.

Please contact the office if you have any queries



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Did you know that they've invented some food additives that could keep you living until well past a hundred? All your friends will be dead but at least you'll still be around with your memories. And scientists have invented a new drug that means you don't have to eat and drink any more, just three injections a week and two litres of water a day. There are also some pills available that guarantee you'll die really healthy. Worth trying?

We all want to live; it's only natural. But what is it that we want to live for? What sort of quality of life do we want? What do we want our days to be filled with?

When Jesus raised people from the dead he added years to their life. But more importantly he added life to their years. For once a person is raised to life in Christ their experience of what life is about and what is on offer can never be the same. To be alive in Christ cannot mean simply living the same life as before, for the life Christ offers is one that is transformed. St Paul was so aware of this that he said, I live; no, Christ lives in me! Christian living is about being inhabited, taken over, consumed and hurled into an adventure that sometimes disconcerts but always takes us to the edge of our being. It suspends us in eternity.



So if you're not excited by life then you're not living a Christian existence because the life Christ offers is God's very own. If you don't appreciate the beauty of God's world, if you're not energised by the challenges that face you daily or thrilled at the prospect of meeting new people who themselves are reflections of God's human imprint, then you may be alive but you're not living. For life means taking part.

Christian faith takes us off the ventilator and lets us begin breathing with the Spirit's breath. There is a qualitative difference to Christian life, one that's not available to those without it. Ours is a blessed existence, one which summons and challenges us to live life to the full in Christ, not to prolong an existence that has been long dead through its dulled deception and disappointment, through its sin and shallowness.

When Jesus raises people from the dead life takes on a new meaning. If not, then it's probably time for the injections and some more water.

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.

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.

