



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday 6th June 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How will the Body of Christ that I receive today make a difference in what I say and do this week

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

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



The Sacred Heart

The heart is well known as a symbol of love. Valentine's Day cards abound with them, tattooists say that hearts are the most requested design, and even bumper stickers use the heart to show their approval.

If we give our heart to someone then it means we love them unconditionally and without reservation. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrates this kind of love. God's love for us is such that, having brought us to life, he wanted to show us the depth of his love by sending Jesus to redeem us, to get us out of that unproductive cycle that we enter through sin.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus proclaims God's ever-present love in our world. It is the symbol of Christ's triumph over the coldness of sin and an invitation to us to recognise God's action in our lives and to become something great: children of God's love.

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...

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/>

SYNOD2020

On this great feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ we renew our gratitude for this precious gift. In our celebrations of this Holy Sacrament we are the witnesses of the self-giving love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The presence of Christ within us is renewed and we become more deeply the members of the Body & Blood of Christ alive and at work in our world.

Our Synod is just two weeks away now. Once again we ask for God to bless the work of the Synod.

We are the Body of Christ.

Through the work of the Synod may our Church reflect more faithfully the beauty and mercy of Christ in all that we do in His name.



Merciful Father,

we humbly thank you for the love you have revealed in the precious gift of the Body and Blood of your Son.

May our Synod be an instrument in your hands.

As you have fed us so may we work to feed our hungry brothers and sisters.

As you have blessed us so may you make us a blessing to the people you call us to serve.

You have shown us your great mercy, help us to bring your forgiveness and love into the world today.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
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
Monday 7th June	10.00am Carl Martin
Tuesday 8th June	10.00am Erica Ashcroft
Wednesday 9th June	No Mass
Thursday 10th June	10.00am Eileen Cassidy
Friday 11th June <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	10.00am Moira O'Brien
Saturday 12th June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.30am - First Holy Communions Baptism - Poppi Hunt
Sunday 13th June <i>Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Daisy & Teddy Quadrio



CONGRATULATIONS

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



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.



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!



1. Archbishop Kelly celebrates 25 years as an Archbishop on Saturday 3rd July and will be celebrating Mass with us on Sunday 4th July.

2. 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.

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

4. 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 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.

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
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 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.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Nine out of ten people who use the word 'eucharist' think of an object. They think of the eucharist as a thing, bread or wine that is transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

But strictly speaking eucharist is not a thing, it's an action. It's the action of giving thanks. In fact, the word for 'thank you' that is heard thousands of times every day in modern Greece is 'evaristo', the same word as eucharist.



Each time Christians celebrate eucharist they thank God for all that God has done in the past and continues to do for us today. The Eucharistic Prayer is one long prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the fact that God made us, redeemed us through Christ and continues to support us today in the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again at the end of time. In our worship we 'eucharist' God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguis Christi) is a reminder to us that Christ has left us a memorial of his Passion and death and that by our action of eucharist we make really present the grace and power of God on our altars.



At every eucharist bread and wine is brought up in procession and laid on the altar. Our prayer to God is that the Holy Spirit may transform these humble elements so that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

If we are really celebrating eucharist then we need to offer ourselves and our lives in sacrifice to God along with the bread and wine. We need to bring all our hopes and joys, our dreams and reservations, our plans and worries so that they too may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The eucharist is the heart of our Christian faith. It is the central act of our community, the source of all our strength and the summit to which all our activity as Church is directed.

Corpus Christi invites us to stand before our God and celebrate eucharist: to say thank you!

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

Poppi Hunt

Baptised Saturday 5th June 2021

Daisy & Teddy Quadrio

Baptised Sunday 6th June 2021



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

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





Archdiocese of Liverpool