



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 1st August 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be a sign to others of the nourishment I've found
in the bread of life

ADVICE TO PARISHES

Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over it is not the intention to restore an obligation to the attendance at Sunday Mass at this point. Please remember the importance of keeping Sunday holy and if possible attending Mass weekly.

1. Face coverings must still be worn for all those coming to church. (Exemptions for genuine medical reasons excluded)
2. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches but please be mindful of other people who may want to keep a distance.
3. You must sanitise your hands before you enter a church. There will be no need to sanitise your hands as you leave.
4. The numbers for weddings, funerals and baptisms are limited to a safe capacity of each church building.
5. Holy Communion is now restored to its traditional place. People should approach Holy Communion row by row and not in a haphazard way.
6. Holy Communion is to be given on the hand. Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
7. Mass will end in the traditional way.
8. Singing can gradually be restored and hymn books are allowed but can only be used once a day.
9. The collection bags should still not be passed around.
10. The sign of peace can be restored but without any touching, ie by a handshake.
11. Ministers of the Eucharist can take Holy Communion to the sick & housebound but with the appropriate caution.

Further details may emerge in the coming weeks and we will keep you informed.

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021 that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.



The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, we need to know if you are intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

We would ask that you are in your seats by 11.30am.

Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral.

POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Lord in your mercy...

MASS TIMES

Please note that throughout August and on 2/3 September the weekday Mass will be at 10.15am

'IN YOUR SHOES COMMUNITY HUB'

Please see details on the back page of this newsletter of a Community hub on Moss Lane (by the roundabout). This new facility will also accept donations for the food bank should you wish to drop items there rather than in Church. The hub serves our local community

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.



FACE MASKS

We remind you of the current rule, issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and endorsed by the Archdiocese, with regards to the wearing of face masks:

“Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to Mass and/or a church service. (Exemptions for genuine medical reasons excluded.) We must ensure that people wear face coverings properly over both nose & mouth which will reduce aerosol or droplet spread.”

CBCEW Covid-19 Route Map: Step 4 Guidance. Archdiocesan Letter to Priests (14th July 2021).

We ask everyone coming to church to follow this rule. Thank you.

IRENÆUS PROJECT

The Irenaeus project have extended their outreach programme to the wider community and are looking for volunteers to assist them to cover various aspects of the project. If you have any extra time available and would like to volunteer, please contact us on 0151 949 1199 or email: therese@irenaeus.co.uk

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 31st July	No Mass Baptism - Archie Horrocks
Sunday 1st August <i>Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Michael McDermott Baptism - Jacob Reece
Monday 2nd August	10.15am Tom Deegan
Tuesday 3rd August	10.15am Maureen & Frank Roach
Wednesday 4th August	No Mass
Thursday 5th August	10.15am Ann Bowling
Friday 6th August	10.15am Alice Keating
Saturday 7th August	No Mass 3pm - Wedding Service Shannon Burgess & Dean Robson
Sunday 8th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Mary Kilbane Baptism - Ellis Neild

The Society of Saint Gregory's Summer School of liturgy and music will take place this year from 4-6 August, via Zoom. This year's theme is 'The God Who Speaks: Celebrating, living and sharing God's Word' and we have invited speakers and leaders - Sr Margaret Atkins, Fleur Dorrell, Bob Hurd, Nicholas King SJ, David McLoughlin, Dan Schutte and Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ - who will explore all the different ways that God speaks to us. Bishop Peter Brignall, the initiator of 'The God Who Speaks', will introduce our two days of prayer, contemplation, discussion and debate – and there will be liturgies with music. Further details and online booking are available at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2021/> or by emailing bookings@ssg.org.uk

SYNOD 2020 UPDATE

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.

We will keep updating you as steps emerge.



FIRST WALKING GROUP!!

Thank you to those who joined us for our first walk. It proved to be very hot but a lovely enjoyable couple of hours. Sadly our 'tea stop'



at the end was closed! We will make sure that next time we are better planned!!

Watch this space for the next meeting!

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Fr Stephen who will be looking after us while Fr Mark is on his Summer break.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Fr Mark recently announced that we will resume the Saturday evening Mass after the Summer holidays. The first Mass will be on Saturday 18th September at 4.30 p.m.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

WHAT NAME DO YOU GIVE THIS CHILD?

(August 1st)

We've all heard about babies being named after whole football teams. But in 1696 the priest who baptised St Alphonsus in Naples must have got a shock. He was given the name Alphonsus Mary Antony John Cosmas Damian Michael Gaspard dei Liguori. Quite a mouthful!



He was a prolific letter-writer, so much so that although many of his letters have been lost, there are still 1,451 that survive to this day. He abandoned a successful career as a lawyer to become a priest and he founded the Redemptorists in 1732. Famous a moral theologian he was noted for his pastoral approach to moral problems. He eventually became a bishop and looked after the Italian diocese of St Agatha until his death in 1787. His feast day is on August 1st.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!



1. Mass for the Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Saturday 18th September at 11.00 a.m. Archbishops Malcolm & Patrick with Members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre will join us.
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.

PHIL THOMPSON GOLF CLASSIC

We are delighted to invite you to the 15th Annual Phil Thompson Golf Classic on Thursday 16 September. The event will be held at Houghwood Golf Club and will provide attendees with a 'par'-fect opportunity for you to come together with pals and colleagues to enjoy a great game of golf with panoramic views over the Lancashire plain and the Welsh hills. Tickets are priced at £450 (for teams of 4). This includes a hearty breakfast, a 'tee'-riffic day of golf, snacks and refreshments plus a good evening meal with anecdotes shared by Phil and a brilliant guest speaker. All net proceeds from this event will be used to help secure Nugent's future and the vital services we provide across Merseyside. For more information, or to book your place today, please contact: Ainsley Briscoe, Fundraiser - Corporate Partnerships and Major Gifts at Nugent:



ainsley.briscoe@wearenugent.org or
telephone 07833091852

FIRST COMMUNION 2022

Registration forms for children in Year 4 (from September) are now available for those who would like to make their First Communion in Spring 2022 . Forms can be collected from the Parish Office.

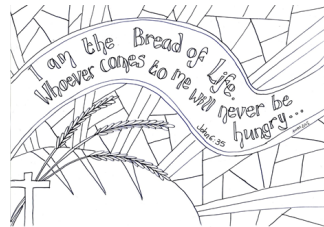


SUNDAY THOUGHTS

It is easy to scoff at the Israelites grumbling to Moses about the hardship they faced in the desert. How ridiculous to say they'd rather be enslaved again! How ungrateful they are to God and to Moses for leading them out of slavery in the first place! But anyone who has truly known what it's like to be hungry day after day with no end in sight can appreciate their cries. When someone has an acute physical need that is not met, reason and reasonableness are lost. Think back to how you felt when you were significantly ill or injured. Pain and chronic agony take over. Nothing else can even be contemplated. This is how it became for this formerly enslaved people wandering in the desert without food or water. Every minute of every day their thoughts were consumed by their misery.

When uncertain of what to believe, it is natural to look for signs. We look for some insight into the truth. In his Gospel, John referred to Jesus' miracles as signs. The crowd in today's Gospel passage saw his sign of the loaves and fish and now ask for a sign 'that we should believe in you' (John 6:30). We may ask ourselves what signs we need to see in order to believe. Perhaps we would be better off asking ourselves what signs we can provide so that others may believe. How can we multiply what we have in order to nourish more people than we can imagine? How can we give life to the world? How can we point the way to the truth by what we do?

We have a huge advantage over both the crowd in the desert and the one in Capernaum. We know the ending. The Israelites make it to the Promised Land. The Bread of Life is the food of our redemption. Today when we are faced with an uncertain future and problems that appear to be unsolvable, let us take comfort in knowing that God continues to watch over us, forever satisfying our hunger and thirst.



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.

THE CENACLE SISTERS

The Cenacle Sisters who are based in Wavertree are looking to employ bank staff for help with work at the reception and in the Prayer Office. The working hours will be flexible on weekdays between 9.00am and 4.00pm. The work entails answering the telephone, being available to assist callers at the office and dealing with the daily mail. The person would be part of our existing team. For further details and an application form please contact the Manager on 0151 722 2271.

TEST & TRACE

In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details for all those coming to church. If you have downloaded the NHS Test & Trace App on your smart phone you can scan the QR code instead which is displayed in church.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Fr Mark Jubilee Mass

Have a look on the website at the new gallery showing some pictures from the Mass and in the garden afterwards



In Your Shoes

Community Hub

EVERYONE WELCOME

Come along and enjoy mixing with others and making new friends, joining in our activities, learning new skills and/or gaining qualifications

At the Hub we will be offering:


- Education, Training & Qualifications
- Food Bank Vouchers
- Activities and Fun Events
- Community Shop
- Confidential Support, Advice & Signposting
- Autism Friendly Activities
- Meeting/Activity Room Hire
- Day Trips

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 2.30pm

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