



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th July 2021



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How is Christ made manifest in me through my own weaknesses?

### 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 80 persons

Taking Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound cannot resume just yet. 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 JULY

##### Social Friendship

We pray  
that, in  
social,  
economic  
and political  
situations of  
conflict, we may be  
courageous and  
passionate architects  
of dialogue and  
friendship.



*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.

## NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

It was announced on Tuesday that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be an Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.



Bishop-elect Tom was born and bred in Warrington and went to St Joseph's College, Upholland and St Cuthbert's Seminary, Durham. He was ordained priest by Pope St John Paul II during his visit to Great Britain in 1982 and he has served in Wigan, Skelmersdale, St Helens and he has been in his current parish in Widnes since last September. He was appointed a Vicar General by Archbishop Kelly and to the Chapter of Canons in 2008. His ordination as a Bishop will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 3rd September.

We promise Bishop-elect Tom our prayers and support.

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

ST SWITHUN (July 15th)

*Saint Swithun's day, if thou dost rain,  
For forty days it will remain;  
Saint Swithun's day, if thou be fair,  
For forty days, 'twill rain nae mair.*



Did you know that the legend surrounding St Swithun's day originated when monks tried to exhume his body from an outdoor grave to put it in a golden shrine inside the cathedral in 871? Swithun apparently did not approve, since it started raining for 40 days! The weather on his feast each year indicates, according to the old rhyme above, what's in store for us over the next forty days.



## ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" JULY DRAW

1st £20 No. 121 C Ryan  
2nd £15 No. 3 M Lovelady  
3rd £10 No. 39 L Connor  
4th £10 No. 213 J Williams



Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per-month. Please contact Myra: 928 1136

## 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.

## 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](mailto:therese@irenaeus.co.uk)

## WORLD GRANDPARENTS DAY

Pope Francis has released a message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly that will be celebrated on 25 July. "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone. Even at the darkest moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that He is with us always".

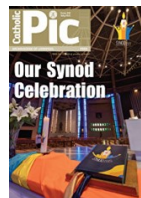


## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 10th July</b>	No Mass Baptism - Harry & Clancy Griffiths
<b>Sunday 11th July</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Nevaeh Nicol
<b>Monday 12th July</b>	10.00am Sarah McCormack
<b>Tuesday 13th July</b>	7.00pm Private intention
<b>Wednesday 14th July</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 15th July</b> <i>St Swithun</i>	10.00am Pamela Kyle
<b>Friday 16th July</b>	10.00am Michael O'Neill
<b>Saturday 17th July</b>	No Mass Baptism - Olivia Redfern
<b>Sunday 18th July</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Sonny & Eliza Swift

## CATHOLIC PIC

The July edition now available from the back of the church. This edition features various reports and the results of Synod2020 and also a lovely news story from English Martyrs school.



### **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](mailto:bookings@ssg.org.uk)



### **FIRST WALKING GROUP!!**

The first walk for our newly formed walking group will be on Wednesday 21st July!

Those people who are interested please meet outside Church at 9.30am.

We just thought that the first one will be a gentle stroll along the canal walk with (hopefully!) a cuppa at the end.

All are welcome to join us for a walking chat!!



## SILVER JUBILEE

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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7 pm

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

Please reply by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
[englishmartyrs@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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.*



## Employment Opportunities within Archdiocese of Liverpool

1. Cleaner at Cathedral House, 10 hours per week, closing date Wednesday, 14 July
2. Cleaner (Sacristy, Crypt and other designated areas), 15 hours per week, closing date Wednesday, 14 July
3. Cleaner (Chapels, Choir Stalls, Gibberd Room and other designated areas), 20 hours per week, closing date Wednesday, 14 July

For more information and application pack [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

After one of the strangest and most challenging of school years we wish all children and staff in both our schools a happy and healthy summer break. Let's hope that September brings better times



## **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



## **THANK YOU!!**

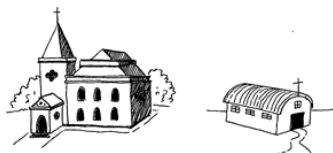
Thank you to those people who sponsored me for the 'Friends of The Holy Land Pentecost Challenge' - we raised £430 which is amazing and will help with the schooling of children in the Holy Land.





## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Holy Trinity Church and St Mark's were the two oldest parishes in the town. They dated back to early Victorian times and had seen some changes over the years.



Trinity became the established centre-of-town parish while St Mark's had seen its population dwindle as houses were knocked down to make way for new developments.

Trinity prided itself on its worship. It was a beautiful piece of architecture and it lent itself well to the 32 voice mixed choir that provided both inspiration and entertainment at the Sunday liturgy attended loyally by many of the older families of the town. The parish had been blessed over the years with zealous clergy who were meticulous in their presentation of worship and in their high standards of preaching. When the bell started to toll at 10.50 every Sunday morning you could feel a sense of expectation until the moment when at 11 o'clock a parade of colour, candles, incense and servers was greeted by the opening hymn. During the week there were faith-sharing meetings, as well as an active youth group, a choir practice and a bell ringers' club.

St Mark's had no bell but oddly enough provided an 11 o'clock service too. Liturgy was not its strongpoint and it was a more straightforward affair, a priest with no servers, a guitar group to accompany the music and a well-crafted sermon. It too had its share of loyal supporters many of whom were involved in the parish



outreach to asylum seekers. The St Mark's drop-in centre had its critics but managed to feed about 20 people every lunchtime and to offer a bed to a dozen or so each night in the parish hall. Like Trinity Church it too was active in local ecumenical schemes and enjoyed good relations with other Christian Churches. In addition it was in the early stages of training parishioners to form teams for a 'Faith on the Streets' programme that the parish deacon was leading.

The last sentence of the first reading had just been read in both churches: 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel'. The priest and people in both parishes felt somewhat uneasy when they heard it. Something was missing.

## **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/](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.

