



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th 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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

BENEDICT (July 11th)



St Benedict lived between 480 and 547. He was born in Nursia, Italy, and as a young man he became interested in the monastic tradition that had been going for several centuries, started by monks who went out to live in the deserts of Egypt, Palestine and Asia Minor, usually alone but sometimes in common. He associated with other monks and learned the life from them and from reading the monastic literature. Eventually he founded a monastery himself, thus earning the title 'Founder of Western Monasticism', and he wrote his own Rule, a series of regulations that governed all aspects of life for his fellow monks, the Benedictines. This Rule has become the basis of many communities of monks and nuns that grew up over later centuries and is still used today in convents and monasteries around the world.

These days we are blessed with lots of role models in Europe. But when the Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino was being rededicated in 1964 (after being bombed during World War II), Pope Paul VI designated St Benedict as the 'principal, heavenly patron of the whole of Europe'.

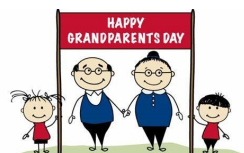


WORLD GRANDPARENTS DAY

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".



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.

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

FUNERAL MASS

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lil Delaney whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 9.45 a.m. May she rest in peace.

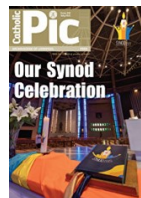


Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 3rd July	No Mass
Sunday 4th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Michael & Lucia Woolvine
Monday 5th July	10.00am Malcolm Platt
Tuesday 6th July	10.00am Christina McShane
Wednesday 7th July	No Mass
Thursday 8th July	10.00am Special intention (MS)
Friday 9th July	9.45am Funeral Mass - Elizabeth Delaney
Saturday 10th July	No Mass Baptism - Harry & Clancy Griffiths
Sunday 11th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Nevaeh Nicol

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



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.*



Employment Opportunities within Archdiocese of Liverpool

1. Catholic Chaplaincy Assistant to Liverpool Hope University, 20 hours per week, closing date Friday, 9 July
2. Pastoral Development Roles, 35 hours per week, closing date Friday, 9 July
3. Cleaner at Cathedral House, 10 hours per week, closing date Wednesday, 14 July
4. Cleaner (Sacristy, Crypt and other designated areas), 15 hours per week, closing date Wednesday, 14 July
5. 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

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

When Jesus preached in his home synagogue of Nazareth people were amazed. Where did he get this wisdom from? Wasn't he the just the carpenter's son?

Now when Jesus lay in the manger at Bethlehem did he know he was the Son of God? When he began his ministry in Galilee did he know he was the Messiah? When he went through his Passion did he know he was God? The answer has to be 'no' in all these cases, otherwise the life and death of Jesus is worth nothing more than a fairy tale. For if he knew that he was God then his humanity was never fully tested.



It's easy to presume that because Christ was God then he knew all things. But God knows all things at once in an instant that never ends: eternity. However, we human beings think in ideas and concepts, and our human thought unravels in time; it takes us a while to grasp and formulate things. That's why from birth Jesus had to learn from experience and discover the truth of things for himself. He had a clear awareness of his sonship, although he did not have the words to think or express this. This was a consequence of God humbling himself to take on our human nature. Jesus's own consciousness was wrapped in human limitation.

It can shock people to realise the human limitations of Jesus, for many of us were brought up to think of him as an extension of God's almighty power. Indeed, his miracles seem to support this way of thinking. Yet the more we look at Jesus the more we realise that, in the person of Christ, God decided to become vulnerable rather than almighty, gentle instead of imperious, tolerant not merciless.

This leaves us with a very different God from the one that's popularly portrayed. In Jesus we find a God much closer to our way of being than we could ever imagine. We come face to face with God's own lifestyle, God's way to be human.



Most who heard his Sabbath sermon couldn't cope with him and took offence ñ a prophet despised in his own land who could work no miracles. And what about us? Can we cope with the real Jesus or are will still hankering after a magical God for whom human life presents no problems? Because if we are, then we're asking for a God who's not one of us and who can work no miracles either.

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.

