

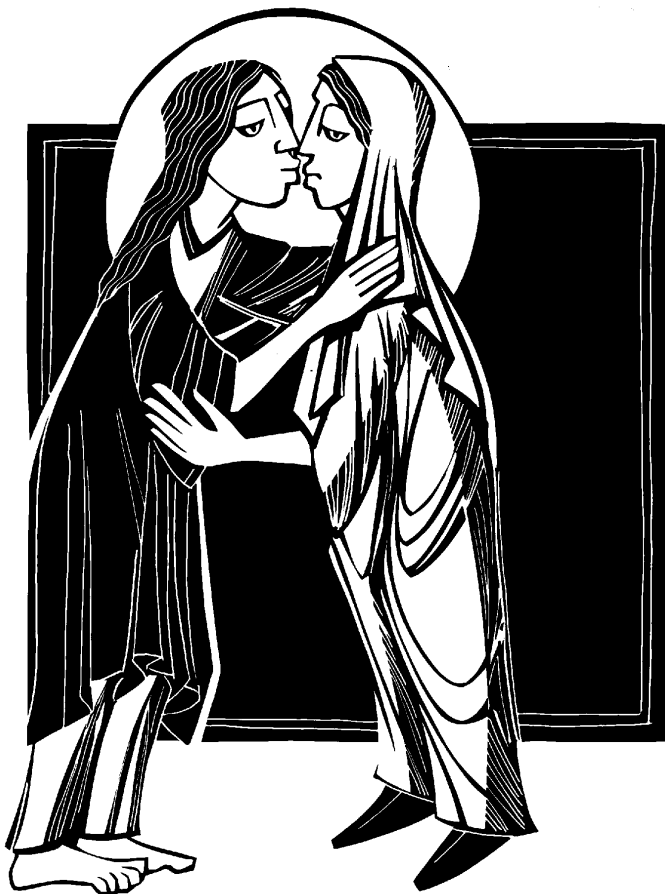


# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 15th August 2021



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### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

What would I choose to include in my own Magnificat? For what great things would I praise God?

### **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](mailto: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**

**There will be no Mass on Thursday this week (19th)**

**There is a funeral service for George Spencer at 11.15am on Friday 20th.**



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

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 14th August</b>	No Mass  Baptism - Jacob Prenderville
<b>Sunday 15th August</b> <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.30am  Thomas Willis  Baptism - Lucas Robinson
<b>Monday 16th August</b>	10.15am  Ronnie Henshall
<b>Tuesday 17th August</b>	10.15am  Pauline Pocock
<b>Wednesday 18th August</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 19th August</b>	NO MASS TODAY
<b>Friday 20th August</b> <i>St Bernard</i>	10.15am  Eileen Hart  11.15am - Funeral Service - George Spencer
<b>Saturday 21st August</b>	No Mass  Baptism - Emilia & Caleb Burgess
<b>Sunday 22nd August</b> <i>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am  Eileen Dempsey  Baptism - Connie Roach

## WALKING GROUP!!

Thank you to those who joined us for our walk this week. It was a beautiful walk through Rimrose. The meadow flowers were amazing and yes we got our 'elevenses' this time ! Come and join us next time - all are welcome!

Watch this space for date for the next walk



## 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.



## ST JOHN

For most of August the Gospel reading on Sunday will be taken from the Gospel of St. John. It is worth reflecting on this beautiful book and look at the background which will help us in our reading and proclamation. We will look at this in our newsletter over the next few weeks. This week:

### Who was John?

St John was a fisherman from Galilee. His parents were Zebedee and Salome, and he was the younger brother of James, sometimes called James the Great. The two brothers, nicknamed 'Sons of Thunder', were called to be apostles right at the start of Jesus' public ministry and were the only ones chosen to accompany Jesus with Peter to certain events during his life. John's date of birth is unknown but he is thought to have died an old man at Ephesus in modern Turkey around the end of the first century or the beginning of the second. Tradition says that after the death of Christ he worked in Asia Minor, and, besides his own gospel, he is also sometimes credited with writing three Letters or Epistles and the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse).

John was a friend of Peter and was known as the 'beloved disciple', depicted sitting at Jesus' right hand during the Last Supper. He was the only disciple not to run away from Jesus as he hung on the cross on Calvary and was the first to reach the empty tomb when told of the resurrection by Mary Magdalene. When Jesus later appeared on the lake in Galilee it was John who was first to recognise him.

Christian tradition has symbolically connected the authors of the four gospels with the four 'living creatures' that surround God's throne in the Book of Revelation 4:7 and so John is depicted in art as an eagle.

In next week's newsletter we will look at the background to John's Gospel.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY.**

**George Spencer—** Funeral Service Friday 20th August 11.15am



## 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.

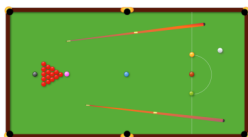
## PENSIONERS CLUB

The pensioners meetings in the Parish Hall are restarting this Tuesday - 17th August at 1pm.



It is lovely to welcome them back after their enforced break due to COVID. Come along and join in for a chat and a cuppa!

## SNOOKER CLUB



We also have a parishioner who is kindly now running an afternoon snooker club on the same day for any pensioners who would like to join him. Cues, chalk and all equipment will be provided together with tuition if needed - and of course it is an opportunity for a chat with a cuppa and a biscuit!

Please telephone Ian on 07983 982670 to register your interest as numbers will be limited.

It is so nice that we can now have these meetings back up and running so please come and join us and show your support.



## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Mary was not the only person the angel Gabriel visited. Six months earlier he was sent to Zechariah, Elizabeth's husband, to whom he announced that she would soon conceive a son as well. He chose not to believe the angel, and as a consequence was rendered mute until God's promise to him and Elizabeth was fulfilled. Mary, however, chose to believe and consent to this unusual and troubling proposal. Though not as dramatic, every day we too make choices to accept or not accept God's will.

We do not know how Zechariah would have reacted to Mary's visit had he been able to speak, but we know what he said once his son was born and he was able to speak once again: "you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways") Luke 1:76). It took nine months, but the Holy Spirit moved him as well and he gladly and freely consented to God's will. We all can appreciate second chances.

Christ has accomplished the victory over sin and death. By baptism, we have been promised a share in this victory, a victory beyond our own ability. This feast celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven, body and soul. Mary has shown us the way. She trusted in God from the start, willingly consented to God's will, became her Son's first disciple, mourned him at the foot of the cross. May her heavenly reward be ours. In Mary's assumption we get a glimpse of the heavenly reward God has planned for all who hold Christ dear in their hearts.



## 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.



## **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.

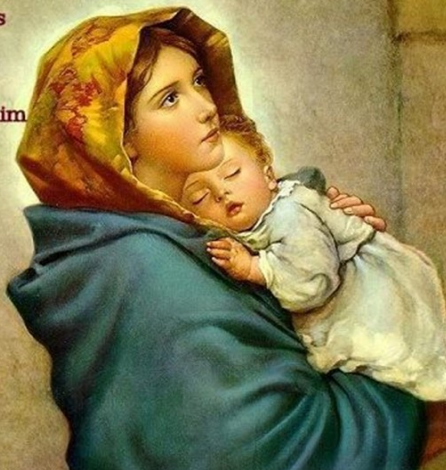
## TEST & TRACE

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.

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
For He has regarded the low estate  
Of His handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations  
Shall call me blessed;  
For He who is mighty has done  
Great things for me,  
And holy is His name.  
And His mercy is on those who fear Him  
From generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud  
In the imagination of their hearts,  
He has put down the mighty  
From their thrones,  
And exalted those of low degree;  
He has filled the hungry  
With good things,  
But the rich He has sent empty away.  
He has helped His servant Israel,  
In remembrance of His mercy,  
As He spoke to our fathers,  
To Abraham and his children forever.

(Luke 1:46-56)



**WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY**

**Jacob Prenderville**

Baptised Saturday 14th August 2021

**Lucas Robinson**

Baptised Sunday 15th August 2021



# 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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