



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th August 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen me on my journey? When have I needed a second nudge to go on?

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

Mass on Friday this week (13th) is at 10am and is a funeral Mass for Vera Kavanagh - may she rest in peace and rise in glory



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 7th August	No Mass 3pm - Wedding Service Shannan Burgess & Dean Robson
Sunday 8th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Mary Kilbane Baptism - Ellis Neild
Monday 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta</i>	10.15am John Vondy
Tuesday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	10.15am John Bragg
Wednesday 11th August	No Mass
Thursday 12th August	10.15am Pat Savage
Friday 13th August	10.00am Funeral Mass - Veronica Kavanagh
Saturday 14th August <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	No Mass Baptism - Jacob Prenderville
Sunday 15th August <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.30am Thomas Willis Baptism - Lucas Robinson

WALKING GROUP!!

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 11 August. If we can meet at the Jubilee Pub on Hatton Hill Road at 9.30am we can have a walk through Rimrose valley and head for a nice mid morning coffee at the end!! All are welcome - it is very much a lovely stroll and a chat!!



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.

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.



Update from CAFOD - 10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people



Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.



ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" AUGUST DRAW

1st £20 No. 94 V Kavanagh
2nd £15 No. 1 J Birrell
3rd £10 No. 200 M Stoops
4th £10 No. 67 K Johnson



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

Prayer for our World

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
appointed us as its guardians and gifted us with everything we need,
forgive us for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.
Inspire us to care for the environment;
to help rebuild lives and communities;
to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes
of all your people,
so that all your creation may flourish.
Amen.



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

In the first reading we hear how God provided food to Elijah at his darkest moment, when he prayed for death. He had fled to the desert because the king's wife, Jezebel, had called for his execution. The kingdom had just suffered through drought and famine and Elijah was starving and despairing. Nourished by the food God sent, Elijah completed his journey to the mountain of God. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the bread of life come down from heaven, sent to sustain us on our journey to God.

Elijah got up at once to eat and drink the food the angel brought, but then he immediately lay down again under the tree. The angel had to return and order him to eat enough to finish his journey. He needed a second nudge in order to go from just having his hunger satisfied to being nourished enough to sustain a lengthy journey. Our journey through life is winding and difficult. The mission we have been given is demanding. We too may need a second nudge to do more than just enable our journey, but to make it into a mission that will lead us to God.



Our journeys are rarely smooth and easy. The hardships we encounter can be difficult to overcome, especially when we face them with anger and bitterness. We would be wise to heed Paul's advice to the Ephesians, being kind, compassionate, and forgiving of those who make our lives difficult. Live in love, as Paul wrote, so that we can see the good in everyone we encounter (Ephesians 5:2).



CONGRATULATIONS

Dean Robson & Shannan Burgess

Who were married yesterday
We wish them every happiness



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

**In Your Shoes Community Hub
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