



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th September 2021



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to be received into God's kingdom with open arms?

## 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.

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### ANCIENT WALSINGHAM PRAYER (September 24th)



This prayer, along with a long litany, is used at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, whose feast is on September 24th.

O alone of all women, Mother and Virgin, Mother most happy, Virgin most pure, now we sinful as we are, come to see you who are all pure, we salute you, we honour you as how we may with our humble offerings; may your Son grant us, that imitating your most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Spirit may deserve spiritually to conceive the Lord Jesus in our inmost soul, and once conceived never to lose him. Amen.

Let us pray: All holy and ever-living God, in giving us Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and Brother, you gave us Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also; grant us, we pray you, to live lives worthy of so great a Brother and so dear a Mother, that we may come at last to you the Father of us all, who lives and reigns for ever. Amen.



Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

#### **An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## 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 7th October, 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 drop-let 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.

## 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.

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 18th September</b>	11.00am - Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 4.30pm - Bob Lambert & Nicola Baptism - Isla Greedus
<b>Sunday 19th September</b> <i>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Blake Craney
<b>Monday 20th September</b> <i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions Martyrs</i>	10.00am Anne Venables 11am - Funeral service Sheila Davies
<b>Tuesday 21st September</b> <i>Saint Matthew</i>	10.45am Funeral Mass - Peggy O'Dea
<b>Wednesday 22nd September</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 23rd September</b> <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	10.00am Stephen McQuade
<b>Friday 24th September</b> <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	10.00am Funeral Mass - Eileen Wright
<b>Saturday 25th September</b>	4.30pm - Magdalen & John Rimmer Baptism - Bohdi Daley
<b>Sunday 26th September</b> <i>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish Baptism - Evelyn Melia-Hoare

### ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" SEPTEMBER DRAW

1st £20 No. 157 M Potts  
2nd £15 No. 124 G Lowndes  
3rd £10 No. 171 M Jones  
4th £10 No. 167 M Spofforth



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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Eucharistic Ministers can now take Holy Communion to the sick & housebound who haven't been able to receive communion since lockdown. Please inform the Parish Office if you are willing to resume.

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY 2021

Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday – a day when the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and this will take place THIS Sunday with a retiring collection.

### CATHOLIC PIC

The September issue is now available from the church porch. The main feature is the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Tom Neylon. Prayer cards of the new Bishop are also available from the back of church.



**PIETY STALL** The parish piety stall reopens after 18 months. Thank you to those who look after it.

### WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



**Isla Greedus**

Baptised Saturday 18th September 2021

**Blake Craney**

Baptised Sunday 19th September 2021



## TAKING LITURGY SERIOUSLY

The course is an introductory year leading, hopefully, to courses of greater depth in following years. The target audience is people who have a serious interest in Catholic liturgy but have not had the opportunity to develop their knowledge. There is no written work attached to the course.

*"The Church evangelises by the beauty of the liturgy.  
Let us ask for the personal and sincere meeting with Christ who lives in  
the liturgy  
that our lives may be a spiritual sacrifice offered to God". [Pope Francis –  
February 2021]*

The Society of St Gregory is committed to promoting and supporting the liturgy of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. They offer this modular course as their contribution to the development of liturgical understanding and study in twenty first century Britain. It is offered in partnership with the London Jesuit Centre.

Over the course, there will be the opportunity to explore the Catholic liturgy through a series of distinct yet complementary modules of study. Each module will provide a theological and historical overview which will form the background for a deeper study of how we celebrate the liturgy today. From this, the hope is that students will feel skilled to foster and lead liturgy in their own parish and community.

Within each theme, the focus will be on how we apply general principles of liturgy, how music and space affect the way we celebrate, and above all how we are enabling people to pray together.

Each module will take three one hour sessions, offering time afterwards for questions and comments.  
Between sessions leaders would be able to offer some reading/research.

A Certificate of Attendance will be available at the end of each module/the course.

Course fee  
£30 for an individual module.

Discounted cost for the full course [six modules] paid in advance,  
SSG members: £150 Non SSG members: discounted price of £175 for  
the full course [six modules], including a complementary SSG  
membership.

Booking – at [Liturgycourse@ssg.org](mailto:Liturgycourse@ssg.org)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

1. A parish Christmas day out to York on Saturday 4th December.



2. 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.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL JOB VACANCY

There is a job vacancy for a Team Co-ordinator at Animate Youth. More information can be found on the notice board.

## ASSISTED DYING BILL

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

It encourages all Catholics to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why they oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. It urges discussion and communication about this important matter.

A copy of the letter can be found at: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)  
Bishop Sherrington asks...

### **Take action...**

There are three important actions in the next weeks: **praying, writing** and **sharing**.

First, I ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated.

Second, I ask you to write to the Peers from your personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. The testimony of healthcare and legal professionals will also be important. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 22 October.

Third, I ask you to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

Briefing papers will be available on the bishops' conference website to assist you as this work develops.



## SUNDAY THOUGHTS



Dwight L. Moody was one of the greatest American evangelists of the latter nineteenth century. Born in Massachusetts he eventually became a Calvinist preacher of great renown before his death in 1899.

When he was famous he organised a conference on evangelisation and invited the great and the good of his day to come along and discuss the art of preaching and how to spread the gospel.

Dozens of these specialists gathered in a large church-owned building and after the tiring heavy day they retired to bed. Moody decided to do the rounds of the building to check that all was well before going to his own room. As he went around the corridors he noticed that the course participants had all left their shoes outside their rooms to be polished overnight. These preachers were obviously used to only the best hotels!

Because there was no such thing as a night porter in this conference centre Moody went off and found some brushes and shoe polish. He spent several hours polishing the shoes of all the others. At one stage he was discovered by a friend who asked him what on earth he was up to. Moody explained but asked him not to tell anyone about it.

The friend was so amazed at this that he couldn't keep the secret. He told a couple of his colleagues and gradually everyone got to know about it.

A few days later some of the other eminent theologians felt so moved by what Moody had done that they offered to give him a hand and by the end of the week there was a small team that went round all the rooms at night shining up the boots and shoes.



During the daytime the experts spent so much time reflecting on what it means to be a disciple of Christ but this great man showed in a very practical way that the ones who are really great in God's eyes are those who make themselves servants of all. He knew what Jesus meant when he said, *'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'*

Try it. It might catch on.

### **PENSIONERS GROUP wish to welcome some New Members**

Are you over 55 and looking for a social afternoon?

We meet in the Parish hall on Tuesday afternoons at 1pm.

Quiz, Bingo, Raffle and refreshments. Weekly subscription of £1.50.

Please contact Jean (928 1502) or Maureen (928 6879)

We have several funerals over the coming weeks:

Monday 20th 11am - Service - Sheila Davies

Tuesday 21st 10.45am - Mass - Peggy O'Dea

Friday 24th 10am - Mass - Eileen Wright

Monday 27th 11.30am - Service Derek Forrest

We pray that they may all Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory



**2022 Archdiocese Directory and Ordo** It is time to order next year's directory and Ordo. Please let the office know if you wish to order a copy of either of these.

### **Two million reasons to smile!**

Thanks to the incredible commitment and dedication of our supporters, volunteers, ambassadors, partners and staff across the globe, we are now feeding more than **two million** children **every school day**. Mary's Meals will never stop striving to reach the next hungry child. Today, you could donate as a landmark toward reaching three million even sooner, so that more children are fed and have hope for their future. Go to [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) to donate



## Season of Creation

### World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Next Sunday is the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees – a day the Church has kept since 1914. It is appropriate that this day falls during the Season of Creation because, in addition to war and persecution, the climate emergency is a direct cause of migration.

**Towards an ever wider “we”** is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It’s an appeal to build a universal “we” rather than a national “we”. Instead of repeating mantra’s we’ve heard, such as “our country is full”, or “they come over here and take our jobs”, Pope Francis invites us to look at the reality of why people leave their homes and countries, often risking their lives. He asks us to enter into the experience of these vulnerable people who are running from situations we can barely imagine, and to pray for them as they face so many challenges, including hostility, rejection and closed doors. Pope Francis also asks us to become aware of the opportunities migration offers of countries and communities.

The Vatican has an extensive website directed personally by Pope Francis which aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind: <https://migrants-refugees.va>

There is also a download on the CAFOD website for a rosary to celebrate the Season of Creation. We invite you to use this rosary in to celebrate the Season of Creation, an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs from 1 September to 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi).

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this moment to “reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork that he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

