



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 17th October 2021



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to put myself selflessly at the service of others?

## 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.

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

**Denise Hulligan—** Funeral Mass Monday 18th October  
10.00am



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

1st £20 No. 108 J Sinnott  
2nd £15 No. 49 C McQuade  
3rd £10 No. 22 C Smartt  
4th £10 No. 213 J Williams



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

### FIRST COMMUNION 2022

This is the very last chance for families to apply for the First Communion preparation which begins this week. Families must register by tomorrow, Monday.

### CATHOLIC PIC

October's Catholic Pic is now available from the church porch.

### REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR PRIESTS

On Friday 12 November at 7pm at the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcolm will be celebrating a Mass for all those priests who have died, from Covid or other causes, since the beginning of the pandemic, including Bishop Vincent Malone who died in May 2020. This will be a chance for us to come together as an archdiocese to pray for those priests whose funerals we could not attend because of Covid restrictions. This is a Diocesan occasion so all are welcome.

**PARISH CENTRE EVENTS** Some of the Archdiocesan parish centres host successful monthly afternoon entertainment events. The events, which are open to all, include entertainment such as bingo and light refreshments. The next event is at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Toxteth, on Monday 18th October at 1.30 pm. Cost of entry is £6

### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

#### Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

*Lord in your mercy...*



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOK

A new book called 'Christmas Voices from the Holy Land' has been published and Fr Mark has ordered some copies. The book contains poems and reflections written especially for the Holy

Land by Fr Richard Nesbitt with contributions from Christians living in the Holy Land. Proceeds of the book will go to 'Friends of the Holy Land'. The book is £9.99 and you can order your copy from the Piety Stall or Parish Office and they will arrive in time for the start of Advent.



## 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.

## 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.

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The Archdiocese has asked Parish Priests to remind people that any work undertaken on church or parish hall premises must have the agreement of the Parish Priest. Work, especially any maintenance, must not be carried out without his consent and knowledge.

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 16th October</b>	12.00pm - Baptism - Amelia & Freddie Griffin-Brown 4.30pm - People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 17th October</b> <i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Maude & Frederick Percival 11.45am Baptism - Nancy & Robyn Cousins
<b>Monday 18th October</b> <i>St Luke</i>	10.00am Funeral Mass - Denise Hulligan
<b>Tuesday 19th October</b>	10.00am Bill Ashcroft
<b>Wednesday 20th October</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 21st October</b>	10.00am Tom Willis
<b>Friday 22nd October</b>	10.00am Sick clergy
<b>Saturday 23rd October</b>	12.00pm Baptism - Esmae Bartley 4.30pm - Peter White
<b>Sunday 24th October</b> <i>30th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Thomas Vaughan

## **LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY**

The History Society are resuming their meetings in the Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am. Upcoming talks are:

Tuesday 2nd November 10am - Molly Toal - Lunt Meadows Wildlife Trust and Archaeological dig

Tuesday 7th December 10am - Naomi Horlock - Linacre Mission - New Albert Walker Hall

All are welcome. £2 admission includes tea and biscuits

## **CTS SUNDAY MISSAL 2022**

The ideal companion for the liturgical year, the CTS Sunday Missal 2022 features the Order of Mass and readings for all Sundays & Solemnities, all helpfully presented in calendar order. If you would like to order a copy please give your name and £7.95 to the Piety Stall or Parish Office and we will order them ready for the beginning of Advent at the end of November.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **Climate Change:**

We are all invited to sign a Catholic petition regarding COP15 and COP26 - details of resources and the petition can be accessed online at:

[www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org)

## **IRENÆUS NEWS**

### ***'This then is my prayer'***

Zoom Reflections on the Book of Ephesians

Mondays 18th October

7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

### ***'He sent me to give good news to the poor'***

Zoom Scripture Mornings on St. Luke's Gospel

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th November

## **ANIMATE YOUTH**

It's Back ! Lourdes 2022

Be part of the Liverpool

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Ages 15-22 yrs. old Thursday

21st July 2022 – Sat 30th July

2022 Online applications from 4th Oct

[www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk/](http://www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk/)

For more info Tel Fr Simon Gore  
01704740467

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### St Luke (October 18th)

Each of the four gospel writers has his own way of presenting the good news of Jesus. That's why events and sayings from one gospel sometimes don't appear in the other gospels. Each writer is trying to cast the message of Jesus in a particular way.



St Luke, whose feast is on October 18th, has a very special agenda. Probably the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament and writing in a very high standard of Greek, Luke portrays the message of Jesus as it affects the 'outsiders'. We see the loving personality of Jesus, his compassion for sinners and for those who suffer, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds and the poor. The role of women is more prevalent in Luke than in any of the other three Gospels.

And in the Acts of the Apostles (also written by Luke) we find the early Christian community living a simple life of working and sharing, relying on its faith in the promises of Jesus. We see how the early Christians at first preached only to Jews before realising that all people are called to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and to follow him.

Because of its emphasis on compassion, on the poor and on the place of women, some people today call Luke the author of the 'Social Gospel'.

## 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.

## UNIVERSAL SYNOD

For a Synodal Church: On Sunday 17 October, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is going to mark the opening of the local phase of the Universal Synod 2021-23 with a choral evening prayer in the Metropolitan Cathedral (3pm-4pm). This will be also an opportunity to pray for the forthcoming pastoral plan, the fruit of our own Archdiocesan Synod 2020. All are welcome to attend.

*“A synodal church is a listening church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn.”*

## 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

Not only did Isaiah write centuries before the birth of Jesus, he also wrote centuries before the promise of resurrection. Yet in the course of the three sentences we hear today, he appears to foresee both. The Suffering Servant, the subject of a number of his poems, is a wonderful characterisation of our Lord. Like Jesus, he offered his life to save us from our sins. He bore the guilt of humanity, lived his life to serve others, and his suffering saved many. But when Isaiah says that though the Suffering Servant gave up his own life he can still see his descendants, he suggests a life beyond the tragic one he embraced. Though his days were dark, filled with affliction and suffering, 'he shall see the light and be content'. May we, no matter how dark our suffering, see the light of a life beyond all human understanding.

Mark calls them, casually, 'James and John, the sons of Zebedee', but we call them, formally, 'Saint James, Apostle' and 'Saint John, Apostle.' As saints, we take it on faith that they are in heaven, in the presence of God. As two of the original apostles, if we were to imagine their place in heaven, we could certainly imagine them close to the 'throne of grace' as the 2nd Reading says. Yet Jesus' response to them, his words to all the disciples, and pretty much everything he ever said, all imply that this is the last place where they would be. They misunderstood glory in the same way many misunderstood kingdom. The glory these future saints imagined is not one of recognition for their status, for in the kingdom, just to be in the eternal presence of God is glorious.

To be a disciple means being a servant of all, serving our neighbour to the extent that we can. This is our mission. We can do this through works of charity, both far-reaching and close to home. We can do this by continually looking for what we can do for others. Perhaps our common refrain as a disciple should be, "What can I do?" This attitude of service makes us true disciples.

**WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY**

**Emilia & Freddie Griffin-Brown**

Baptised Saturday 16th October 2021

**Nancy & Robyn Cousins**

Baptised Sunday 17th October 2021



### **FEELING CRAFTY??!!**

How would you like one of these lovely Christmas Wreaths - made by your own fair hand? We are trying something a bit different - join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 27th October at 9.30am for the first of our Christmas Craft sessions. We will provide all the materials and instructions for you to make the wreath - for a small cost of £5 which will go to the Parish. They really are a lovely addition to your Christmas decorations. We will be providing tea and biccies so come along and have a cuppa and a chat while you make your wreath. Let the office know if you are interested



### **JOB VACANCIES**

The Archdiocese is advertising a number of job opportunities. Further information can be obtained from the jobs page of the Archdiocesan website: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)  
The vacancies are: an IT Technician to work from the Diocesan Offices, Parish Centre Manager for Billing & Tuebrook and Parish Centre Manager for Formby & Penwortham.

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

On 29 November the Archdiocesan Development Department invite you to a zoom time of reflection and discussion for an hour each Advent Monday from 7pm. Set in this time of waiting and preparation we will focus prayerfully on some aspects of the newly launched Pastoral Plan. All are welcome. More details to follow.

### **COP26 Climate Emergency Summit**

November 1st - 12th 2021

**WHAT CAN WE DO?**

- \* Use your voice - We are the first generation to know we're destroying the world, and we could be the last that can do anything about it.
- \* Unplug your devices when you're not using them.
- \* Clean the back of your fridge. Dusty coils can increase energy consumption by 30%.
- \* Slow down - Driving at 50mph uses 25% less fuel than 70mph.

## MUSIC IN CHURCH

A reminder that the Archbishop informed the priests in 2020 that following a request for clarification on the issue of secular/non-religious music in church, it has been agreed by him and the Archbishop's Council that there is now a policy across the Archdiocese of no secular music in Church Services i.e. Funerals, Weddings etc. This follows the Church's general principle of only sacred music within the liturgy.

## NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

Lists and envelopes will be available at the back of church shortly. Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory or post into Parish Office. Through the month of November, weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the lists.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Fr Mark mentioned to those who come to weekday Mass the chance of praying the rosary a couple of times a week after Mass but we need volunteers to lead. Have a word with him if you would like to do this and we will arrange for it to begin as soon as possible.



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Mission in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

A collection will be taken after Masses next weekend which will go to Missio or you can donate through their website: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**PIETY STALL** Christmas has arrived!! Have a look at the new stock of Christmas cards and gifts in the Piety stall.



The **FCJ sisters** of Merseyside extend a warm welcome to parishioners, friends and colleagues to join us in a

## **Mass of thanksgiving**

for God's faithfulness to our little Society of Sisters **Faithful Companions of Jesus** as we celebrate our 200th birthday and the jubilees of several sisters.

**St Clare's Church**, Arundel Avenue, L17 2AU

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2:30pm**

followed by refreshments.

RSVP to [fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com) Thank you!

