



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday 31st October 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I, in communion with the saints, bring the Lord's merciful care to the poor, the poor in spirit, and those suffering injustice?

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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Lord in your mercy...



COULD YOU BE A DEACON? As we gradually emerge from the lockdown restrictions, despite growing numbers of Covid cases, we've decided once again to hold our Diaconate Information Evenings in person. The first for this academic year is at **English Martyrs Parish Hall, School Lane, Litherland L21 7LX**, on **Thursday 4th November, 7.30-9.00pm**, with refreshments from 7.00pm. As we prepare to receive our Synod Pastoral Plan, which will set our concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the ministry of priest. If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in our parish hall for an evening meeting for men and wives who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the training involves.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

Lists and envelopes are now available at the back of church. 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.

ENVIRONMENT Climate Change:

This is your last chance to Sign a Catholic petition regarding COP15 and COP26 - details of resources and the petition can be found at:
www.thecatholicpetition.org



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.

MASS FOR THE PANDEMIC

On Sunday 7 November at 11am at the Cathedral Archbishop Malcolm will be celebrating Mass for all those who have died in the pandemic, and in thanks for the medical staff, care workers and family members who have accompanied and assisted them in the last moments of their lives. This date has been suggested by the Bishops' Conference, and similar Masses will be taking place in cathedrals across England and Wales. All are welcome.

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."
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
Saturday 30th October	<p>12.00pm - Baptism - Donnie Evans & Bennie McGuinness</p> <p>4.30pm - Erica Ashcroft</p>
Sunday 31st October <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	<p>10.30am People of the Parish</p> <p>11.45am Baptism - Grace Rong</p>
Monday 1st November	<p>10.00am Michael O'Neill</p>
Tuesday 2nd November <i>Commemoration of Faithful Departed</i>	<p>9.00am Pious List</p>
Wednesday 3rd November	NO MASS
Thursday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	<p>10.00am Fr Matthews</p>
Friday 5th November	<p>10.00am Ken Scott</p>
Saturday 6th November	<p>4.30pm - Mary McNicholas</p>
Sunday 7th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<p>10.30am Pious List</p> <p>11.45am Baptism - Sadie O'Neill</p>

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.

FUTURE EVENTS:

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.

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/
For more info Tel Fr Simon Gore 01704740467

Sefton Coach 7 is welcoming applicants for next year's Lourdes pilgrimage from Thursday 21st July - Saturday 30th July.

The cost is £540 (which can be reduced by fundraising). If you are between the ages of 15-22 please go to liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk or contact:
coach7@animateyouth.net for more information.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

This annual remembrance of all the faithful departed will take place on Tuesday, 2nd November. Fr Mark has a Council of Priest's meeting that day and so Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. The parish Book of Remembrance will be on display throughout this coming month.



God of all life, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your whole Church in paradise and on earth, your light and your peace. Grant that all those who have been baptised into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting all their grief upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Amen.

IRENÆUS NEWS

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

Zoom Scripture Mornings on St. Luke's Gospel
Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th
November. For more information
please contact: 949 1199

RING OUT FOR THE CLIMATE & COP26

As part of marking COP26, churches across the country are being asked to ring their bells to ring out for the climate and COP26 between 6 - 6.30pm on Saturday 30 October. Listen out for our church bells.

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Donnie Evans & Bennie McGuinness

Baptised Saturday 30th October 2021

Grace Rong

Baptised Sunday 31st October 2021



PARISH TRIP TO YORK CHRISTMAS MARKETS - 4 DECEMBER

The cost of the coach to York is £18 per head. Please pass your money in to the office whenever convenient.

The coach will leave from outside English Martyrs Church at 8.30am .

The day in York is yours to do as you please. We have not arranged any group meal for this trip so please eat whenever suits you.!!

GLOBAL DAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Residents of the Liverpool City Region are mobilising for COP26. We are already a strong coalition and will be making some noise at our demonstration on the 6th November. Our coalition is supported by environmental justice groups, trade unions, faith and community groups and political parties. We are working together to demand local, national and international actions are taken. This is a climate emergency.

The demonstration begins next Saturday at 12noon at Sefton Park Gates (junction of Ullet Road & Aigburth Drive. L17 1AP) All are welcome.

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM

On the 25 May 2021, at the close of the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year, Pope Francis gifted us the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP), a seven-year journey of ecological conversion in action. The seven-year journey is inspired by the seven Laudato Si' goals: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Ecological Economics, Simple Lifestyles, Ecological Education, Ecological Spirituality, and Community Engagement with Participatory Action. The LSAP will create a space for the universal Church to respond to the global emergency we are facing. Through it we can learn and grow together as we take decisive action to build a better future in the spirit of Laudato Si'.

More information is available on the LSAP website:
www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

November is the final month of the liturgical year. It is also the month in which we remember those who have gone before us, beginning with the special days of All Saints and All Souls. The Holy Spirit connects us with all those who have gone before us, all the saints in heaven, whether or not we have recognised them through canonisation. This is the communion of saints. It may be end of the year, but there is no finality in the lives of those whom we honour and remember, for in the presence of the Lord they join with the living Church for all eternity.

It is early in Jesus' ministry that he sits down and teaches the Beatitudes. This lesson begins the first of the five discourses of Jesus that form the backbone of Matthew's Gospel. Yet the Gospel passages from Mark we have heard recently show that the disciples did not learn these lessons well. Blessed are the meek? The disciples argue about who gets to sit at Jesus' right hand in glory. Blessed are the merciful? They try to prevent parents from bringing their children to Jesus. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness? Peter rebukes Jesus when he says he will be persecuted. Yet, Peter and the disciples are saints. They may not have taken Jesus' lessons to heart quickly or easily, but over time they did and they now enjoy the kingdom of heaven. There is hope for each and every one of us.

In Jesus' presence the kingdom is built. The verbs used in the Beatitudes are usually in the future tense, but the first and last are in the present tense. The kingdom is not yet here, but in Jesus, its presence is extended into the present. The kingdom of heaven is within the grasp of the poor (Luke's version), the poor in spirit, and the persecuted. God's merciful care of those most in need, which Jesus taught us by word and example, teaches us this.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – Sunday 14 November 2021 is the fifth World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of *“let us love, not with words but with deeds.”* The theme for this year's World Day of the Poor is *“for the poor you have always with you.”*

You can find resources at www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/

CHRISTMAS CRAFTY?!!

Thank you to those who attended the wreath making on Wednesday. It was a lovely few hours having a chat and a cuppa whilst making the wreaths and raising some funds for the Parish.

We are continuing it for the next few weeks so anyone is welcome on Wednesday at 9.30 in the Parish Hall. Come and have a chat!!



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the Rosary which will take place on Mondays & Fridays after Mass. All are welcome.



MASS TIMES

Please note Mass on Tuesday will be at 9.00am and is the Mass for Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

On 29th 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%.

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
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.

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.

CALLING FORMER NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

If you were ever a pupil at any of the Notre Dame Schools or colleges in Liverpool or surrounding areas, we would be delighted to see you at St Mary's Woolton on 6th November for lunch at 12.30 pm in the church hall. There will be a Mass at 12 noon for anybody wishing to attend. RSVP Bernie Shaw Tel: 07891 645785 or email: berniemshaw@hotmail.com

ALL SAINTS

The day usually before All Saints is called Halloween in the secular world. The name is Christian, Halloween means the eve of All Hallows, the eve of All Saints, but that is the only Christian element in it. All the rest that accompanies Halloween is of pagan origin so it goes back to the time before Christianity. It was a pagan Celtic feast. They believed that after sunset on Samhain, which we now called Halloween, the spirits of the dead and evil spirits roamed the skies seeking to harm humans, especially if the dead had been harmed by them. To protect themselves people disguised themselves by dressing up in costumes and carried lights inside in turnips. In order to turn a pagan feast into a Christian feast the Church placed the feast of All Saints on 1st November, to coincide with the pagan celebration. Children have fun on Halloween now and it is OK but it would be a pity if children did not know the Christian feast at this time, the feast of All Saints. So if your children are celebrating Halloween and know nothing about All Saints, please explain All Saints to them. We are Christians now, so let us not celebrate as pagans. The Church has tried to turn a pagan celebration into a Christian celebration. Is the reverse happening again now? Let us celebrate All Saints



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) in partnership with CAFOD, have written a prayer to encourage people to pray for the leaders' meeting at COP26 starting at the end of this month

The prayer is prepared in the hope that God will provide world leaders with the courage necessary to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest. This prayer is part of a wider effort by the Church to pursue ecological justice.

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

