



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 14th November 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I remain vigilant in looking for Jesus over this coming week?

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. The sign of peace can be restored but without any touching, ie by a handshake.
8. 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...



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Lord, we remember those who died when madness ruled the world and evil dwelt on earth, those we knew and those whose very name is lost. Because of their sacrifice, may we renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny, and oppression.

Still we cry to God out of the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish. Let not new clouds rain death upon the earth. Turn to yourself the hearts and wills of rulers and peoples, so that a new world may arise where men and women live as friends in the bond of your peace.

In a world still troubled with war, hatred and unrest, we pray for peace and unity... You have called us to be one, to live in unity and harmony, and yet we are divided; race from race, faith from faith, rich from poor, old from young; neighbour from neighbour. O Lord, by whose cross all enmity is brought to an end, break down the walls that separate us, tear down the fences of indifference and hatred; forgive us the sins that divide us, free us from pride and self-seeking; overcome our prejudices and fears. Give us courage to open ourselves to others, and by the power of your Spirit make us one.



We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

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.

PIETY STALL

We have got some lovely Christmas cards and gifts in the Piety stall. Have a look at the new stock!!

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 13th November	12pm - Baptism - Ivy Rose Edwards 4.30pm Jean Turner
Sunday 14th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Albert Higgins
Monday 15th November	10.00am Pious list
Tuesday 16th November	10.00am Bob Lambert & Nicola
Wednesday 17th November	NO MASS
Thursday 18th November	10.00am Bernard Whiteside
Friday 19th November	10.00am Pious List
Saturday 20th November	12.00pm Knights of Holy Sepulchre Remembrance 4.30pm Ann Burns
Sunday 21st November <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,</i> <i>Universal King</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Thomas Lane

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Ivy Rose Edwards

Baptised Saturday 13th November 2021

Albert Samuel John Higgins

Baptised Sunday 14th November 2021



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 Pilgrim-
age 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.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!!!

This weekend we are selling raffle tickets for our grand Christmas raffle. There are lots of prizes - including a luxury hamper, a drinks hamper, beauty hamper, Tesco vouchers and bottles of spirits. We will be selling tickets over a few weeks so get yours early for a chance of a great prize! All proceeds are for much needed Parish funds



NOVEMBER MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance for our loved ones, those mentioned in the Book of Remembrance and for those who have died in the last 12 months will take place on **Monday 22nd November at 7.00 p.m.** The names of parishioners who have died in the past year will be read out and candles lit in remembrance. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass. All are welcome. There will be NO morning Mass that day.

IRENÆUS NEWS

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

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

BIBLE STUDY

Fr Mark apologises for the changes of dates. The rest of the course will take place on:
Thursday 18th November,
Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th December



ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE MASS

The Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre will be with us again for a November Remembrance Mass on Saturday 20th November at 12 noon. They will not be robed on this occasion and Fr Mark is the Celebrant. You are most welcome to attend.



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 Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, *“If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor.”* Developing a culture of encounter is a key theme for Pope Francis and an essential counter witness to what he describes as a culture of waste and indifference, a culture that casts aside human beings who are not considered to be productive or useful.

The theme for this year’s World Day of the Poor is **“for the poor you have always with you”** from the words of Jesus at the Anointing in Bethany just before his Passion, an incident described in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. Jesus is not saying that we should not work to alleviate poverty. In Mark’s account Jesus says that we can show kindness to the poor whenever we wish. In John’s account, the main objection to the use of costly perfume to anoint Jesus comes from Judas, but John makes clear that Judas had no love for the poor, but was a thief. He stole from the common purse. His words said one thing, his actions another. The Christian tradition is realistic about human beings. We are good, but flawed, wounded by sin. We do not believe in utopia in this life. There will always be poverty and injustice of some kind, but we are called to reduce its impact wherever we can.



DEANERY CHANGES

From Sunday 28th November changes regarding deaneries within the Archdiocese come into effect as the Synod2020 Pastoral Plan is presented and takes effect. Our parish will come under a new deanery called **‘Sefton Inland’** which includes the following parishes:

Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Litherland. Our Lady of Walsingham, Netherton. St Benet, Netherton. St Elizabeth, Litherland. St Robert Bellarmine, Bootle. Holy Rosary, Old Roan, St. Catherine, Lydiate. St. George Maghull. St. Mary, Aughton & St Kentigern, Melling.

Fr Mark will give further information nearer the time.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Daniel begins the prophecy we hear today warning of a terrible time, 'unparalleled since nations first came into existence' (Daniel 12:1), but immediately assures his audience that God's chosen will escape, aided by those who lead them like the stars in the sky. Before GPS or even electricity, stars were used to guide travellers to their destination. We are called to be those stars now, beacons of light, reflecting Christ our Light for others to follow to justice, to life forever. We also seek out the light that others provide as they reflect Christ in the way they live their lives. Let us be as the angels Jesus describes in the Gospel, assisting the Lord by drawing others to justice, drawing them to peace.

Nothing can focus our minds like a deadline. Knowing a project must be finished by a certain day means that one cannot ignore it in the time leading up to that deadline. Vigilance focuses our minds as well, but it can be difficult to sustain. If you don't know the day or hour of the deadline, it is difficult to remain vigilant. However, Jesus will not come to us only at the end of time. Jesus will come to us at any hour and on any day. We just need to recognise him. He may come as a stranger in need or a friend in pain. He may come into our hearts at a significant time or when we least expect it. It may not seem glorious in the least, but Jesus comes in ways great and small every day. Let us be vigilant in keeping watch for him.

Jesus comes to us in this hour on this day in the Eucharist. In the simple gifts of bread and wine, which are made holy in imitation of that first Eucharist twenty centuries ago, Jesus is present in a special way every time we celebrate Mass. Let us receive him in the Eucharist, conscious of his presence within us—and within our neighbour—as we live this day made holy in his coming.

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.!!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTY?!!

Thank you to those who have attended the wreath making on Wednesdays. It is 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!!

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The Bishops of England and Wales are asking us to return to Sunday Mass now in our Churches that are as safe as we can manage, but know that if you still don't feel able to join us and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, each of you will be at the centre of every Mass we celebrate.....none of you are forgotten, all of you cherished by the Lord through His Church! You can read the full statement on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk

It is likely that the Bishops will reinstate the Sunday obligation for Sunday 28th November 2021. A final decision will be made by the Bishops next week.

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. Please register for your Zoom link on: <https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>
All are welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

Choral Director x2 posts

The Choral Directors will lead high quality weekly choral singing sessions in schools, conducting choirs and helping to shape the ministry of music throughout the Archdiocese.

Closing date: 17 November 2021 This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check A full information pack and details about how to apply can be found on website

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack

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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK ST DYFRIG (November 14th)



Dyfrig (also known as Dubricius) was born in the sixth century in the Wye Valley, where he also received his formation in the monastic life.

He founded a great monastery at Moccas in Herefordshire and rose to considerable influence as abbot and bishop. He is said to have brought St Illtud to repentance, to have ordained St Samson (also connected with Dol in Brittany) to the priesthood, and to have ordained St Deiniol as Bishop of Bangor. He took himself off in prayer to Caldey Island and in old age he retired to the Island of Bardsey, off the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales where he died. Subsequently Bardsey became famous as the island of Saints, and as a place of burial and pilgrimage.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 2021

This annual day of prayer for young people takes place next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King. A collection will be taken next weekend for Animate Youth, the Archdiocesan Ministry for Young People. Please give generously.

THE HEALING TREE



The God Who Speaks group have a Healing Tree Activity available for the month of November as a free download. It is based on the image in the book of Revelation, and it is designed to help children pray for the loved ones who have died.

www.godwhospeaks.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Healing-Tree-Activity.pdf

