



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 7th November 2021



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I give that demonstrates my acceptance of Jesus' challenge to his disciples, to give without reservation?

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...



ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" NOVEMBER DRAW

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| 1st £20 | No. 95 | C Smartt |
| 2nd £15 | No. 2 | J Mahoney |
| 3rd £10 | No. 34 | M O'Hare |
| 4th £10 | No. 171 | M Jones |



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

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.

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.

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.

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 |
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| Saturday 6th November | 4.30pm - Mary McNicholas |
| Sunday 7th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Sadie O'Neill |
| Monday 8th November | 10.00am Pious list |
| Tuesday 9th November <i>Feast of Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i> | 10.00am Patricia Carroll |
| Wednesday 10th November <i>St Leo the Great</i> | NO MASS |
| Thursday 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i> | 10.00am Mal O'Neill |
| Friday 12th November <i>St Josaphat</i> | 10.00am Pious List |
| 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 |

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 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.



GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!!!

Next weekend we will be starting to sell raffle tickets for our grand Christmas raffle. There are lots of prizes - including a luxury 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. 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

Thursdays 11th, 18th November.

For more information please

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.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Sadie O'Neill

Baptised Sunday 7th November 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.!!

CONFIRMATIONS:

Please pray for the young people from our parish and deanery who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Tom Williams at two special Services during the week. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless them.

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



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

Elijah, one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, makes his first appearance in the Bible in the midst of a terrible drought and famine. The Lord has promised to watch over him. But this does not mean that Elijah can sit back and wait for food and water to magically appear. No, God sends him out on a mission. God calls him to persuade the people who have lost their faith in God and begun to worship Baal, the Canaanite god of rain, storms, and fertility. At the same time, God deputises others to care for Elijah. In the passage preceding today's reading, ravens — associated with the spirit world — help lead him to a stream of running water and feed him bread and meat. Today we hear of a widow who shares what she thinks will be her last morsel of food with him. In a foreign land, Elijah is taught by God to rely on generous, hospitable strangers to sustain his life.

The two widows we meet today are faces of Christ, particularly of the ultimate sacrifice he will make. These widows had no "safety net" to rely on, from either government assistance or institutional programmes. Without an income or social standing, they were left to rely on the generosity of others. Yet, it was their own generosity that made them models of Jesus' self-sacrifice. Each willingly gives her only asset, 'everything she possessed' to the Lord. In our acquisitive culture, in which society judges us by our possessions and we are always encouraged to buy the newest, the latest, the hottest, giving from our want is countercultural, even crazy.

As Jesus leaves the temple in the very next verse of Mark's Gospel, he tells his disciples that the temple will soon be destroyed. They realised only later that he was referring to the temple of his body. In a sense, then, this poor widow was doing the same thing: giving her whole life to the body of Christ, the Church, the people of God. If we saw Jesus himself—in his human body—sitting down opposite the collection box, we certainly would increase our offering, perhaps even to more than we think we can afford. We need to be reminded that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for him. Anna, another widow of immense faith, encountered the infant Jesus during his first appearance in the temple. This widow stood in the presence of the Messiah, the Christ, during his final appearance there.

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!!



LGBTQ+ MASS

The next LGBTQ+ Mass will take place at All Saints Anfield on Sunday 5th December at 12.30 p.m. followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families and friends, but also to anyone who would like to come along and support fellow Catholics.

CATHOLIC PIC

The November edition is now available from the back of church.



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.



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.

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%.

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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Tuesday 9 November

The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome in about 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. In honour of the basilica, *"the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World,"* the feast has been extended to the



whole Catholic Church as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter (the Papacy, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, *"presides over the whole assembly of charity."*)

TIME OUT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 9 November, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm at the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool L15 6TW. An opportunity for quiet time, away from the daily rush of life. Please wear a face mask indoors.

Bring your own lunch. For further details please contact Sr. Winifred on 0151 722 2271 winniecenacle@mail.com

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

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

