



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

4th Sunday of Lent
Sunday 27th March 2022



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How have I isolated myself and from whom? On the other hand, whom can I respond to with mercy when they return from isolation?

The call of Christian charity requires us to be concerned for each other and, in particular, those who are most vulnerable or who may be anxious. We will therefore follow Archdiocesan guidelines and continue with the expectation that face coverings will be used by those attending church.

4.00pm Sunday
afternoon. There
will be no
Exposition this
week.

The final two groups of children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Please keep them in your prayers.



There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss and although the course will be run online. If you need more information, contact the PD department:

Evangelising with Love & Action



Or on the website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays
4.00p.m- 4.25pm

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Payne - 2nd April

John Payne was born in Peterborough into a Church of England family but in his early adult life became a Catholic. He went to the English College at Douai in 1574 and was ordained priest in 1576; the short time he was at the college may suggest that he had studied theology elsewhere. He returned to England in the company of Cuthbert Mayne. He went to Essex where he stayed at the home of the Petre family in Ingatestone Hall. From here he ministered to local Catholics, while apparently working as an estate steward. In 1577 he was imprisoned for a short time, afterwards returning briefly to Douai. He came back to Essex and continued working as a priest until in 1581 he was once again arrested. He was imprisoned at Greenwich, being charged with conspiracy against the Queen, was racked in the Tower, and was sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. He denied the evidence brought against him completely, stating at his trial "that he always, in mind or word, honoured the queen's majesty above any woman in the world; that he would gladly always have spent his life for her pleasure in any lawful service; that he prayed for her as for his own soul; that he never invented or compassed any treason against her majesty, or any of the nobility of England." He was executed at Chelmsford on 2 April. He was so well known and respected in the neighbourhood that the crowd compelled the hangman to wait until he was dead before cutting him down.



CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Missionaries of Charity

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 9th April at 2PM The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service. Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

We wish all mums a very happy Mother's Day. May you be blessed, strengthened and showered with grace today





Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

MUSIC AT THE MET LENT 2022

Join us throughout Lent for a special programme of sacred
music sung by our Cathedral Choir:

15:00

All are welcome

Sunday 13 March: Crucifixus pro nobis – *Leighton*

Sunday 20 March: Les Sept Paroles du Christ en Croix – *Franck*

Sunday 27 March: Stabat Mater – *Pergolesi*

Sunday 3 April: The Lamentations of Jeremiah – *Tallis*

Sunday 10 April (at 19:30): the Office of Tenebræ

Admission free (retiring collection)

www.liverpoolmetcathedral.org.uk

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new
bioethical challenges; may they
continue to defend the dignity of all
human life with prayer and action.

Lord in your mercy...



CATHOLIC WOMEN: INTERNATIONAL SYNOD SURVEY

Catholic Women Speak is
an international forum for
dialogue, theological
discussion and awareness
- raising around issues to
do with women in the
Catholic Church. They
have produced a survey
for the synod link below:
www.catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/

JOB OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity is available
for an experienced cleaner to
be based at Philip Neri
House, Liverpool L8. This is
a permanent post working
4 hours per week, Monday
& Thursday 10.00am-
12.00pm. The salary is
£1,998,88 per annum. For
more information and to
request an application pack
please visit
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
or ring 0151 522
1102. Closing date
is Friday 1st April.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 26th March	4.30pm Kathleen Askin
Sunday 27th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	10.30am People of the Parish
Monday 28th March	10.00am James Brown
Tuesday 29th March	10.15am Funeral Mass - Vera O'Looney
Wednesday 30th March	NO MASS
Thursday 31st March	10.00am (in EM school) Dinsdale Family
Friday 1st April	10.00am Margaret & Septimus Murphy 11.00am Funeral Service - Virginia Murphy
Saturday 2nd April <i>St John Payne</i>	4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	10.30am Ann Henderson 11.45 - Baptism - Lewis Garcia

LENT ACTIONS

A few ideas for Lent

- * Pray for those who have hurt you
- * 40 acts of kindness – e.g. phone calls to someone who maybe lonely
- * Think about a habit that has kept you from being whom God is calling you to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.
- * As a part of your Lenten almsgiving, make a point to learn more about a particular social issue e.g. Ukraine, immigration, human trafficking, racism, the environment, child poverty.
- * Give money to an organisation related to your chosen issue that supports the dignity of the human person.
- * Think of ways that you can be a rainbow in someone else's cloud
- * Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you'll "fast" from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to charity.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Bernie has signed up to take part again this year - if anyone would like to sponsor her walking in the wind and rain!!

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/bernie-walk-for-hunger>

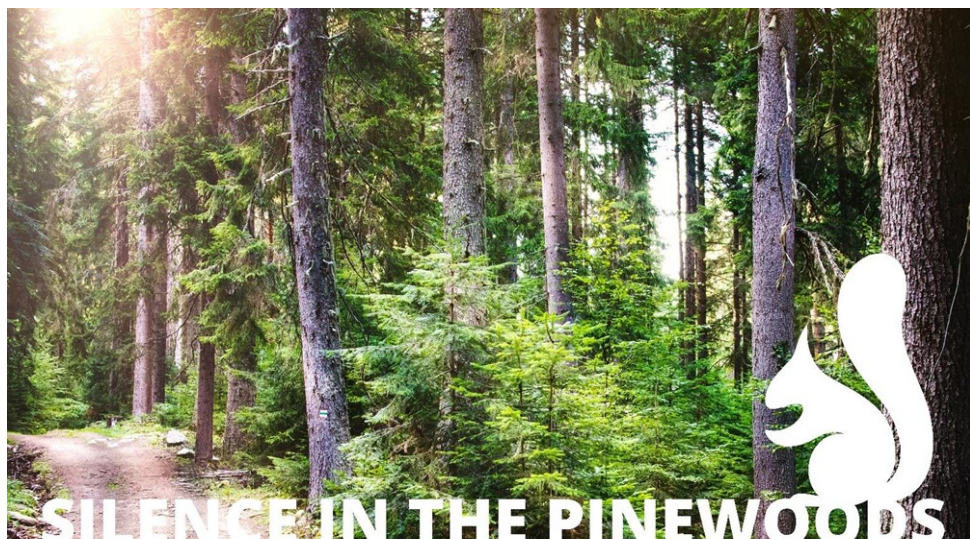
EASTER BINGO!



Please come and join us on Wednesday 6 April in English Martyrs Hall for our Easter Bingo. Doors open at 6.30pm and 'eyes down' is at 7.00pm. Entry is £1 and tickets will be sold at the back of Church from this weekend or you can pay on the door

We are also holding a grand Easter Raffle. Tickets available at the back of Church from this weekend.

Please come and join us. It will be lovely to be all back together again after being apart for so long during COVID!!!



SILENCE IN THE PINEWOODS

Opening to the presence of God

***An Introduction to Contemplation through the gateway of Centering Prayer
led by Fr Richard Sloan***

Centering Prayer is a silent meditation method, rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition. It is accessible to all who want to open themselves, heart and mind, to the Ultimate Mystery. It is an intentional practice, founded on the gesture of surrender, a conscious letting go of thoughts, images and ideas in order to rest in a place of deeper spiritual attentiveness.

It is a methodology par excellence for nurturing the heart, the place where we come into alignment with Divine Wisdom and live authentically out of our true selves.

"It's not about knowing more but about more of you knowing" (Cynthia Bourgeault).

Whether you are new to Centering Prayer or already familiar with it, the day will offer some insights into this transformative method of meditation through:

- understanding the background to Centering Prayer
- introducing you to the Centering Prayer method
- experiencing 2 sessions of Centering prayer
- being with a like-minded group of seekers
- exploring how Centering Prayer offers a path of transformation gathering new insights to weave into your life.

Saturday 2 April 2022

10am - 4pm

St Joseph's Prayer Centre

Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH

Registration

<https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>

Suggested donation

£12 (please bring a packed lunch)



Archdiocese of
Liverpool

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

Please note the times of Masses & Services for this most important time of the year.

Monday 11th April

11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:40 a.m. Midday Prayer
12noon Mass

Tuesday 12th April

11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:40 a.m. Midday Prayer
12noon Mass

Wednesday 13th April

7.00 p.m. Chrism Mass Metropolitan Cathedral

Thursday 14th April

7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00 p.m. Night Prayer

Friday 15th April

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 16th April

8.30 p.m. Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Sunday 17th April

10.30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

Monday 18th April

12.00pm Mass



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

The younger son did one other thing to his father besides demand his inheritance. He abandoned him. He fled to a distant land where he could not be found. He alienated himself. Now remember that Jesus tells this parable after many complained, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them' (Luke 15:2). In effect, Jesus is responding to them by asking 'What would you have me do? Turn my back on sinners and isolate them?' The younger son has already isolated himself, turning away from a loving father and a loving God to enjoy as many of life's pleasures as 'his' money would take him. If no one welcomed him back, he would have remained alone: starving for food and for love in a world that had no use for a person without means. Jesus, 'the sinless one' 'made into sin' (2 Corinthians 5:21), welcomed sinners like him and ate with them, sharing food and love with those who had lost both.

Mercy is not easy to accept when we feel it is applied unjustly. Just ask the older son. He had done everything right. Always obedient, always serving his father, he was the dutiful son. He should be the one rewarded; he should be the one honoured. This lavish mercy was decidedly unfair. He resents his father for giving it and his brother for receiving it. Jesus does not tell us what the older son eventually did. But he tells us what the father did. Once again, he took the initiative, going to his son and pleading with him to join him in his joy and celebration. The one son revealed himself to be self-centred by deciding to squander his inheritance on dissolute living. But the other son revealed himself to be shallow, doing the right thing so he would be rewarded. Both needed mercy but only one's need for it was obvious. We pray we can recognise and accept our own need for it.

Jesus, the light of the world, is light in our isolation, illuminating our sin, yes, but also illuminating a way home. For he has returned to the Father from the land of sin and death. He knows the way.

Margaret Stam would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful Mass and sympathy cards that the family received following Michelle's death. They were a great comfort to all the family. The number of people who attended the funeral was a wonderful testament to a truly beautiful young lady. Margaret has requested a Mass to be said in thanksgiving to Parishioners.



UKRAINE APPEAL

There are a few ways to donate to the Archdiocesan appeal for Ukraine:

Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2

Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3

Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5

Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

By bank transfer to

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12

Account: 01551493

Reference: Help Ukraine

Or by cheque made payable to “Archdiocese of Liverpool” and with “Help Ukraine” written on the reverse, these can be sent to the Finance Department:

St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Liverpool Archdiocesan Office

Croxteth Drive

Liverpool

L17 1AA

Due to the overwhelming generosity from our parishes, parishioners and community, all of our parish centres and St Margaret Clitherow Centre are now at capacity with donations of goods. Therefore we are bringing the cut-off date for donations forward and we are now unable to accept any further donations of goods (apart from any donations of medical supplies as these are in urgent demand).

Financial donations are still very much needed, a reminder that all details can be found here: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>
Thank you again for all of your continued support. We are truly thankful for the wealth of goodwill and generosity shown by people across the archdiocese. A big thank you to all of our parish centre managers and volunteers from around the archdiocese who have supported us with this appeal.

We have received an overwhelming amount of donations to our parish centres, with some centres reaching capacity on a daily basis.

This Saturday (26 March) two vans left the Archdiocese of Liverpool to head to the Polish border loaded with aid for the people of Ukraine.

At 9am on Saturday, before the drivers departed, Bishop Thomas Neylon and Father Taras Khomych, chaplain to the Ukrainian community celebrated Mass at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre with the drivers and volunteers.

The goods will be collected by Bishop Gregory Komar, and students for the priesthood from the Holy Spirit Seminary in the Ukrainian diocese of Sambir-Drohobych, who will take the goods for distribution in the Lviv region of western Ukraine. Bishop Gregory is the auxiliary bishop of the diocese and has a close association with the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

We are looking to do further shipments in the near future and will confirm details of this once the drivers have returned.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, we have only been able to run this appeal thanks to the support of our parishes, schools, parish centres and local community.

NUGENT APPEAL

On Sunday 27 March we will be having a second collection to support Nugent, our official Archdiocesan caring service. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our founder, Fr. James Nugent. Inspired by his work to educate children in Liverpool, support women prisoners in Walton prison and care for the poor, his legacy continues with Nugent today.



Our Marydale secure children's centre in St. Helens is rated by OFSTED as an outstanding service and a recent visit by Will Quince MP, the government Minister for Children and Families, is featured in this month's Catholic Pic. The centre provides a place of safety to some of the most vulnerable children at risk of exploitation and abuse. Inspired by Fr Nugent, all our work is done directly in your name and makes the care and charity of the church really present.

Donations for Ukraine

Your local collection point is:

Our Lady of Walsingham Parish Centre

We are collecting the following items to donate to Ukraine:

- **First aid kits and battlefield first aid kits**
(including sterile dressings, safety pins, antiseptic fluid/cream/spray, disposable gloves, burn free kits, eye wash)
- **Bandages - different widths**
(including halo chest seals, tourniquets, splints, QuikClot Combat Gauze, Steri-Strips, triangular bandages, Tourni-Key Plus)
- **Toiletries**
(including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo)
- **Bedding, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses**
- **Generators and different types of chargers**
- **Nappy rash creams and baby bath lotions**
(all ages and sizes)
- **Powdered baby milk and feeding bottles**
- **Pain relief**
(e.g Paracetamol, Ibuprofen)
- **Warm underclothing**
(including socks)
- **Sanitary products**
- **Nappies**
(all ages and sizes)
- **Rucksacks**

Please note, as the delivery chain is currently at capacity, we are exploring various options for delivery. In the unlikely event that we are unable to supply these items to Ukraine, all goods will go to a local charity.

