



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3rd April 2022



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### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How can I respond to those who have hurt me or hurt others with mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus has shown? Who is Jesus calling me now to forgive?

### **ADVICE TO PARISHES**

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.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 12noon. There will be no Mass on Friday

### **SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL**

Come to the most exciting St Albans Scripture Festival - [godwhospeaks.uk/our-dioceses/st-albans-scripture-festival](http://godwhospeaks.uk/our-dioceses/st-albans-scripture-festival)

The Society of St. Gregory is offering these Scripture workshops: Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7.30-9pm: Scriptures for Eastertime (Mgr Kevin McGinnell)

These are online interactive sessions, with lots of practical help and tips. £10 per person, or £25 if you book for more than two workshops. Bookings, together with all the details, are available on their website - [www.ssg.org.uk](http://www.ssg.org.uk)

On 11th May, Mgr Kevin McGinnell will lead us in a bonus session, 'Shadows in the Gospel', for which there's no charge. You can reserve your place when booking for the other sessions online.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION**

4.00pm Sunday afternoon.

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### St Henry Walpole - 7 April

St Henry Walpole was born at Docking (Norfolk) in 1558, the eldest son of Christopher and Margery Walpole. He was educated at Norwich Grammar School, at Peterhouse, Cambridge, and at Gray's Inn. He is said to have become a Catholic as a consequence of the martyrdom of Edmund Campion. In 1582 he went abroad to study, first to Reims and then to the English College, Rome. Shortly afterwards he joined the Society of Jesus. In spite of poor health he was ordained priest at Paris in 1588, served as chaplain to the Spanish army in the Netherlands, and then taught in the English seminaries of Seville and Valladolid. In 1593 he returned to England, landing at Bridlington on 6 December, but was arrested the very next day on suspicion of being a priest. He was interrogated at York, transferred to the Tower of London where he was frequently tortured. He was indicted on a charge of high treason because he was ordained abroad to minister in England; he was condemned to death. He was executed at York on 7 April 1595, by being hanged, drawn and quartered.



### 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.

### PASSION PLAY

**'This is our story'** at Liverpool Cathedral 11th April 6.30pm-8.30pm  
The Liverpool Passion Play tells the story of the Last Supper, as well as Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. Using the Cathedral's architecture and artwork as a backdrop, the audience will 'walk with Jesus' through his story, starting as a young boy, and witnessing his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas, and his trial and crucifixion. Entry is free but we welcome your donations to support the choir tour fund.  
For more information  
[www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events](http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events)


**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.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)
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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

### Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

*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/](http://www.catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/)

## FR MARK'S THEATRE GROUP

Two tickets have become available for the trip to the Empire on Friday 10th June to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. If anyone wishes to join us please give your name to the Parish Office.



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 2nd April</b> <i>St John Payne</i>	4.30pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	10.30am Ann Henderson 11.45 - Baptism - Lewis Garcia
<b>Monday 4th April</b>	10.00am Frank Jones
<b>Tuesday 5th April</b>	10.00am Una Rice
<b>Wednesday 6th April</b>	12.00pm Sandra Dodge
<b>Thursday 7th April</b> <i>St Henry Walpole</i>	10.00am Christine McCormack
<b>Friday 8th April</b>	NO MASS
<b>Saturday 9th April</b>	4.30pm Stephen McQuade
<b>Sunday 10th April</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.30am People of the Parish

## 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](https://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!!!**

## BRITISH REGION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECCUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP



The International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) is to hold its 46<sup>th</sup> International Conference from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August at Hope University in Liverpool. The theme of this year's Conference is "I will heal my people" (Jer.33:6) - Together in hope, prayer and action for a renewed world'.

We welcome participants who want to attend the Conference on a daily basis, rather than being residential. They are welcome to join the Conference on one or more days between Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. This will include lunch and dinner and attendance at all events on the programme during the chosen day(s).

The Conference will focus on the idea of Encounter and will include visits to many exciting venues where we will witness projects of hope and social justice being undertaken by local churches and other groups working together in this exciting and vibrant city. It will reflect the progress made in recent years between members of many different churches in Liverpool and will be a real opportunity to see and experience hope, faith and collaborative work in action. The Conference will also provide the truly enriching experience of meeting with fellow Christians from many different countries across Europe and beyond.

IEF was founded in 1967 by ecumenically concerned Christians from across Europe. It now has a presence in many countries, with both lay and ordained members and people from every denomination and none.

For further information, please see our website <http://briefoecumenica.uk/> or send an email to [iefliverpool22@gmail.com](mailto:iefliverpool22@gmail.com) for further information on the Conference, including how to register and the price.

The closing date for registrations is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April (although late applications will be considered). For further information, please contact FI Rosen, [fiona.rosen1@gmail.com](mailto:fiona.rosen1@gmail.com) or 07719 279851

## **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

In Genesis we hear that God did not just create the waters that covered the earth, but took control over them, separating them from the heavens and calling forth the dry land in their midst. In Isaiah, we hear that God continued to rule the waters, holding them back to give freedom to the Chosen People, releasing them to kill their enslavers, and, in Isaiah's time, directing them into the desert to lead the people back home. Using perhaps the most elementary substance on earth, in a way behind the ability of any person, God is forever 'doing a new deed' (43:19).

The Pharisees cite Moses in defending their plan to stone the woman caught in adultery. The law was based on the commandments, presented by Moses to the people on a pair of stone tablets. Stone—hard, dense, and unyielding—anchored their sense of justice. Jesus pointed to a better way. He did so by writing on the ground. Instead of being chiselled in stone, rigid and permanent, his words were traced in the dirt, unsubstantial and erasable. The dirt recalls the ashes applied to our foreheads a month ago, a fleeting reminder of our sinfulness, easily washed away. Jesus' gift of forgiveness washes away her sin. Meanwhile, the dirt, the earth, would eventually reabsorb the stones of the crowd.

But stone does not yield easily. The scribes and Pharisees did not soon forget this challenge to their authority. Not only did he sidestep their test, not only did he remind them of their own sinfulness, he showed them up, as evidenced by the fact that every person in the temple area declined to challenge him. Jesus' radical mix of justice and mercy threatened their world, further inflaming them and convincing them to put him to death.

## LLYSFASI SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

[www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk](http://www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk)

Workshop based principally on the dynamics of the spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. The first days are dedicated to an experiential journey through the major life themes of the Exercises

**12 – 29 August 2022**

*at Foxhill House and Woodlands, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6XB*

*Workshop Facilitators: Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS, Richard Sloan, Sheila McNamara*

RSCJ, Silvia Bereczki HHS.

For further details email Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS

[maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com](mailto:maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com)

## 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.

After travelling for three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries; our drivers arrived at the Polish border and successfully delivered the donated goods for the people of Ukraine.

Our four drivers - Mike Sharkey, Andy Coley, Dave Lyon and Chris Joynt - met 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.

In terms of financial donations, we have now raised over £60,500 for the #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal.

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.

## **SUMMER EXCURSION—FRIDAY 8th JULY**

We are super pleased to bring back our 'annual' trip to the world famous International Musical Eisteddfod in the beautiful Welsh town of Llangollen on Friday 8th July.

Llangollen stages one of the world's inspirational cultural festivals. Each year around 4,000 performers from all over the world and as many as 50,000 visitors converge on this beautiful small Welsh town and its International Pavilion for 6 days of singing and dancing in a unique combination of competition, performance, and international peace and friendship.

We will leave the parish and travel by coach to Llangollen and we can stroll around the maes (Welsh for field) with its hundreds of stalls, food and drinking places. Your ticket will guarantee you a reserved seat in the Pavilion to watch the competitions. You can walk around the town and enjoy the many shops and beautiful scenery. The famous Parade of Nations through the town of Llangollen will take place at 4.30 p.m. which is a colourful spectacular event.



The cost of the day is £60 which includes transport, entry to the Eisteddfod, reserved seat in the Pavilion and an evening meal in a Chester hotel.

Please give your name to the office as soon as possible as numbers are restricted.

# 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.*

