



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

EASTER DAY

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have I heard the reassuring voice of the Lord? While I listen for his voice, how do I witness to the difference the Risen Lord makes in my life?

WELCOME

Welcome back to Jamal Kawa who is staying for a few days with Fr Mark. Jamal is from Jerusalem but in his final few months at Cardiff University.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mass on Monday, Bank Holiday, will be celebrated at 12noon.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped to make Holy Week special, for the beautiful flowers and incredible Easter Garden.

Thank you to you all!

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.

SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL

Come to the most exciting St Albans Scripture Festival - 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

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.

Commission on Dialogue and Unity Accompanying Ramadan Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald

Ramadan, the ninth month of the year according to the lunar calendar followed by Muslims, started on 2 April. It is a holy month, marked especially by a fast each day during the hours of light. This way of fasting sets Muslims apart from others. In the southern Philippines, on the island of Mindano which has a large Muslim population, the Christians devised a programme which they called Duyog Ramadan, “Accompanying Ramadan”. The idea was taken from music. When people sing, they are often accompanied by someone playing the guitar. The guitarist doesn’t necessarily sing, but he or she backs up the singers by strumming. In a similar way Christians, who are not observing Ramadan, can accompany the Muslims who are doing so. In 2020, the priests and people of St Vincent de Paul parish, in Liverpool 1, decided to do just this. They wished to accompany their Muslim brothers and sisters, especially by their prayers. In order to sustain this effort some information about Ramadan, or about Islam in general, was provided every day on the parish Facebook account. It is these daily posts that have been collected in the booklet which can be found at: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Accompanying20Ramadan

PASCHAL CANDLE 2022

This year’s Paschal Candle is called ‘Luke 24’. We celebrate - *“Why do you search for the living one among the dead? He is not here, he has risen”*. Our Saviour Jesus Christ, on this morning we celebrate.



One of the most resonating scripture reading of our faith emblazoned as the theme of this paschal candle. The burial shroud symbolically draped on his cross, his Chi Roe monogram triumphantly crowns the design ensemble. All rendered in wax with highlights of copper leaf and burnished with bronze wash.

Fr Mark blessed the Paschal Candle on Easter Night and it will shine brightly everyday for the next 50 days and at every Baptism & Funeral.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" APRIL DRAW

1st £20	No. 166	M Dickinson
2nd £15	No. 78	C McGennity
3rd £10	No. 105	B White
4th £10	No. 4	B Benbow



Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Contact Myra on 928 1136

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/

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...



SHOULD I COME TO MASS?

The Bishops have asked us to do this now, as they encourage as many as feel able to return to Church to celebrate the miracle of the Mass and receive Holy Communion. This will lead to the easing of restrictions in our Churches, though we will continue to be careful so that we can keep each other safe e.g. wearing face-coverings and respecting each other's space. We will take things step by step

SOCIAL MEDIA The Archdiocese of Liverpool now has official accounts on Facebook & Instagram. Please follow us for the latest news, updates and events from across the archdiocese.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 16th April <i>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter</i>	8.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 17th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.30am Private intention
Monday 18th April	12.00pm Mgr Austin Hunt
Tuesday 19th April	10.00am Margaret Rigby
Wednesday 20th April	NO MASS
Thursday 21st April	10.00am Fr Bob Douglas
Friday 22nd April	10.00am John & Barbara Percival
Saturday 23rd April	1.00pm Baptism - Jake Armitage 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 24th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Day of Divine Mercy</i>	10.30am John Dunn 11.45am Baptism - Emma Louise Roberts

FAITH AND MISSION SPIRITUALITY

Sisters of St Mary, 55 Swanside Road Liverpool L14 7NJ

April-May 2022 ***St Paul at the intersection of time and cultures: how Jesus Christ becomes the person at the centre of his transformation, life and mission.***

Five Thursday evenings - Welcome 6.45 for 7 pm

21st/28th April 5th/12th & 19th May

Same sessions repeated on Five Tuesday afternoons - Welcome 1.45 for 2pm

Tuesday 26th April Tuesday 3rd May Tuesday 10th

May Tuesday 17th May Tuesday 24th May

Exploring the Bible: an attentive reading of, transformation, life and mission texts of St Paul.

Four Monday afternoons - Welcome 1.45 for 2 pm

9th/16th/23rd/30th May

To attend or for more information text Sr Bridget 07598756557 srbrid-get.folkard@googlemail.com

Liverpool Notre Dame Association

The next event will take place on Sunday, 22 May. Our first St Julie's Day and our main fundraiser for the year will be held at The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. We will be starting with morning coffee from 10.30am followed by Mass at 12noon. A hot 2 course lunch with wine/soft drinks will be served at 1pm and following this we have 2 fantastic guest speakers, Dame Colette Bowe and well known actress Eileen O'Brien who both attended Mount Pleasant School. We will finish the day with tea and cakes. For more information contact Bernie Shaw on 0161 483 0173/ 07891 645 785 or email berniemshaw@hotmail.com

Creative Floral Craft Course

With conversation and companionship a set of 4 weekly workshops with Muir Simpson starting on Wednesday, 27 April from 1pm-4pm in the Gibberd Room. The only other things that you will need is a willingness to learn something new, a sense of humour and a smile! So sign up and prepare to be inspired! The price for the 4 workshops is £45 pp. Please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk for further details.

BRITISH REGION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECCUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP

The International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) is to hold its 46th International Conference from 25th July to 1st 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 26th and Sunday 31st 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 for further information on the Conference, including how to register and the price. The closing date for registrations is Saturday 30th April (although late applications will be considered). For further information, please contact FI Rosen, fiona.rosen1@gmail.com or 07719 279851

"A LIFE LIVED WITH GRACE"

On 2 June 2022 choirs throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth are being invited to join in a unique musical celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. 'Churches Together in England' is encouraging churches, congregations, parishes and individuals throughout England to get involved. For more info visit www.cte.org.uk/song-for-the-commonwealth/

News from Animate

Youth Retreat Co-ordinator Vacancy - Animate youth ministry team works with over 10,000 young people each year and are currently in the process of recruiting a new Retreat Co-ordinator to support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese and helping lead the Gap Year Team. More information about the post is available on the Archdiocesan website. Information on the work of Animate can be found at animateyouth.org.

Join the Team - At this time of year the Animate Team offers the opportunity to young people over 18 to apply to be part of the team for the next academic year. Often this is an attractive proposal to those who are completing college and are looking for a gap year before starting University. For more information please go to the Animate website.

Flame - On 4 March 2023, Animate will take a coach of young people to London for the biggest National Catholic Youth event Flame. The Flame event takes place every few years at the Wembley Arena and brings together 10,000 young people from across the country. Tickets are already on sale at £40 pp including the entry ticket and transport from St Mary's Lowe House. Again, check the Animate website for details.

BBC MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS

This year BBC Radio Merseyside wants to celebrate and say thank you to people across Merseyside who make where we live a better place. Every day we hear stories of people doing incredible things for each other and their communities and now it's time to recognise them for all their hard work with the first ever BBC Radio Merseyside Make a Difference Awards. Whether it's caring for someone in need, being a brilliant neighbour, or inspiring children in the classroom, if you know someone who is really making a difference, they can be nominated for an award in the following 8 categories: **Volunteer, Community Group, Fundraiser, Carer, Great Neighbour, Key Worker, Environment, Together Award**. The awards are free to enter and you can nominate someone you know at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference. Nominations are now open and will close on 29 April 2022 at 11pm. The winners will be announced at a Make a Difference awards ceremony in September at the Palm House in Sefton Park.

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.



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Even the greatest human mind can't grasp the resurrection, for it defies understanding. Christians know when where and why it happened but they don't know how. They simply know that it did. It's the central tenet of Christian faith and the most important event in world history. But for a world that relies on DNA, on witnesses, CCTV and physical evidence the resurrection doesn't add up. After all, dead bodies don't just get up and walk away.



Easter Sunday is God's day of cosmic laughter. The power of evil could not contain Christ. Death had no hold over him. All that afflicts humanity, all that makes our days heavy was swept away as the stone was rolled from the tomb. God laughed in the face of the puny attempts to reduce the dignity of human existence. The forces of darkness were dispersed by the glorious brilliance of resurrection light.

Resurrection is about the grandeur of God, about a new dawn scattering all that seeks to drag us down. It's a jubilant reminder that God rules over creation and is capable of turning our ideas about reality on their heads. For microscopes cannot manage mystery and physics flounders in the face of faith. When Jesus rose from the dead he proved that there is more to life than meets the eye. And only eyes of faith can enjoy the vision that is resurrection.

The events of Easter Sunday reveal that we are designed and destined for more than physical existence. Out of despair comes hope; from weakness arises strength; pain becomes peace and sorrow changes to joy. From death there springs new life, a risen life promising that nothing can possibly keep us from that deep quality, that eternal life which Jesus offers us by shattering the doors of the tomb.

Today we join in God's laughter. We laugh with the Father who tames our darkest fears, reconciles us and lets his glory been seen. We laugh with the Son who by rising from the dead takes on our weakness and turns it into strength. We laugh with the Spirit who goes before us as our hope and inspiration. And 'Alleluia' is our song!

REQUEST

Fr Mark respectfully asks that people check that lights are switched off in the church, porch or sacristy area as often they can be left on for many hours or overnight.

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

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. We have received over £70,000 in donations so far.

Our volunteer drivers safely returned back home last night from delivering the donated goods. We have received an update from Bishop Gregory to let us know that the donated medicines have been transferred to hospitals in Drohobych and Boryslav and a brave volunteer driver has taken some of the goods to Kyiv.

JOB VACANCY

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool Retreat
Co-ordinator



Are you passionate about Christian ministry with young people? Contact Fr Simon Gore (Director of Youth Ministry) on 01744 740467 or s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk for an informal chat about the role To download a full job description and application pack please visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
Closing Date: Thursday 21st April

SUMMER EXCURSION—FRIDAY 8th JULY

Places are going quickly for our Summer Trip. 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 if you wish to join us as numbers are restricted.

THE GOLDEN BOOK

For the past 50 years, generous donors have been giving to the cost of the cathedral and asking for a remembrance at Mass for themselves, members of their families and their friends, by way of an inscription in the Golden Book. Due to long term sickness the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King is looking for a volunteer to help out with enquires and to process inscriptions in the Golden Book Office, which is situated in its own special chapel in the cathedral for approximately one day a week.

If you enjoy dealing with members of the public, are organised, with a good sense of attention to detail, and have a few hours a week that you could put to good use this may be the volunteer role for you. If you are interested in learning more please contact Claire Hanlon, Executive Assistant to the Dean on 0151 709 9222 extension 201 or email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

JOB VACANCY Liverpool Archdiocese has three exciting opportunities in its new Pastoral Development Department:

- Training Co-ordinator - Whose principal focus is to design, deliver, procure, and oversee high-quality training and development programmes to meet the needs of the local church.
- Catholic Social Action Co-ordinator - Whose principal focus is to support and co-ordinate the work of the Archdiocese relating to social justice and environmental issues.
- Pastoral Development Adviser - Whose principal focus is to help the local church (deanery and parish) discern, implement and evaluate their vision and strategic direction and identify their development needs.

All roles are full-time appointments and attract a salary of £31,500 per annum. For more information, visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

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.

