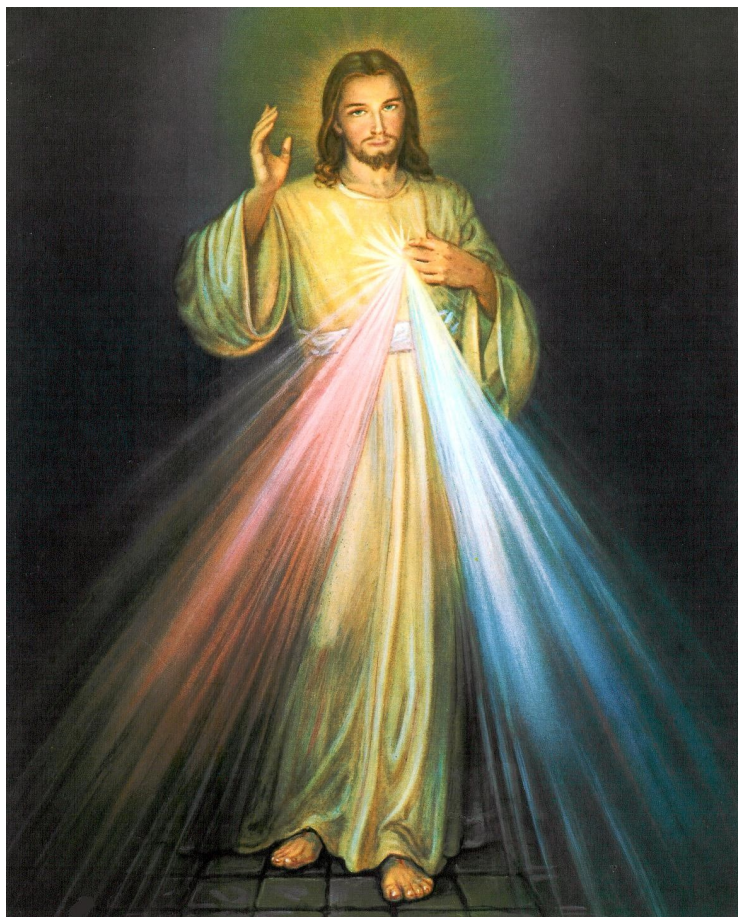




Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

24th April 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What wounds can I help make whole? How will I do this?

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will make their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. We have four masses - two on 30th April and two on 7th May.



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.

Missio Red Boxes - in 2021 our parish raised £892 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our missionary community here at Our Lady & The English Martyrs is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network, Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified in May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.



If you haven't got a box please ask at the Parish Office and we can provide you with one.

Our lovely Fr Stephen who helps with our Masses when Fr Mark is away is part of the Mill Hill Missionaries based in Freshfield

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 23rd April	1.00pm Baptism - Jake Armitage 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 24th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Day of Divine Mercy</i>	10.30am John Dunn
Monday 25th April <i>Feast of St Mark</i>	10.00am Ann Buck
Tuesday 26th April <i>Solemnity of St George</i>	10.00am Funeral Mass - Arthur Downing
Wednesday 27th April	NO MASS
Thursday 28th April	10.00am Ruth Richardson
Friday 29th April <i>Feast St Catherine of Siena</i>	10.00am Donna Bamber & Bernard McGee
Saturday 30th April	4.30pm Mary McDermott
Sunday 1st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Archie Sloan

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

THANK YOU Thank you from Fr Mark for all the Easter cards and gifts he has received. Mass will be said for your intention when he visits Jerusalem in a few weeks.



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

In today's Gospel Jesus breathes on his disciples, and in that holy breath they each receive the Holy Spirit. Considering what we went through with Covid, the idea of breathing on people inside a locked room is more than a little unsettling. But keep in mind that one's breath contains much more than potential germs and viruses. One's breath contains the very force of life. God blew the breath of life into Adam's nostrils. So too in an emergency can we breathe life back into a person who has stopped breathing. We can imagine the disciples holding their collective breath in the days after Jesus' burial. He was no longer in the tomb. Mary Magdalene said she had seen him. But how could this be? What could have happened? Then he stood before them, wounds and all. Realizing he was alive, they let out their breath in relief and rejoiced. Then when he breathed on them, they received new life, new life in the Spirit.

In his parable of the lost sheep, Jesus tells of a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep behind in order to find the single sheep who went astray. After finding it, rescuing it, and bringing it home, he rejoices for the sake of this one who was lost and is now found. Fast forward to today's Gospel. When Jesus appeared to the disciples after his death and resurrection, a single disciple was missing: Thomas. John doesn't specifically mention that Jesus noticed, but undoubtedly he realized his absence. And so the following week the Good Shepherd returns, intent on finding Thomas, whose doubts had led him astray, to restore him to the fold. And Thomas, perhaps realizing that the Lord had returned just for him, just to relieve his doubts, just to convince him 'Doubt no longer but believe,' makes the most definitive confession possible: 'My Lord and my God!' (Jn 20:27-28).

The community of believers is the body of Christ. So in a sense when Jesus invites us to put our hands in his wounds, he is asking us to probe the wounds of the community. We are asked to make our wounded brothers and sisters whole, as Christ's wounded body was made whole.

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.

The Universe Catholic Weekly

is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER

A big ‘thank you’ from Bernie for everyone who sponsored me for the CAFOD Walk against Hunger. I completed the 200K with a week to spare!! We have raised an amazing £350. If you wish to contribute you still can do so at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/bernie-walk-for-hunger>



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.

