



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th May 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I willing to put others before myself? How can I show this love for my sisters and brothers?

MASS TIMES DURING MAY

From Tuesday 10th May until Friday 27th May weekday Mass will be at 10.15am. There is a Funeral Service on Monday 16th at 12 noon for Josephine Kerry. May she rest in peace.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Following the meeting of the Archbishop's Council the following Guidelines are being offered with regard to COVID protocols.

Face coverings are now optional for people who attend church. Hand sanitiser will still be available at the door for those who wish to use it on entering the church door, please help yourself.

The priest and Ministers of the Eucharist must wear a face covering when distributing Holy Communion and they must sanitise their hands before and after.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children who have made their First Holy Communion over the last two weeks. We are also very grateful to the team of Catechists who *work very hard throughout* the year to ensure that the children and families are prepared for this very special sacrament.



Join us for a
Dementia Awareness
REFRESHER EVENING

DEMENTIA Action WEEK


Tuesday 17th May 2022
On zoom

Do you support someone living with Dementia?

Would you like to hear the experiences of others?

Have you attended a Dementia Awareness Session?

For a link contact
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

 Alzheimer's Society

Recruitment Boy & Girl Choristers 2022

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. We are recruiting: Boys currently in year 2 & 3 Girls currently in year 5

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (boys, yr 3-6). St Edward's College (boys & girls, yr 7-10) meaning that a first-class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost.

If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral can be found at:
<https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs>

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.



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" MAY DRAW

1st £20	No. 111	B Spofforth
2nd £15	No. 79	B McQuade
3rd £10	No. 102	E Jones
4th £10	No. 217	M Henshall

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

THE NEWMAN CIRCLE

Thursday 19 May
7.30pm. St Helen's
Parish Centre,
Alexandra Road,
Crosby, Liverpool Sci-
ence and Faith: Life's
Work, Life's Calling.
Speaker: Canon Mike
Kirby, Canon Scientist,
Diocese of Liverpool.
All are welcome.
Contact John Potts on
07889 841 096 for
further information.

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

At the Foot of the Cross

'At the Foot of the Cross' is a monthly podcast from the **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** bringing you the latest news, project updates, events, prayer and more. We discuss our workstreams, from pro-life issues, Catholic life and worship and social action, to heritage and patrimony, environmental concerns and international aid and development.



<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/at-the-foot-of-the-cross/>

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 14th May	4.30pm Tommy O'Toole
Sunday 15th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Paula Hoare
Monday 16th May	10.15am Margaret Rigby 12.00pm Funeral service Josephine Kerry
Tuesday 17th May	10.15am Pauline Lloyd
Wednesday 18th May <i>St John 1, Pope, Martyr</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	10.15am Betty Tunney
Friday 20th May <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	10.15am George Walsh
Saturday 21st May	4.30pm Julie Salzano
Sunday 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Ss Christopher Magallenes</i>	10.30am Sheila Williams 11.45am Baptism Vincent Lupton

Prayer for Dementia Action Week

In moments of confusion, God keep us safe.

In moments of clarity, God grant us joy.

In moments of frustration, God give us peace.

In moments of sorrow, God bring us comfort.

May God who sees into the secret places of our mind,
beyond anything which limits us, to the person that is us,
has always been and will always be us, encircle us in his arms,
until that day when all is made new in his eternal home. Amen

From Diocese of Lichfield

Dementia Action Week is an awareness raising campaign. Each year, The Alzheimer's Society work with individuals and organisations across the UK to encourage people to 'act on dementia'.

This year's campaign will run from **16-22 May** and focus on the theme of diagnosis.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-action-week>



FR MARK IN THE HOLY LAND

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY
SEPULCHRE IN JERUSALEM



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

Saturday 21 May

'Come apart and rest awhile' Quiet Day.

10.00 am at The Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane; Liverpool, L15 6TW. Please bring your own lunch, tea/coffee are provided. Suggested offering for the day is £10.00. No booking required. For more information contact Sr Winnie Tel: 0151 722 2271 email: morleywinifred6@gmail.com

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We know that some of our lovely parishioners will have been around for the Queen's Coronation.



Do you have any newspapers/memorabilia etc of the day?

We are looking to do a display or booklet that shows our own parishioners' recollections of the day. Even just a few 'jotted down' words of where you were/ who you were with etc etc.

If you do have anything please would you share with us all? Anything provided will be copied and returned. Please pass in to the office

Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2022

Tuesday 17 May 2022 marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian of all
who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice

as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For resources please visit: [https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2022/?](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2022/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+2022)

[utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+2022](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2022/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+2022)

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales – website
www.cbew.org.uk

SUNDAY THOUGHTS



If you take a look at education, health, social services, childcare, international development etc you will find that it was originally the Church that began this work in most countries. Then gradually the state moved in and took over. So we now find that religious hospitals, religious schools, religious adoption agencies etc are very much in the minority. You could argue that this is no bad thing. It's the job of the Church to respond to need and if that need is satisfied by other bodies then we should rejoice.

The danger, of course, is that the Church is seen (and even sometimes sees itself) as just another agency. And Christians can end up thinking that they exist solely for this world. But Christians are not just would-be social workers. They are called to something greater.

In today's gospel we hear how Jesus has been glorified by his Father and will in turn glorify those who follow him faithfully. And our reading from Apocalypse (Revelation) gives us a glimpse of what that glory will be like, a new creation where there is no mourning or sadness.



It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that Christianity is a philosophy, an opinion, a useful fashion like Feng Shui, colonic irrigation or aromatherapy. But it isn't a fashion. It's a matter of life and death: the life and death of Christ as well as our own journeys from womb to tomb. Christians are fully immersed in this world and its problems but they live with a promise of a future that will dwarf the ambitions of this

world.

At the heart of Easter is the message that we have to go beyond the merely material, beyond what we can see, smell, hear, touch and eat. Our baptism destines us for a life that does not end in the grave but beckons us to an eternity with our God, an everlasting life where the joys and pleasures of this life take on their full meaning as we see God's glory face to face.

We have a small band of amazing parishioners who keep our Church looking beautiful but we really need a few more people to join them. Can you spare an hour or so every other week to help? They clean every other Thursday at 9am - next session will be 26 May. Please see John Owens or have a word with the office.



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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. .
Lord in your mercy...



“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/

Churches Together in the Merseyside Region Pentecost Walk 2022

Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party in Liverpool

The big emphasis of the jubilee weekend on Sunday will be community street parties which will be held throughout the country. The main event at the Pentecost Walk 2022 is a Platinum street party type celebration for all generations in the Anglican Cathedral, with long trestle tables, space for family picnics, rugs on the floor and lots of bunting! This is to join in with the Queens Platinum Jubilee as well as celebrating the joy of Pentecost. Please bring your families and church communities along!

Pentecost Sunday, 5 June

3pm: 10 minutes open air service at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

3.15pm: Please note that the walk down Hope Street which is scheduled to take place at 3:15pm needs to be confirmed and updates will be posted on the CTMR website. If it is possible there would be a mass community choir – children may be waving flags or banners.

3.45pm: 15 minutes all age service in the Anglican Cathedral - maybe with some action songs and readings.

4pm-4.45pm: Picnic time and activities.

5pm: Pack up time and finish.

Would you consider getting involved in the Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party?

Would you be interested in bringing some families, church communities and friends along?

Would you be willing to lead an activity e.g. craft table/face painting/circus skills/percussion workshop? Whatever you enjoy and find easy!

Please contact 'In Another Place' directly admin@inanotherplace.com if you would like to lead an activity.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Resources

'Thy Kingdom Come': 26 May to 5 June 2022. Find out more about the worldwide ecumenical prayer movement by visiting their website.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/thy-kingdom-come/>

Jubilee Resources for Churches

To find resources to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee please follow www.ctbi.org.uk/celebrate-the-queens-platinum-jubilee

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.

