



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8th May 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be the kind of person to shepherd someone else?

MASS TIMES DURING MAY

Please note that Mass on Monday will be at 10.00am as normal.

From Tuesday 10th May until Friday 27th May weekday Mass will be at 10.15am

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.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

A collection will be taken after Mass this weekend for the Priest's Training Fund. Please give generously to support the funding of our future priests

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.



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.

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Louis & Rosie Brewer

Baptised Saturday 7th May 2022



Summer Robinson

Baptised Sunday 8th May 2022



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/

THE NEWMAN CIRCLE Thursday 19 May 7.30pm. St Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool Science 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.

LLYSFASI SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

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

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 7th May	11.30pm Baptism - Louis & Rosie Brewer 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 8th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Michelle McMullen 11.45am Baptism - Summer Robinson
Monday 9th May	10.00am Catherine O'Brien 11.00am Funeral service Steven Dalrymple
Tuesday 10th May	10.15am Liz Walker
Wednesday 11th May	NO MASS
Thursday 12th May	10.15am Ann Buck
Friday 13th May	10.15am Robin Bond
Saturday 14th May <i>St Matthias</i>	4.30pm Tommy O'Toole
Sunday 15th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Paula Hoare

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@gmail.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

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...



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

Archdiocesan Job Opportunities

1. Finance Administrator (x2 posts), full time. We have an exciting opportunity in our Finance Department for two administrators who will deliver high quality, modern clerical and administrative support to all sections of the Finance Department. This is an exciting time to join the archdiocese and the Finance Department and we can promise varied and interesting work supporting the services we deliver to the Church working alongside welcoming and helpful colleagues. Information pack for applicants.

2. Training Co-ordinator, full time. To design, deliver, procure and oversee high-quality training and development programmes to meet the needs of the local church.

3. Pastoral Development Adviser, full time. To help the local church (deanery and parish) discern, implement and evaluate their vision and strategic direction and identify their development needs.

4. Catholic Social Action Co-ordinator, full time. To support and co-ordinate the work of the archdiocese relating to social justice and environmental issues.

For all closing dates and an application form please visit <http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

We love getting an exclusive invitation to join a group. It makes us feel special. Some people in Antioch in Pisidia may have felt that way, for Acts says they were prompted by jealousy to oppose them when “‘almost the whole city gathered’ to hear Paul and Barnabas. The apostles’ practice of preaching in synagogues was drawing the wrong element to their spiritual home! It’s a natural instinct, but it’s not the one Jesus desired. Not only did Jesus reject exclusivity, he commanded his disciples to make disciples of all nations. In Revelation, John’s vision too features a great multitude ‘from every nation, race, tribe, and language’” standing before the Lamb on the throne. We are called to welcome, not exclude.

Jesus was just a few weeks old when the same passage from Isaiah that Paul and Barnabas quote was proclaimed in his presence. Then it was the elderly visionary Simeon, who, taking Mary’s baby into his arms, called him a light for revelation to the Gentiles (Luke 2:32). Paul and Barnabas have taken up that mantle, becoming instruments to spread salvation to the ends of the earth.

As members of his flock, do we recognise Jesus’ voice? Can we hear his voice in the same people to whom he reached out—the neglected and the scorned? The hungry and the imprisoned? The homeless and the refugee? The aged and the unborn? The pregnant teen? The abused child? They may be reaching out to us, looking for someone to hear them, really hear their voice.

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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“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.

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.

