



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday 19th June 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week, how will I share the abundance I know in the body of Christ with those in need?

Missionary Society of St Columban

This weekend we will welcome Father John Boles who will be making the parish annual mission appeal.

Father John was born, brought up and ordained in Stockport. Before entering the Columban's he worked as a Town and Country Planning Officer. He's spent nearly all of his priestly life in Latin America, including some 25 years in Peru, from where he returned last year.



The Columban Fathers were founded in 1918 as the Irish (or "Maynooth") Mission to China. Their name changed in 1952 when they were expelled from China, taking as their patron a mediaeval Irish missionary saint. They then began working in other countries around the rim of the Pacific such as the Philippines, Korea, Taiwan, Chile and Peru.

Please give generously to the retiring collection this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS

Due to a priest's meeting all day Tuesday there will be no Mass that day. On Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mass that day will be at midday. Please make the effort to come along to celebrate this special day as we celebrate the immensity of Jesus' love for us.

Exam Season A Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for Success in Examinations. Let us keep all those preparing for exams in our prayers.

O Great St Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

Through Christ our Lord.

St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us. Amen.

WALSINGHAM 2022

We have just 2 single standards rooms (no en suite) left for our pilgrimage to Walsingham. The dates are Monday 11 July - Thursday 14 July. If you would like to join please see the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Can those who are joining us please now pay the balance due - £297 for en-suite and £252 for standard single. Give the office a call if you are unsure which you are. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday 10 June, two Seminarians from the Holy Land were ordained Deacons, Michael Althib & Yazan Bader.



Please pray for them in this new ministry in the service of God's people. Please God they will be ordained priests in 2023.



Michael and Yazan are two of the four Seminarians who are hoping to stay in our parish during the month of July. Michael will be coming and we are waiting news on Yazan's visa application. The other two Seminarians are Abdallah Dababneh who has received his visa and Yousef Ibrahim who is still waiting for his.

COLLECTIONS The annual missionary retiring collection will be taken this weekend. Next weekend we will have a retiring collection for the Day for Life.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact the Parish Office and we'll do the rest

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. This month's podcast looks at the Pope's announcement of new cardinals, a national synod day, Day for Life grants, bishops in the Holy Land and more.

www.cbcew.org.uk/series/at-the-foot-of-the-cross/

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Fisher (1469-1535)



He was born in Beverley, in Yorkshire, in 1469. He studied theology at the University of Cambridge, and had a successful career there, finally becoming chancellor of the University and bishop of Rochester: unusually for the time, he paid a great deal of attention to the welfare of his diocese.

He wrote much against the errors and corruption into which the Church had fallen, and was a friend and supporter of great humanists such as Erasmus of Rotterdam; but he was greatly opposed to Lutheranism, both in its doctrine and in its ideas of reform.

He supported the validity of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and for this he was briefly imprisoned. When the King had divorced Catherine, married Anne Boleyn, and constituted himself the supreme Head of the Church in England, John Fisher refused to assent. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of treason, and on 22 June 1535, a month after having been made a Cardinal by the Pope, he was executed. He was so ill and weak that he had to be carried in a chair to the place of execution.

He was the only bishop to oppose Henry VIII's actions, on the grounds that they were a repudiation of papal authority, but even so he avoided direct confrontation with the other bishops, not holding himself up as a hero or boasting of his coming martyrdom: I condemn no other man's conscience: their conscience may save them, and mine must save me. We should remember, in all the controversies in which we engage, to treat our opponents as if they were acting in good faith, even if they seem to us to be acting out of spite or self-interest.

He shares his feast day with St Thomas More on Wednesday 22 June.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Ivy & Amelie McQuade

Baptised Sunday 19th June 2022



Masses & Services for week commencing 4th June

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 18th June	4.30pm Chris McDonough
Sunday 19th June <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	10.30am Terry Hulme 11.45am Baptism Ivy & Amelie McQuade
Monday 20th June	10.00am Private intention (OH)
Tuesday 21st June	NO MASS
Wednesday 22nd June	NO MASS
Thursday 23rd June <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>	10.00am Theresa Connell
Friday 24th June <i>Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	12.00pm Sarah Ferguson
Saturday 25th June	4.30pm Frances McDonough
Sunday 26th June <i>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of Parish 11.45am Baptism Oliver Balmer

ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCIES

2 job opportunities are currently available within the Archdiocese:



Governance Officer.

Under the direction of the Director of Education, the post holder will promote the policies of the Archdiocese in Catholic Schools by providing advice and support to headteachers, staff, governors of and clergy working within these schools. This will relate specifically to school governance for all schools across the Archdiocese. The post holder will also liaise nationally and advise locally on issues related to governance. The role is full time, 35 hours per week. We are offering a salary of £35,000 per annum, pension package and 38 days holiday (which includes eight bank/public holidays). Closing date: 12 noon on Monday 27th June 2022.

Retreat Co-ordinator.

Animate is the youth ministry team for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, working with over 10, 000 young people a year. The Retreat Co-ordinator will support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese; as well as helping to lead the Gap Year Team. The salary for the post is £15,333.55. Applicants are invited to contact Fr Simon Gore (Director of Youth Ministry) on 01744 740467 for an informal chat about the role. Closing Date: Thursday 23rd June 2022

A full information pack regarding these roles and details of how to apply are available on our website at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs.

SIDE-BY-SIDE *Building Blocks*

Monday 20 June at 7pm- 8:30pm on zoom



We have listened to your feedback and this zoom session will be an opportunity to continue the conversation about accompaniment across your own deaneries. Following up from the accompaniment input and discussion in March and April delivered by the Proximity Project, the Pastoral

Development Department invite you to explore how best to practically embed aspects of accompaniment in your own parish context. To register and receive the zoom link please email Jenny at

pd@rcaol.org.uk

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes.

The relics will arrive in the Archdiocese of Liverpool on Thursday 15 September and will visit Chorley before moving to the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 17 September - Tuesday 20 September.

St Bernadette was born in 1844 in a small town in France. Bernadette Soubirous was one of eight children born into a very poor family. Although initially unremarkable, Bernadette's life was to inspire generations of people to journey in faith on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Between 11 February and 16 July 1858, Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary eighteen times in a series of Apparitions that took place in cave on the outskirts of Lourdes, a place now known as the Grotto of Massabielle. In the course of these miraculous encounters, Bernadette, then aged just 14, became the friend and confidante of Our Lady, the mother of Jesus. The Apparitions of Lourdes were authenticated in 1866 by the Bishop of Tarbes. In that same year, Bernadette left Lourdes to live out her religious vocation within the community of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. She died in 1879, was proclaimed blessed in 1925, and became a saint in 1933. The Relic Tour of St Bernadette offers a spiritually enriching opportunity for people across our community of faith to gather together in prayer at Churches and Cathedrals across three nations. Travelling on pilgrimage to Lourdes and visiting the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette, provides an important, spiritually enriching opportunity to continue this journey. The life and legacy of St Bernadette has touched the lives of people across the world. 160 years after the first pilgrimages to this special place began, Lourdes is one of the busiest Christian pilgrimage sites in the world, with the Catholic Church acknowledging 70 miracles as having taken place there.

Further details will be given nearer the time.



Rome@Home

The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. The week is organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Although physically hosted by the Diocese of Rome, in 2022 the event will be multi-centred and spread out throughout the world's Catholic dioceses.



The limitations of the pandemic are, in a sense, presenting the opportunity for more families to truly participate and offer their contributions to diocesan meetings. The aim is for events in Rome and local initiatives to go hand-in-hand. Catholics will be able to listen to and follow the meeting with the Holy Father via live streaming.

We are highlighting some areas each week based on resources provided by the Vatican together with suggestions from parishes and catechists.

The Catholic Education Service has provided videos for school assemblies for primary and secondary aged children that you may wish to use at home with your own families or in parishes. They include a range of guest speakers, reflections and prayers to help them to reflect on the theme of family love, and think about what they can do to celebrate family life in the home, school and parish.

www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/item/1003716-national-school-assembly

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.

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SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Have you ever invited friends for dinner and had more show up than you expected? A lot more? Thousands more? Imagine the disciple who got five loaves of bread and two fish for Jesus and the Twelve and now was told to feed a crowd of more than five thousand. No wonder he asked Jesus to dismiss the crowd and let them find their own food.



Surely the food for a small group couldn't feed a crowd of thousands. But Jesus directs the disciples to ask the crowd to sit down in groups of fifty. It's like a math problem now: five thousand men divided by fifty would make one hundred groups. Dividing up the crowd doesn't sound any more promising! But Jesus divides the loaves and fish as well and gives them to the disciples to feed each group. And each man, woman, and child went home satisfied. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is able to feed everyone in need, whether it's just the twelve apostles or a crowd of thousands.

What was a scarce resource—these meagre provisions—was transformed into a resource so abundant that the leftovers far exceeded the original amount. In the same way, the bread and wine we offer is not only transformed into Jesus's body and blood, it is transformed to a resource so abundant that we can receive it again and again, day after day, week after week. So it is with God's mercy and love. They do not follow the ordinary rules of supply and demand because despite their infinite value, they are as abundant as the leftover fragments at the end of this day. And despite their infinite value, they are offered to us without cost.

'Do this as a memorial of me,' Jesus says twice at the Last Supper. He offers his precious Body and Blood for us all and asks that we do the same in his memory. We, the Church, are the body of Christ. Therefore, we are called to offer ourselves to others in his name. When we do so, we can feed thousands. What may seem impossible to provide on a huge scale - food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, welcome for the stranger, comfort for the sorrowing, justice for the oppressed, mercy for the sinful—can become a reality through the body of Christ. It is up to us, having received Christ's body in this holy sacrament, to share this gift in abundance to those in need.

The next gathering for LGBTQ+ will be at All Saints, Anfield L4 1QC on Sunday 3rd July 2022 beginning with Mass at 2:00pm



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 JUNE

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives
Lord in your mercy...



CAN YOU SPONSOR SARA?

Sara Coxon is running 21 miles to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease . A cause which is currently very close to our hearts! Can you sponsor Sara and her friend to keep running? You can donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lyndsey-Graham1> or see Sara at Mass on a Sunday.



Thank you!



Congratulations

On Pentecost Sunday Pope Francis announced a consistory to take place in Rome on 27 August during which he will create 21 new Cardinals. One of the new Cardinals is Archbishop Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.



Archbishop Roche, born in 1950 in Batley, West Yorkshire and was ordained a priest in 1975. He was appointed General Secretary to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales in 1996 before he was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster in 2001. In 2004 he was appointed the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Leeds and remained there until Pope Benedict appointed him as Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship (Liturgy) in 2012 and was appointed its Prefect by Pope Francis in 2021, one of the most senior positions in the Roman Catholic Church.

Cardinal-elect Roche becomes the 3rd English Cardinal currently in the College of Cardinals, the most England has had in nearly 150 years. He will join Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald based in Liverpool and also Cardinal Sean Brady, Archbishop Emeritus of Armagh, Ireland.

21 new Cardinals will be created. Fr Mark knows three of them because of his work in the Holy Land and he has been invited to attend the consistory.

The College of Cardinals currently consists of 208 Cardinals, of whom 117 are electors and 91 non-electors. As of 27 August, the number will grow to 229 Cardinals, of whom 131 will be electors. Eight of the newly named Cardinals are from Europe, six from Asia, two from Africa, one from North America, and four from Central and Latin America.

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 23 June. Please see John Owens or have a word with the office.



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.



#Liverpool4Ukraine
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support