



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 26th June 2022



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I put aside this week that distracts me from living out my faith? What can I do to express my commitment to the Lord?

### SS. PETER & PAUL

On Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Apostles Saints Peter & Paul, a Holyday of Obligation which means that we are obliged to attend Mass. Two Masses will be celebrated, Tuesday 6pm and Wednesday at 12noon.

### COVID GUIDANCE

The use of face coverings in church is optional.

## WELCOME

Next Friday we welcome at least two Seminarians from the Holy Land who will be staying with us for a few weeks.



Rev Deacon Michael Althib is 28 years old. Recently ordained a Deacon and will hopefully be ordained a priest in 2023. Michael is from California but his parents are Arab.

Abdallah Dababneh is 26 years old and comes from Madaba in Jordan

It is hoped that two other students will receive their visas and join Abdallah & Michael.



Please welcome them and make them feel at home.

## WELCOME MASS

To welcome our two Seminarians to Liverpool, Bishop Tom Williams will be joining us for Mass next Sunday along with Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Please make every effort in coming along and meeting our guests.

This Welcome Mass should be a community Mass and so there will be NO Saturday 4.30pm Mass next Saturday.



## WALSINGHAM 2022

We have just 1 single standard room (no en suite) left for our pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cost is £302. 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!

## DAY FOR LIFE

Last Sunday was the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death.

This year's theme was **'Caring for the Older Person'**. Day for Life offers the opportunity to uphold the dignity of human life in all its forms from conception to natural death.

The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. We hold all in prayer.

A retiring collection will be taken this weekend for this special cause. Please give generously.

## 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/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/at-the-foot-of-the-cross/)



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Oliver Plunkett (1626-1681)

Oliver Plunkett was archbishop of Armagh and primate of All Ireland from 1668, at a time when the country was in a state of civil and religious disorder after the interventions of Oliver Cromwell. He persevered for ten years in his effort to ameliorate this state of affairs, until the discovery of a non-existent “Popish Plot” against the English government (invented and revealed by Titus Oates, who implicated many before he was executed for his part in it) gave the authorities an excuse to act against many prominent Catholics. Plunkett was arrested in Ireland but taken to London for trial; one of his companions was saved by being appointed as Bavarian Ambassador to London and therefore acquiring diplomatic immunity, but for Plunkett there was no such escape, and he was hanged at Tyburn, cheating his executioners by dying before he could be ceremonially disembowelled.

His remains are preserved at Downside Abbey, together with such other relics as the notes for his defence at his trial; on the occasion of his canonization in 1975 his casket was opened and some parts of his body given to the cathedral at Drogheda in Ireland.



### THANK YOU!

We received a lovely message from Fr John Boles who visited our parish recently to make his appeal for the Columban Missions. He wished to extend his thanks to you all for your kind welcome

### WEEKDAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated Next Saturday at 10am. All are welcome.



**WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY**

**Oliver Christopher Balmer**

Baptised Sunday 26th June 2022



## Masses & Services for the coming week

| DATE   | MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES   |
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| <b>Saturday 25th June</b>  | 4.30pm<br>Frances McDonough  |
| <b>Sunday 26th June</b><br><i>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am<br>People of the Parish<br>11.45am Baptism Oliver Balmer               |
| <b>Monday 27th June</b>  | 10.00am<br>Special intention   |
| <b>Tuesday 28th June</b>   | 10.00am<br>John Bragg<br>6.00pm<br>Beryl McMullen                              |
| <b>Wednesday 29th June</b><br><i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</i>             | 12.00pm<br>Lily Preston  |
| <b>Thursday 30th June</b>  | 10.00am<br>Eileen Hart   |
| <b>Friday 1st July</b>   | 10.00am<br>Milly Perry<br><br>12.45pm -<br>Funeral service Winifred McGarrigle |
| <b>Saturday 2nd July</b>   | 10.00am<br>Tom Willis<br>12.00pm Baptism - Emilia White                        |
| <b>Sunday 3rd July</b><br><i>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>  | 10.30am<br>Parish<br>12.30pm Baptism - Lilly Bates                             |

## ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCIES

There are currently a number of vacancies, for more info please visit:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)



Positions include: Finance Administrator, University Chaplain, Assistant Retreat Coordinator, Governance Officer & Lay Chaplain.

## National Board of Catholic Women

Invitation to join a women's discussion group in the North and South Sefton deaneries. All women are very welcome to join us for our first get together on Wednesday 13 July at 7.30pm in the Gild Hall, 74-76 Church Road, Formby, L37 3NG.

Discussions will be centred around women within the church, the obstacles they face and how we can move forward in the future to enable us to have an active role within the church. All ideas can then be fed back to the bishops of England and Wales via our archdiocesan representative for the National board of Catholic women.

If you are interested but cannot attend, would like more details or have any views or comments contact Pat Murphy [mpmmurphy@aol.com](mailto:mpmmurphy@aol.com) or Clare McCarthy [claremccarthy488@gmail.com](mailto:claremccarthy488@gmail.com)

## PASTORAL PLAN - ONE YEAR ON

Updates on the Synod Pastoral Plan by Fr Philip Inch is on YouTube and there is a full report along with an explanation of the pastoral plan for families with one for children also available to read and download. Do take a look to see what has been happening.

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2524](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2524)

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend—Day For Life

29 June Peter's Pence

17 July - Provision for Priests in Retirement



## 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](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/item/1003716-national-school-assembly)

## LLYSFASI SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

[www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk](http://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

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## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

God told Elijah to anoint Elisha as his successor, so when he saw Elisha he threw his cloak over him. The Hebrew word translated here as “cloak” is often translated as ‘mantle.’ Therefore, Elisha literally assumed the mantle of prophet. The mantle became a visible sign of his authority as he went on to speak in the LORD’s name. We received a mantle ourselves in baptism: the mantle of the Holy Spirit, who cloaks us with God’s protection and guidance as we live out our faith in the world.

In the Gospel, James and John reference the time when Elijah called down fire from heaven to consume two regiments of King Ahaziah’s. You see, the unfaithful Ahaziah ruled Israel from Samaria, so this event naturally came to mind when, centuries hence, the Samaritan village turned them away. Not only did Jesus call for mercy today, later on his way to Jerusalem, he tells the parable of the good Samaritan. The kingdom of God is open to all, from those who are willing to follow the Lord at once to those who initially refuse to welcome him.

It’s easy to be sidetracked. We know we should be weeding the garden or planning that presentation, but we get distracted by conversations online or the game on TV. Before you know it, we’ve wasted an hour or two. Our commitment to following the Lord can get similarly sidetracked. Perhaps we need a reminder like the one Paul gave the Galatians—love your neighbour—in order to focus on our collective goal, God’s kingdom. When we volunteer to help those in need or take the time to speak out against injustice, we strengthen our commitment as Christ’s disciples.

## LGBTQ+ Mass

The LGBTQ+ Catholics Liverpool Archdiocese Prayer and Support Group regularly meets to celebrate Mass and to offer support to each other. All LGBTQ+ Catholics, their family and friends as well as all parishioners across the archdiocese are invited to the next Mass at All Saints, Anfield on Sunday 3 July at 2pm. The Mass will be followed by a social gathering.



## 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

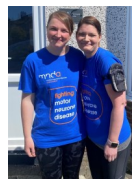
**SARA?**

A big ‘Well done’!! to Sara Coxon who has completed her 21 mile run to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease . A cause which is currently very close to our hearts! Can you sponsor Sara and her friend? You can donate online:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lyndsey-Graham1>  
or see Sara at Mass



on a Sunday.  
Thank you!



### **Cathedral Friends Meal**

All are welcome to join the Cathedral Friends on 21st September as they host a meal in the Art House, Liverpool. Chef Paul Askew and his team will be providing a three- course meal with a glass of prosecco on arrival and an amuse bouche for £45.00 per person. If you would like to book a ticket please email [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

### **Parish Finance**

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

### **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.



**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

**Winifred McGarrigle**

Funeral Service

Friday 1st July 12.45pm



### **CHORAL COURSE**

22-24 July. This summer, the Metropolitan Cathedral will be hosting a choral course for 15-21 year olds. Directed by Ralph Allwood MBE and run by the Rodolfus Foundation, the course will include a private singing lesson, sectional and whole-choir rehearsals, a vocal masterclass, advice about choral singing and sung services at the Cathedral. The course costs £160, but bursaries are available. For more information, visit: [www.therodolfusfoundation.org.uk/choral-course-5-liverpool](http://www.therodolfusfoundation.org.uk/choral-course-5-liverpool).

### **MUSIC IN CHURCH**

A reminder that the Archbishop informed the priests in 2020 that following a request for clarification on the issue of secular/non-religious music in church, it has been agreed by him and the Archbishop's Council that there is now a policy across the Archdiocese of no secular music in Church Services i.e. Funerals, Weddings etc. This follows the Church's general principle of only sacred music within the liturgy.

# 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.*

