



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do I need to sow peace this week? What will I do in order to labour for the harvest?



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Deacon Michael & Abdallah who arrived on Friday and will be with us for three weeks. We pray that their stay will be a relaxing and enjoyable time for them. We hope that they've brought Middle Eastern weather with them. We still have our fingers crossed that the other two Seminarians will join us at some point.



Welcome also to Bishop Tom Williams and the Knights & Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem who join us for Mass to welcome Abdallah & Michael to the Archdiocese and the Lieutenancy of England & Wales. The boys will be meeting Archbishops Malcolm and Patrick this week.



WEEKDAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Mass on Friday will be at 9.00am

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Emilia Isabella White

Baptised Saturday 2nd July 2022

Lilly Hope & Tyler Jon Bates

Baptised Sunday 3rd July 2022



WALSINGHAM 2022

Our pilgrimage to Walsingham is now fully booked. We are leaving church on Monday 11 July at 8.30 a.m. We'll visit the Lincolnshire town of Newark for lunch before arriving in Walsingham for Mass. Our few days away will also include a visit to Sandringham House and a stop in Lincoln on the way home.

To help us prepare for the pilgrimage Fr Mark encourages the pilgrims to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Walsingham which begins today, 3 July. Copies can be found at the back of church for anyone who would like them. We'll pray the Novena together at Mass each morning.

If you would like us to take petitions to Walsingham please hand them into the Parish Office by Sunday 10 July.

FIRST COMMUNION 2023

Registration forms are now available from the Parish Office for children who will enter Year 4 in September. We ask families to collect a form from the office and return by 9th September.

Catechists' Day

Saturday, 9 July at 10am (for a 10.30am start) – 3pm at St Margaret Clitherow Centre (formerly LACE), Sefton Park, L17 1AA. A day of training, conversation, sharing and support on what needs to be covered in communion and reconciliation preparation, how to choose/improve your materials, and where to get them from. In addition, there will be an opportunity to browse through some sacramental preparation books, speak to Pauline Books and Media, Liverpool and attend a workshop or two.

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/



LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL EISTEDDFOD 2022

Twenty seven of us will be making our annual visit to the beautiful Welsh town of Llangollen on Friday for the International Musical Eisteddfod. The coach will leave church at 9.30 am.

The Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is a music festival which takes place every year during the second week of July in Llangollen. It is one of several large annual Eisteddfodau in Wales. Singers and dancers from around the world are invited to take part in over 20 competitions followed each evening by concerts on the main stage. Over five thousand singers, dancers and instrumentalists from around 50 countries perform to audiences of more than 50,000 over the 6 days of the event. Famous performers at Llangollen have included Luciano Pavarotti (who first competed in Llangollen in 1955 with his father and a choir from their home town Modena, and for whom the Eisteddfod's principal trophy – the Choir of the World Pavarotti Trophy – is named), Red Army Ensemble, Julian Lloyd Webber and Ladysmith Black Mambazo. The final Sunday Evening Gala Concert has featured Katherine Jenkins, Bryn Terfel, Kiri Te Kanawa, James Galway, Jose Carreras, Elaine Paige and Montserrat Caballe.

In Welsh culture, an Eisteddfod is a festival with several ranked competitions, including in poetry and music. The term Eisteddfod comes from two Welsh words: eistedd (to sit) fod (to be), so literally an Eisteddfod is “sitting-together”. You will find Eisteddfodau all over Wales but there are three main ones each year: Urdd Gobaith Eisteddfod (children & young people Eisteddfod) which takes place in a different part of Wales every Whit half term, Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and the most important and famous one is the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru (The National Eisteddfod of Wales) which takes place during the first full week of August and this year will be held in Tregaron in mid-Wales. Approximately 500,000 people attend the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol each year.

Llangollen 2022



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 2nd July	10.00am Tom Willis 12.00pm Baptism - Emilia Isabella White
Sunday 3rd July <i>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Parish 12.30pm Baptism - Lilly & Tyler Bates
Monday 4th July	10.00am Sick & Housebound
Tuesday 5th July	10.00am Ruth Richardson
Wednesday 6th July	10.00am Joseph Ferry
Thursday 7th July	10.00am Eileen Doyle
Friday 8th July	9.00am Michelle McMullen
Saturday 9th July	12.00pm Baptism - Jack North 4.30pm Anthony Reaney
Sunday 10th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Parish 11.45am Baptism - Lexie Hislop

ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCIES

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

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 or Clare McCarthy 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

THE CATHOLIC PIC

July's edition of the Catholic Pic is now available from the Piety Shop. The main feature this month has been written by Fr Mark on the status of Jerusalem as the Holy City for Jews, Christians & Muslims and how we as Christians should regard it as our home.

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.



FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Maria Goretti (1890-1902)

Maria Goretti was the third of seven children of a poor peasant family living in province of Ancona, Italy; owing to extreme poverty the family later migrated to a village near Anzio.



In order to make ends meet, Maria's father entered into partnership with a man and shared a house with him and his two sons. One of the sons was called Alessandro Serenelli. Her father died in 1900, when Maria was ten.

Maria impressed everyone with her radiant purity. She was naturally pious, kind, and helpful. She was also outstandingly beautiful – and Alessandro Serenelli was an outstandingly passionate and undisciplined man. She resisted his attentions, which only made her the more desirable, and narrowly managed to escape a serious sexual assault, which he made her keep secret by means of threats of murder. A month later Alessandro arranged things so that he would be alone in the house with Maria; and he had a dagger. She tried to resist, begging him to have care for his immortal soul, but he thrust a handkerchief into her mouth to prevent her from crying out, tied her up, and threatened her with the dagger. She could, the theologians say, have consented then, with no danger to her soul; but her love of purity was too great.

Alessandro, enraged, stabbed her fourteen times.

She survived the attack but was very badly injured. She was taken to hospital, seven miles of bad road in a horse-drawn ambulance, and was operated on for more than two hours. She lived for twenty hours more, became a Child of Mary, received the Last Sacrament, and specifically forgave her murderer. She died in the afternoon of 6 July 1902, at the age of eleven.

Maria was beatified in 1927. Alessandro was released from prison in 1928; and he and Maria's mother received Communion side by side on Christmas Day 1937, and they spent Christmas together. Maria was canonized in 1950. Her mother was present at the ceremony, the first time this has ever happened. Some people say that Alessandro was there too, others not; but it is certain that he spent his last years in a Capuchin monastery: he died in 1970.

St Maria's feast day is celebrated on Wednesday.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

A couple of weeks ago we heard the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Jesus transformed a meagre amount of food to a meal that satisfied thousands. Today we hear him tell the disciples that ‘the harvest is rich’s As God provided abundant milk and overflowing prosperity to Jerusalem in Isaiah, Jesus provided abundant food and now an abundant harvest to the people. So too does God’s grace continue to overflow into our world. Jesus is not only the Bread of Life, satisfying our hunger with his own Body and Blood, he is our redeemer, abundantly sharing forgiveness throughout humankind. Our harvest of spiritual sustenance and redemption is indeed plentiful.

Consider this episode from the Gospel a dress rehearsal. Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples, a number thought to be the total number of nations on earth, to bring peace, cure the sick, and proclaim the kingdom. After his resurrection, Jesus called upon the disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth, making disciples of every nation. The disciples were able to do it then because they had rehearsed it now. Today we are the ones who are called to the mission, to the harvest, to bring peace, comfort, understanding, and forgiveness to people around the world.

As in last week’s Gospel, Jesus specifically tells his disciples not to retaliate. Last Sunday he rebuked James and John when they asked to call down fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritan village that refused to welcome him. Today he tells the disciples to move on if they are rejected. He instructs them to offer peace wherever they go. Unlike money, which he specifically told them not to bring, the peace the disciples did bring could be given again and again, and when it was not received it returned to them. Peace, not discord, is what we should sow so that at harvest time we can return rejoicing.

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.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

17 July Provision for Priests in Retirement

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 JULY

Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility

Lord in your mercy...



THANK YOU!!!

A big ‘Well done’!! to Sara Coxon who has completed her 21 mile run to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease. Thank you to everyone who sponsored her. Sara and her friend have raised just on £1500 for the charity. An amazing achievement!!



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

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

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 is returning this August with a summer festival at Ampleforth College, York. The festival will run from Friday, 26- Monday, 29 August and will include speakers, worship, Mass and plenty of social time. There will be a stream for under 18s and a programme for families. The weekend is ideal for those wanting to explore their faith, improve their relationship with Jesus and make new friends at the same time.

To book tickets visit: youth2000.org/events/summer festival. Sponsored places are available, email events@youth2000.org.uk for more information.

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.

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.



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www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support