



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st July 2022



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do I find my wealth? How do I regard and handle my material wealth?

### THANK YOU

Fr Mark has received the following email from His Beatitude, Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem:

*“Dear Fr Mark,*

*I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the parishioners of Our Lady & The English Martyrs for all you have done to welcome and receive Michael & Abdallah, our two Seminarians, in your parish. Reports during their visit have been very positive and I look forward to seeing them to hear of their adventures. They have clearly felt at home in your home and parish.*

*I fully appreciate all you do to support the Seminarians and I know how much they all look forward in the hope of being chosen to visit. This work which your parishioners also share is a direct and important way in supporting the formation of future priests and all of us in the Latin Patriarchate fully appreciate this.*

*Please pass on my profound thanks to the parish. We do not forget their love for the Holy Land, for their Christian brothers and sisters and our future priests. I will remember you all in my Masses and prayers and I look forward to seeing you very soon.*

*+Pierbattista.*

### **‘At the Foot of the Cross**

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/)



## WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that weekday Mass will be at 10.15am from this week until 9 September. The Newsletter is taking a little break over the next few weeks so this edition will cover two weeks.

### **The Archdiocese has vacancies for a number of jobs:**

Two Cleaners are needed for St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Aigburth. These roles are both permanent, part-time appointments on a salary of £7993.44 per annum, each working 16 hours per week on one of the following work patterns:

Role 1: 8am-12pm worked across Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Role 2: 11.30am-3.30pm worked across Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Closing date for applications is 29 August.

Two Security Officers are required to join the team at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The role is permanent, full time, 35 hours per week (worked flexibly on a rota basis to include evenings and weekends) to meet the needs of the Cathedral.

We are offering a salary of £17,485.65 plus an attractive pension package with 25 days holiday plus bank holidays and a range of other benefits.

Closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Monday 8 August

For more information please visit: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

## 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.

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Archbishop Malcolm along with Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the True Cross, Saturday 10 September, 11.00am. During the Mass the new President of the Northern Section will be installed. Please come and join us for this important feast in the Church



**WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY**

**Alana Barnett**

Baptised Sunday 31st July 2022



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 30th July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Sunday 31st July</b> <i>Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Martin Dash  11.45am Baptism - Alana Barnett
<b>Monday 1st August</b>	10.15am  Joan Johnson
<b>Tuesday 2nd August</b>	10.15am  John Bragg
<b>Wednesday 3rd August</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 4th August</b> <i>St John Vianney</i>	10.15am  Joe Lovelady
<b>Friday 5th August</b>	10.15am  Michelle McMullen
<b>Saturday 6th August</b>	NO MASS 12.00pm Baptism Taylor & Thomas Mulvaney
<b>Sunday 7th August</b> <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am  Michael McDermott

## Masses & Services for the week commencing 6 August

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<b>Saturday 6th August</b>	NO MASS 12.00pm Baptism Taylor & Thomas Mulvaney
<b>Sunday 7th August</b> <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Michael McDermott
<b>Monday 8th August</b> <i>St Dominic</i>	10.15am Brian Martin
<b>Tuesday 9th August</b> <i>St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross</i>	10.15am Agnes Mawson
<b>Wednesday 10th August</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 11th August</b> <i>St Clare</i>	10.15am Alec Barr
<b>Friday 12th August</b>	10.15am Patricia Carroll
<b>Saturday 13th August</b>	NO MASS 12.00pm Baptism - Jack Unwin
<b>Sunday 14th August</b> <i>Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.30am Tom Willis 11.45am Baptism - Sonny Nelson- Fitzsimmons

## Sefton Inland Deanery

### Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
Holy Rosary:	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 10.30am
Our Lady & The English Martyrs	-	Sun 10.30am
Our Lady of Walsingham	Sat 5.00pm	
St Benet	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 10.00am
St George	Sat 6.30pm	Sun 11.30am
St Elizabeth	Sat 5.00pm	
St Mary + St Kentigern	-	Sun 9.00am
St Robert Bellarmine	-	Sun 11.00am
St Catherine (St Gregory's)	Sat 4.30pm	Sun 10.00am
		(Prayer Garden Our Lady's)

These Mass times start this weekend and will be in place until the end of September to allow the Deanery priests to have a Summer holiday.

### FEAST OF THE WEEK

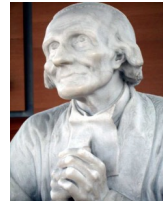
St Jean Baptise Marie Vianney, Cure of Ars (1786-1859)

He was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise.

In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life because his parishioners would not let him leave. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional, so great was the demand. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage.

"The Curé refused to sit for a portrait. When the sculptor Cabuchet surreptitiously tried to capture his features in a ball of wax during the catechism, Vianney sternly bounced him out of the church." (The Curé d'Ars Today, by G.W.Rutler, 1988).

The French State recognised his eminence by awarding him the medal of the Légion d'Honneur in 1848, and he sold it and gave the money to the poor.



## 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. **The timetable for the tour in Liverpool has now been announced and is enclosed. Please also see the leaflet available at the back of Church**

## Community Formation Project

Maggie Doherty from the Art of Dying Well Centre at St Mary's University:



*One of the partnerships which the Centre for the Art of Dying Well has established is with the St Vincent de Paul Society to train their members to become end of life companions for hospital, hospice, care home and parish settings (and there is an associated practitioners conference, evaluation and academic papers which sit alongside the training programme). The SVP is putting on a series of online taster sessions for parishioners who are thinking of getting involved in their local community and as you can see, one of those taster sessions is in end of life companionship.*

### **Do you feel called to reach out to people in need in your community?**

For nearly two centuries the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has been seeking and finding those in need and responding in love. Today, the SVP in England and Wales represents almost 10,000 members across around 1,000 groups. It is rare for one corner of the SVP to encounter a need which has not also been seen and responded to by our members.

### **Join the movement**

This autumn, you can take part in a range of free online taster sessions, including: 'community formation', 'support with fuel poverty', 'end of life companionship', 'offender care', 'care for young families', and 'support for refugees and migrants'.

To discover more: [www.svp.org.uk/discover](http://www.svp.org.uk/discover) or email your interest to [discover@svp.org.uk](mailto:discover@svp.org.uk)

If you are aware of a need, please contact us at [request@svp.org.uk](mailto:request@svp.org.uk)

## 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 AUGUST

#### Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.  
*Lord in your mercy...*



### LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

The meeting for August will be held in Parish Hall on 9th August at 10.00am.  
The presentation is by Ed Conley on ‘Litherland Photographic Legacy - what can we do?’  
All are welcome. Admission of £2 includes refreshments.

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



## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Today's parable about storing large amounts of grain for the future recalls the story of Joseph and the pharaoh in ancient Egypt. Where Joseph is praised for his wisdom to store up grain for the seven lean years to come, today's rich man is criticised for what sounds like the same thing. How come? The fundamental difference is in the purpose of these people's actions. Joseph, interpreting Pharaoh's dream, advised the entire country to store grain during years of plenty so that people all over the country, and indeed the wider region, from the wealthy to the penniless, would not starve during the years of famine. The greedy rich man, however, only stored his harvest so that he himself could live off of it for years, so he could do nothing but 'take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time'. Joseph saved hundreds of thousands of people with the stored grain across the country. The rich fool only wanted to save himself. And he failed.



We try to control our life in every way. We take care of our bodies to ensure our good health. We take care of our possessions to enjoy our success. We take care of our assets so that we can afford a house, or our children's education, or our retirement. We tend to labour under the illusion that we can control our future. Financial success reinforces that illusion. What we hoard can be lost in a heartbeat. What we give away will go on.

In a consumer-oriented society such as ours, the lesson from today's readings is countercultural. We are challenged to reject the idea that money brings happiness or at least makes it easier to achieve. We are encouraged to build wealth instead in what matters to God. As Paul says, 'look for the things that are in heaven'

### Fr Des Seddon

It was announced in Lourdes this week that Fr Des Seddon has been made a Chaplain to His Holiness and is now titled 'Monsignor'.

This is wonderful news and very well deserved. Congratulations Monsignor Des!

## **NUGENT APPEAL**

Nugent Care, educate, protect and inspire children young people, adults and families who are vulnerable and at risk through our schools, care homes, community and social work services.

Nugent is over 140 years old and advocates for people and strives to be the voice for the voiceless.

We are reaching out to you who may be able to support us in donated items for our new service 'The Orchards'– The Orchards is a supported living service in Billinge, Wigan for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or who are suffering with mental health issues.

The scheme will be a supported tenancy, where people will have access to a dedicated team to help support with housing benefits, understanding of tenancy agreements and how to maintain agreements. There will be an onsite communal hub in one of the houses which will be split into different spaces with a variety of facilities for our residents. The purpose of the hub is to provide a safe environment where our beneficiaries can build meaningful friendships, engage in activities and develop their skills.

Giving our beneficiaries the opportunity to engage in different activities will build their confidence, increase their independence and help them to live a fulfilled life.

We are looking for support in sourcing items for the hub. Please check the Nugent Care or parish website for further information and a look at their wish list. Are you able to donate any items? There are some big ticket items on their list but also items such as beanbags, cushions, gardening tools, kitchen items, stationery, face masks and towels.

If you think you may be able to support Nugent then they would be extremely grateful and would be delighted to recognise your contributions across their digital channels.

For more details contact Molly O'Neill, Fundraising Coordinator, email [molly.o'neill@wearenugent.org](mailto:molly.o'neill@wearenugent.org) mobile 07776 515 762.

Website: [www.wearenugent.org](http://www.wearenugent.org)

together we  
are nugent



## **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)

## **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](http://youth2000.org/events/summer) festival. Sponsored places are available, email [events@youth2000.org.uk](mailto:events@youth2000.org.uk) for more information.

## **Liverpool4Ukraine**

As part of our #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal, the archdiocese made their third trip to the Ukraine border to deliver essential aid last Friday. Volunteer drivers from the St Margaret Clitherow Centre took donations specifically requested by Bishop Gregory which included medical items, tools and dried food. Please keep posted to the archdiocesan website and social media channels for updates on their journey and please keep our volunteer drivers in your prayers as they embark on this six day trip.



## **LLYSFASI SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP 12-29 August**

[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

*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 [maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com](mailto:maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com)

# Donations for Ukraine

Your local collection point is:

St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool,  
L17 1AA

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

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