



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th July 2022



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I justify passing by someone in need? What will spur me to stop and help instead?

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Bonaventure (1218-1274)

Bonaventure was born at Bagnoregio in Etruria in about 1218. He became a Franciscan in 1243 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Paris. He became a famous teacher and philosopher, part of the extraordinary intellectual flowering of the 13th century. He was a friend and colleague of St Thomas Aquinas.



At this time the friars were still a new and revolutionary force in the Church, and their radical embracing of poverty and rejection of institutional structures raised suspicion and opposition from many quarters. Bonaventure defended the Franciscan Order and, after he was elected general of the order in 1255, he ruled it with wisdom and prudence. He is regarded as the second founder of the Order.

He declined the archbishopric of York in 1265 but was made cardinal bishop of Albano in 1273, dying a year later in 1274 at the Council of Lyons, at which the Greek and Latin churches were (briefly) reconciled.

Bonaventure wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise.

He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V.

## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

**Jack Anthony North**

Baptised Saturday 9th July 2022

**Lexie Elizabeth Hislop-McCombe**

Baptised Sunday 10th 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. 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.

### WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no Masses celebrated Monday to Thursday this week.

Mass on Friday 15th will be at 1pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace School. All are welcome

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

**Frances McDonagh**

Funeral Mass Monday 18th July 10.45pm



### 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/)



## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 9th July</b>	12.00pm Baptism - Jack North  4.30pm Anthony Reaney
<b>Sunday 10th July</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Parish  11.45am Baptism - Lexie Hislop
<b>Monday 11th July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday 12th July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday 13th July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 14th July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Friday 15th July</b>	1.00pm (OLQP School)  Herbert & Ellen Taylor
<b>Saturday 16th July</b>	12.00pm Baptism - Niamh Gallagher  4.30pm Frances McDonagh
<b>Sunday 17th July</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Parish  11.45am Baptism - Sonny Durkan

## Masses & Services for week commencing 16th July

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<b>Saturday 16th July</b>	12.00pm Baptism - Niamh Gallagher  4.30pm Frances McDonagh
<b>Sunday 17th July</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Parish  11.45am Baptism - Sonny Durkan
<b>Monday 18th July</b>	10.45am  Funeral Mass - Frances McDonagh
<b>Tuesday 19th July</b>	10.00am  Louisa Barbara Farley
<b>Wednesday 20th July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 21st July</b>	10.00am  Tricia Gillbanks
<b>Friday 22nd July</b>	10.00am  Bob Stam
<b>Saturday 23rd July</b>	NO MASS
<b>Sunday 24th July</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish  11.45am Baptism - Isabelle Macdonald

## **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)

## **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.



## ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" JULY DRAW

1st £20	No. 27	T Boughey
2nd £15	No. 171	M Jones
3rd £10	No. 18	C Lewis
4th £10	No. 206	S Harper

Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Contact Myra on 928 1136



Last weekend we welcomed Bishop Tom Williams and the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to our Parish. They joined us to celebrate Mass following the arrival of our seminarians, Michael and Abdallah, from the Holy Land. Thank you Bishop Tom!





## **SUNDAY THOUGHTS**

After Moses enjoined the Chosen People to keep the Lord's commandments, he encouraged them by pointing out that the commandments were easily accessible. They were not hidden in the heavens or beyond the edge of the sea. No, the law to love God and neighbour was written right on their hearts, the words right on their lips. So too for us. The law of love is not beyond our reach, for it was planted in us in baptism. We know what we should do; we rely upon God's grace in following through.

It was perfectly rational for the priest and the Levite to do exactly what they did in the parable of the good Samaritan. They both had important responsibilities in the temple. If they were traveling to Jerusalem, it would have been very important that they maintain their ritual purity. The victim on the side of the road was half-dead. They would be considered unclean if they even came within four cubits of a dead body, so they couldn't even get close enough to determine if he was still breathing or not. No wonder they hurried by on the opposite side. Both could easily rationalise their inaction by telling themselves that serving the Lord in the temple was more important than serving the stranger dying on the road. But rationalisation is just a way that we use to explain or excuse something we do that we know is wrong. We rationalise rather than listen to our conscience.

Though Jesus did not explicitly refer to this parable when he told his disciples about the last judgment, he could have said about those who he welcomed into the kingdom, "I was lying half-dead by the side of the road and you cared for me." The priest and Levite could only see their Lord as present in the temple in Jerusalem; they failed to see him lying bleeding on the side of the road. Only the Samaritan was moved with compassion by what he could not fail to see: a fellow child of God in need of care and mercy. Can we see the Lord in a stranger in need?

## **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...*



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays  
4.00p.m- 4.25pm

### COVID GUIDANCE

The use of face coverings in church is optional.

**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](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.

## **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.*



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[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support)