



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th July 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I failed to be generous with what I have or been inhospitable to those I meet? What would lead me to be generous and hospitable?



FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK!!

This weekend we say goodbye to Michael & Abdallah who return home today after their 3 week stay in Liverpool. They have loved every minute of their time with us and wish to thank everyone for their welcome, support and love. This week Michael joined the teachers to play his saxophone in the school leavers Mass. It sounded amazing! Please keep them both in your prayers as they enter their final year of preparation for Priesthood.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Isabelle Macdonald

Baptised Sunday 24th July 2022



WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no Masses celebrated on Thursday or Friday this week.

Schools Break for Summer

As usual, the academic year has been an extremely busy year for all our schools and therefore it is no surprise that pupils and school staff have now started their well-deserved break.

We wish all pupils and staff a safe and happy summer holiday. After months of hard work, now is the time to rest and enjoy the holidays enabling all those who are returning to school in September to do so well rested, refreshed and ready to do it all over again!



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.

WELCOME

To Fr Sixtus Adejo CSSp who will celebrate Mass with us this weekend and to Fr Stephen Giles who will look after us for the next few weeks while Fr Mark is on holiday. For the next two weeks Fr Mark is celebrating Mass in Deanery parishes before he goes to Bethlehem for the wedding of a close friend and then on holiday with friends for a well earned rest.

'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/



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 23rd July	NO MASS
Sunday 24th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Parish 11.45am Baptism - Isabelle Macdonald
Monday 25th July <i>St James</i>	10.00am Walsingham thanksgiving 1.30pm Funeral service - Alexander Murphy
Tuesday 26th July <i>Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	10.00am Helen Jack
Wednesday 27th July	NO MASS
Thursday 28th July	NO MASS
Friday 29th July <i>Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>	NO MASS
Saturday 30th July	NO MASS
Sunday 31st July <i>Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Martin Dash 11.45am Baptism - Alana Barnett

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Blessed Titus Brandsma (1881-1942)



He was born in Bolsward in the Netherlands. He was baptized Anno Sjoerd Brandsma. He joined the Carmelites at Boxmeer in 1898 at the age of seventeen, and took the religious name Titus. He was ordained a priest in 1905. Following his ordination, he went to Rome and studied for a doctorate in philosophy at the Gregorian Pontifical University, which he was awarded in 1909. Returning to Holland, Titus pursued the career of a teacher and writer. He taught at a numbers of schools before taking on the position of Professor of Philosophy and the History of Mysticism at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, where he was later appointed Rector Magnificus in 1932. At the same time he was active in journalism. He was vehemently opposed to Nazi ideology and spoke out against it many times before the Second World War.

Underlying his career as a teacher and writer was his deeply personal search for the God of Jesus who was the centre of his life. He lived out this mission in a practical ways giving to all who needed his help. It was from this deep relationship and conviction that he would argue against the National Socialist ideology, as Holland came under Nazi occupation. As adviser to the Bishops on the Catholic Press, Titus defended the right to freedom of education and of the Catholic Press. Titus believed such freedoms were implicit to the message of the Gospel.

He was arrested in January 1942, when he tried to persuade Dutch Catholic newspapers not to print Nazi propaganda (as was required by the law of the Nazi German occupiers). He had also drawn up the Pastoral Letter, read in all Catholic parishes, by which the Dutch Roman Catholic bishops officially condemned the German anti-Semitic measures and the deportation of the first Jews. After this Pastoral Letter, the first few thousand Jews to be deported from the Netherlands were all Jewish converts to Roman Catholicism, including St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

Amidst the suffering of Titus's imprisonment, prisoners and jailers spoke of his ability to bring an awareness of peace amidst the horror of the prison camps. Eventually he was transferred to Dachau where he was killed by lethal injection on the 26th July 1942. The witness of his life is an example of prophetic action arising from a commitment to the Gospel and revealing the merciful presence of God, even in the most horrific of times.

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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - have a look at the website for the new gallery of photos from Walsingham!



Divine Mercy Tour Bus

On Saturday, 30 July, the Knights of St Columba will be supporting the Divine Mercy bus tour which will be at St Helens Church, Crosby from 10am. All are welcome to attend the day which concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at 3pm.



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.



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...



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

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

Though all-knowing, once again the Lord must 'go down and see' before pronouncing judgment. As in the garden of Eden or at Babel, God comes to the scene to determine the sinfulness of the people. Then we learn how willing God is to exercise mercy. By the time this was written, Sodom and Gomorrah were well known as cities that were suddenly and completely destroyed in a natural event precipitated by God's wrath. Tradition varied as to the nature of the sinfulness that incurred God's punishment, but this account does not concentrate on the sin . . . or on the destruction. Its focus is God's mercy. God's mercy is so generous that if even a handful of innocent people lived there, entire cities of thousands would have been spared.

Last Sunday we heard readings that extolled the value of hospitality. Abraham ran out of his tent to insist that three traveling strangers stop to rest and eat. Martha and Mary welcomed Jesus into their home and their lives. Hospitality was rewarded in both cases. On the other hand, the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah were known for their arrogance and hostility toward strangers and travellers. Centuries later, Ezekiel wrote that their crime had been 'pride, gluttony, arrogance, complacency. They never helped the poor and needy.' Sodom and Gomorrah were large cities, and even today large cities often develop a reputation for inhospitality. Abraham argued in hopes that at least a few people could be found who were generous to outsiders.

Abraham's conversation with God doesn't exactly sound like a prayer, but it is in fact a prayer of petition, a persistent plea for God's mercy. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, also encouraging them to make a prayer of petition, pleading for food each day and for mercy for their sins. Let us in turn be generous with our belongings and with our forgiveness.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Alexander Murphy

Funeral service Monday 25th July 1.30pm



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.

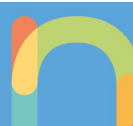
We are looking for support in sourcing items for the hub. Please check the Nugent Care or parish website for further information and a look at their wish list. Are you able to donate any items? There are some big ticket items on their list but also items such as beanbags, cushions, gardening tools, kitchen 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 mobile 07776 515 762.

Website: 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

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.

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

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

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.



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