



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 18th September 2022



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be a prudent steward of the wealth God has blessed me with? Where do I regard my “genuine riches” (Luke 16:11)?

### BANK HOLIDAY

Mass on Monday will be celebrated at **9.00 a.m.** with the Mass Intention for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. This will give people chance to attend Mass and return home to watch the Funeral which begins at 11:00.

### LGBTQ+ Mass:

**Sunday, 25 September**

Mass will be at 2.00pm at All Saints, Anfield with Archbishop Malcolm followed by a social gathering.

### SEPTEMBER CATHOLIC PIC

available in Piety Stall

### THANK YOU

Fr Mark is always very grateful to Fr Stephen for his assistance and support. He is with us again this weekend to allow Fr Mark to celebrate Mass in other parts of the Deanery while priests are still on holiday and one of our local priests has COVID.

## Sefton Inland Deanery

### Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

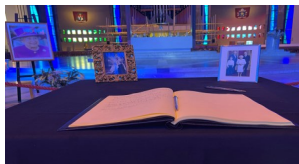
	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
Holy Rosary:	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 10.30am
Our Lady & The English Martyrs	-	Sun 10.30am
Our Lady of Walsingham	Sat 5.00pm	
St Benet	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 10.00am
St George	Sat 6.30pm	Sun 11.30am
St Elizabeth	Sat 5.00pm	
St Mary + St Kentigern	-	Sun 9.00am
St Robert Bellarmine	-	Sun 11.00am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

**The Deanery schedule for Summer Masses finishes on Friday 23rd September when Masses will resume as normal. Our first Saturday Mass will be on 24th September.**



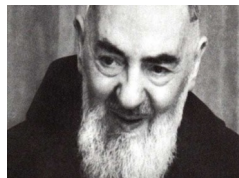
## Queen Elizabeth II Requiescat in Pace

A book of Condolence for HM Queen Elizabeth has been opened at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Visitors can access this daily between 7.30am – 6pm.



### FEAST OF THE WEEK St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)

He was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his Funeral Mass. His Feast Day will be celebrated on Friday.



### 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)



Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 3rd October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.co](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.co)

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 17th September</b>	NO MASS
<b>Sunday 18th September</b> <i>25th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Bob Lambert & Nicola
<b>Monday 19th September</b>	9.00am Memorial Queen Elizabeth II
<b>Tuesday 20th September</b>	10.00am Doreen Lambert
<b>Wednesday 21st September</b> <i>Feast of St Matthew</i>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 22nd September</b>	10.00am Joseph Ferry
<b>Friday 23rd September</b> <i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	10.00am Stephen McQuade
<b>Saturday 24th September</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	12.00pm Baptism Millie Eames 4.30pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25th September</b> <i>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am John & Magdalen Rimmer 11.45am Baptism Addison Mercer

## Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

**18 September 2022**

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, tells us more about the day ([www.youtu.be/ZORlvqhw3S0](http://www.youtu.be/ZORlvqhw3S0)) and how you can support this important work.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in Catholic parishes throughout England and Wales this weekend. A retiring collection will take place to help in this work.

*O God, whose will it is that all should be saved  
and come to the knowledge of the truth,  
look upon your abundant harvest  
and be pleased to send workers to gather it,  
that the Gospel may be preached to all creation  
and that your people, gathered by the word of life  
and sustained by the power of the Sacraments,  
may advance in the path of salvation and love.  
Amen.*

### **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

## **SUNDAY THOUGHTS**

Amos rains strong and specific condemnations down on those who cheat the poor and needy in today's first reading. Unscrupulous merchants resented the laws that prevented making money on the sabbath or the day of the new moon, cheated customers by measuring amounts to their advantage (an ephah is approximately a bushel and a shekel was used to measure weight), and put the poor and lowly into debt over basic necessities. In his day or ours, look at who controls the machinery of commerce. Greedy, dishonest businesspersons can manipulate the instruments of wealth to their advantage, while the poor and desperate lack the power to demand fair treatment.

We live in a society that considers the accumulation of material wealth to be a worthy goal. Even if we're not greedy, we want to be able to provide for our families and for ourselves and free ourselves from the worry of being unable to pay the bills. In trying to serve both God and mammon, are we becoming more concerned about earning more money and improving our standard of living than in building up our spiritual wealth and growing closer to God? This is Jesus' question to us. Will we recognise where our true wealth lies, the wealth that God gives freely to all, and reorganise our priorities in this light?

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is a curious one, whose lessons are not as obvious as, say, the parables of the good Samaritan or the prodigal son. Perhaps one lesson is that material wealth can be used in a prudent way to provide for those in need. The dishonest, self-centered steward used his position prudently to ensure he could maintain his comfortable lifestyle after losing his job. As unselfish stewards of all God's gifts, we can take what we have and prudently use it to serve others. Then, when our material wealth fails, as all material goods eventually will, we can hope to be "welcomed into the tents of eternity" (Luke 16:9).

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

Registration forms are now available from the Parish Office for children in Year 4. We ask families to collect a form from the office and return asap.

## **NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:**

NBCW webinar, Releasing the Gifts with Sarah De Nordwall, A Bard with a Bardschool, 1 October, 2 - 3.30pm. Sometimes it can take an artistic experience to open us up to Grace. Reveal fresh insights and wisdom in this fantastic, interactive webinar for women.

For further details or to book contact Pat Murphy our National Board of Catholic Women diocesan link on [mpmmurphy@aol.com](mailto:mpmmurphy@aol.com)

### **'LAUDATO SI'**

In May 2015 Pope Francis published 'Laudato si' (Praise Be to You) his second al. It has the subtitle "on care for our common home". In it, the Pope calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action" to protect our earth. The next practical phase of this initiative has now been released as the 'Laudato Si Action Platform'. Have a look at our website for the Pope's invitation to join him on this journey.



### **World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Sunday, 25 September 2022**

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

The Vatican has a dedicated section for Migrants and Refugees [www.migrants-refugees.va/](http://www.migrants-refugees.va/) . It is directed personally by Pope Francis and aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind.

### **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

#### **Abolition of the Death Penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country .

*Lord in your mercy...*



## **THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE**

The relics arrived in the Archdiocese of Liverpool on Thursday 15 September and will be at the Metropolitan Cathedral from Saturday 17 September - Tuesday 20 September. The timetable is as follows:

### **Sunday 18th September 2022**

3.00pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. Only those who have registered.

7.00pm Mass

9.00pm Cathedral closes

### **Monday 19th September 2022**

7.00am Cathedral opens

7.30am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass

7.00pm Closing Mass in the Cathedral followed by Rosary and Night Prayer

10.00pm Cathedral closes

Private prayer throughout the day.

Reflections at 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

### **Tuesday 20th September 2022**

6.30am Cathedral opens

7.00am Service of Departure from the Cathedral

Please note that registration times to visit St Bernadette's Relics are a guide only. While every effort will be made to minimise waiting times, visitors may have to queue and are encouraged to include this possibility when planning their visit.

Please also note that when Mass is taking place in the Cathedral pilgrims will not be able to venerate the relics of St Bernadette.

Mass with anointing of the sick, Sunday 18th September at 3pm: The Sacrament of anointing of the sick is administered to individuals who are seriously ill and we want to ensure that everyone who would like to be anointed is known to clergy so nobody will miss out. Registration to be anointed has now closed.





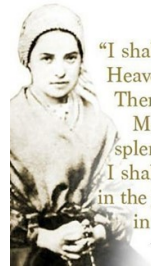


St Bernadette was born in 1844 in a small town in France. Bernadette Soubirous was one of eight children born into a very poor family. Although initially unremarkable, Bernadette's life was to inspire generations of people to journey in faith on pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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 a 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



"I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home. There I shall find my Mother in all the splendor of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus Himself in perfect safety."  
- St. Bernadette Soubirous

### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

It is no longer a requirement for clergy and Ministers of the Eucharist to wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion. Sanitising hands before and after Communion is still a necessity and you will find hand gel on the credence table.

**Catholiclisteners**, is a new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service, which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or call us on 0800 448 0704



*Catholiclisteners are here to listen.*

### **Season of Creation September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we



The Burning Bush

*Listen to the  
Voice of Creation*  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation.

For more information see

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

## IRENÆUS CENTRE

The Irenaeus Centre opens for drop in and a chat from 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm  
Monday – Thursday Great Georges Rd.  
Waterloo, L22 1RD



**‘Songs We Remember’ – a sing a long with all those old songs we used to sing**, followed by a cuppa and a chat on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Macmillan Coffee morning:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Irenaeus

**Scripture Evenings (On Zoom) Do not be afraid**, a fresh look at the book of Revelations 7pm – 8:30pm  
28<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Agape Mass First Thursday of every month** 7pm at the Irenaeus Centre

**Come and see days** 8<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Film Night: Belfast** – a chance to discuss the challenges of the film Belfast.  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Hot pot supper available at 6pm

For further information and to book a place contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or

Telephone 0151 949 1199

## 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:

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