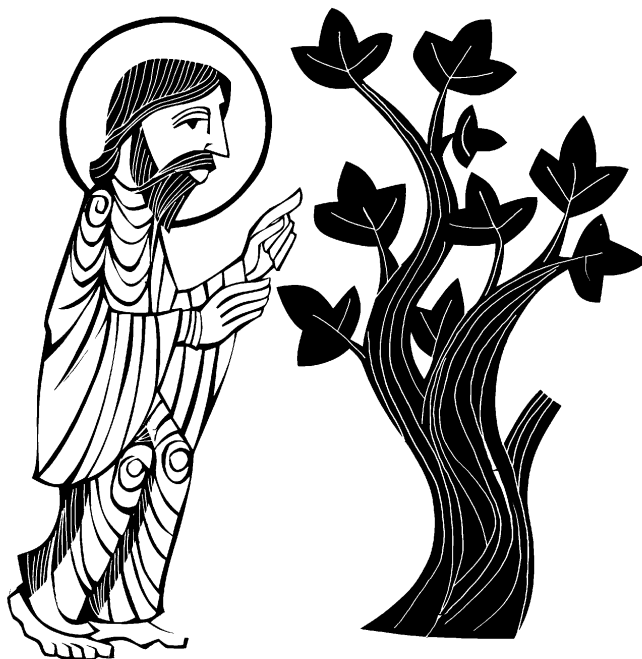




Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 2nd October 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What injustice, conflict, or problem does faith give me the power to address? How can I put my faith into action?

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST - WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL



Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donation **next weekend** can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday

By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry. Have a look at the video on our website for more information

MINISTRY OF READER

This is a crucial ministry in the life of our parish and we need more willing volunteers to read at Mass. Please see Fr Mark or hand your name into the Parish Office.

A meeting for Parish Readers will take place on **Thursday 10 November, 7.00pm** in Church. Please make every effort to come along. A similar meeting for Ministers of the Eucharist will also take place in the near future.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

Applications for the next group to prepare for their 1st Reconciliation and their 1st Holy Communion in Eastertide next year are welcome from parents with children in Year 4 or over. Contact the Parish office for more information.

The first preparation session will take place in a couple of week's time.



FEAST OF THE WEEK

St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

Helena Kowalska was born on 25 August 1905 in Głogowiec, near Łódź in Poland, the third of ten children of a poor and religious family. From an early age she had a religious vocation, and she showed great determination in pursuing it despite the opposition of her parents and rejection by the first few convents to which she applied. Through persistence and hard work she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which she entered on 1 August 1925, taking the name Sister Mary Faustina. She lived in the Congregation for the rest of her short life. Her work as cook, gardener and porter revealed nothing of her rich mystical interior life.



The mystery of the Mercy of God which forms the centre of St Faustina's spirituality was revealed to her by Jesus in visions and conversations from early 1931. In choosing an obscure and uneducated young girl as the apostle of devotion to the Divine Mercy, he followed the pattern so often used by God: that his strength is manifested in weakness, and the weak and humble have the power to change the world.



With the help of the nuns' confessor, Father Michael Sopoćko (who prudently started by having Sister Faustina psychiatrically examined to confirm the veracity of the visions), the devotion to the Divine Mercy began. An image of the Divine mercy was painted at Sister Faustina's instruction (since she could not paint herself); she wrote instructions for a Novena of the Divine Mercy, which was published in the final year of her life. Sister Faustina died (probably of tuberculosis) on 5 October 1938.

Faustina Kowalska was beatified on 18 April 1993 and canonized on 30 April 2000. At the same time the second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 1st October <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00pm Baptism - Esme Cheshire</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm Stephen McQuade</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 2nd October <i>27th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am People of The Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.45am Baptism - Lottie May Elder</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 3rd October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Fr Michael Williams</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Jacqueline Summers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 5th October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 6th October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am James Brown</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 7th October <i>Our Lady of The Rosary</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am John Fairclough</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 8th October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00pm Baptism - James Penny</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.30pm People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 9th October <i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am Michelle McMullen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.45am Baptism - Hallie Hope Cushion</p>

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Esme Cheshire

Baptised Saturday 1st October 2022

Lottie May Elder

Baptised Sunday 2nd October 2022



PAUSE FOR HOPE

All are welcome to join the annual ecumenical Pause for Hope service for all those affected in any way by cancer. The service is at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 2 October. This service aims to bring hope and consolation to all and will include prayers, hymns, music and reflections. All are welcome.



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

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

Ah, the mustard seed. This is not the first time Jesus compares something to a mustard seed. Earlier on the road to Jerusalem he compared the kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed, able to produce a huge bush that can provide a home for a flock of birds. Now he compares it to faith, saying that faith as small and undeveloped as the seed itself can be powerful enough to do great things. Like mustard seeds, God's gifts may appear small and insignificant, but with God's grace they can blossom and grow and flower into something great and powerful.

The mulberry tree is notoriously difficult to uproot, as it has an extensive root system. Yet Jesus tells his disciples that faith the size of a tiny mustard seed can do it. Indeed, faith has an extensive root system as well. Our faith is planted in us in baptism. It takes root deep within us, is fertilised and nurtured by others - probably our parents, perhaps other family members, teachers, mentors, peers- and grows and grows for many years. We may feel that our faith is weak, threatened by doubt, but in fact it is rooted more deeply than any tree.

What does our faith lead us to do? It is no coincidence that when Jesus is asked about faith, he speaks not of its size but of its power. With faith of any size we have the power to do great things. Not only do we have that power, we have the responsibility to use that power to do great things. Faith demands action. We see the problems and injustices and conflicts of the world through the lens of faith and are called to uproot them. Others may say it is too difficult, too hopeless, or that it requires someone much more powerful. But we have the power of faith. We can each be the one that uses that power to bring hope, bring justice, bring peace.

BOOK LAUNCH

History of St Patrick's Church On Sunday, 2 October, Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Church, Toxteth at 4pm to remember over 7,000 people who have been buried at the Church since 1827. Following the Mass, historian Michael O'Neill will launch his new book which focusses on the history of the church. All welcome.

DONATIONS PLEASE?

We are hoping to organise some fundraising events shortly but our cupboards are short of prizes!! If you can donate any unwanted gifts or (even better!) bottles for prizes all would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

This annual feast will be celebrated next Friday. The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7 October.



The rosary is prayed after the 10.00am Mass every Monday & Friday. Come along next Friday or pray the rosary in your homes for peace in the world.

SECURITY OFFICER ROLE

The Metropolitan Cathedral has an exciting new opportunity to join their security team. The successful candidate will play a key role in providing an effective security presence within the Cathedral building, the Crypt and the Cathedral grounds. For more information visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality. .

Lord in your mercy...



SOME PARISH NEWSLETTER BLOOPERS..... not from ours!



1. Father Colin Belch, a missionary from Brazil, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Father Belch all the way from Brazil.
2. Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.
3. Don't let worry kill you off - Let the Church help!
4. Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
5. The Priest is on holiday next week. Any massages can be given to the Church administrator.
6. Hot Pot Supper on Friday - Followed by prayer and medication.
7. This being Easter Sunday, we will all ask Mrs Cartwright to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
8. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday night - Music will follow.
9. Announcement! The cost for the Prayer and Fasting Conference includes a 3 course meal.
10. Ladies - don't forget next week's jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands

CATHOLIC PIC

The October edition is now available from the Piety Shop. The main feature this month is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.



PRISONERS' SUNDAY

The National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their families is Sunday, 9 October. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts to the needs of prisoners and their families, all who work in and are affected by the criminal justice system. If you are able to make a donation please place it in an envelope which can be popped into the offertory bags next weekend.



BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL I

On Sept 4th Pope Francis presided over the beatification Mass of Pope John Paul I, recalling how his smile communicated the goodness of the Lord. He encouraged everyone to learn from the Lord on how to love without limits and be a Church with a happy, serene and smiling face, that never closes doors.



ANIMATE RETREAT COORDINATOR



- Are you passionate about Christian ministry with young people?
- Are you seeking an opportunity to support young people in developing their faith?
- Can you provide leadership to young people and Gap Year team members?

Closing date: 10th October 2022

For more information on the above www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs or ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

LOURDES 2023

2023 will see the 100th anniversary of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The archdiocese hopes to take one of the largest groups of pilgrims they have ever taken and it would be great to have a large youth pilgrimage contingent as well. Young people should apply through www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk The deposit will be £40.

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 or call us on 0800 448 0704



Catholiclisteners are here to listen.

Season of Creation September 1st to October 4th

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 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

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

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

Film Night: Belfast – a chance to discuss the challenges of the film Belfast.
11th October 2022.
Hot pot supper available at 6pm

Calling all knitters!! Come along and have a Natter

Come and see days 8th October, 5th November, 3rd December

Everyone is welcome to come along to the ‘Come & See Day’ at which Fr Eamonn Mulcahy is the main speaker. This is being held in the Irenaeus centre, on Saturday 8th October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. People are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be served.

Who is Fr Eamonn? He is a Spiritan missionary from Manchester. A priest since 1980, he was on mission in Congo-Brazzaville, Nigeria and Kenya for many years. He returned to Manchester in the early 2000’s and is a worldwide well known speaker. Eamonn will be speaking on ‘Called to be Church.’

For further information and to book a place contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or

Telephone 0151 949 1199

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

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support