



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th September 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who is the “Lazarus” at my gate? What can I do for them this week?

SUMMER MASSES

The Summer Mass schedule has now finished and all the parishes in the Deanery have gone back to normal and we thank you for your co-operation. Fr Mark continues to supply in St George’s Maghull while Fr Chris Fallon is on sabbatical.

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

We have a few funerals this week. Please keep the following in your prayers

Paul Mott

Funeral Mass Tuesday 27th September 10.15am

Winifred Elizabeth Bruce

Funeral Service Tuesday 27th September 1.30pm

Margaret Maureen Ney

Funeral Service Friday 30th September 2.00pm



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND
RISE IN GLORY**



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.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Last week Cardinal Vincent Nichols attended an audience with King Charles along with Faith Leaders across the UK.



He said: *“In my personal conversation with the King, I assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother.”*

He expressed his gratitude for this. And then turning back to me, he asked me to ensure that the Catholics of England and Wales knew of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers.

I ask that this message from His Majesty be passed to the people of our parishes.”

You will find special prayer cards for Her late Majesty and for King Charles at the back of church, please take one.

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.

*Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees and with all
who dwell on the peripheries.*

*Let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters.
Amen*

The Vatican has a dedicated section for Migrants and Refugees 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.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 24th September	12.00pm Baptism - Millie Eames 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 25th September <i>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am John & Magdalen Rimmer 11.45am Baptism - Addison Mercer
Monday 26th September	10.00am Ameila Wales
Tuesday 27th September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	10.15am Funeral Mass - Paul Mott 1.30pm Funeral Service - Winifred Bruce
Wednesday 28th September	NO MASS
Thursday 29th September <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	10.00am Tom Smartt
Friday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00am Peter Hoare 2.00pm Funeral service - Maureen Ney
Saturday 1st October <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	12.00pm Baptism - Esme Cheshire 4.30pm Stephen McQuade
Sunday 2nd October <i>27th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The Parish 11.45am Baptism - Lottie May Elder

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Millie Eames

Baptised Saturday 24th September 2022



Addison James Thomas Mercer

Baptised Sunday 25th September 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

We are hearing from Amos on back-to-back Sundays, which is most unusual, as he is considered a “minor prophet.” One of the earliest prophets, he preached in the Northern Kingdom of Israel as the prosperity of an earlier age led his people to stray from the covenant. The moral failure of the people can be seen in the way the well-off ignore the outcasts, the oppressed, and the powerless. Amos repeatedly warns the people that if they continue to ignore the economic and social injustices of their nation, divine judgment will rain down upon them: “Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion!”. Complacency is a temptation for us today as well. Many of us are rather well insulated from poverty, violence, famine, and curable disease. But such is not the case in developing countries, in inner cities, or even in pockets of our own hometowns. Are these not our brothers and sisters? Do we choose not to see them?

The rich man in the Gospel chose not to see Lazarus. But he knew he was there. He even knew his name. But during his life, he chose to remind blind to his needs, not even dumping the scraps from his table outside his gate for him to eat. Perhaps this would be an acknowledgment that he could do something to ease his suffering. To inoculate himself from guilt he chose to ignore him, to pretend there was nothing he could do. Even now, do we assume there is nothing we can do to help the masses of Lazaruses at our gates?

At the end of Jesus’ parable, Abraham dismisses the rich man’s pleas to send the deceased Lazarus to warn his brothers, saying that “they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead”. As Luke knew when he wrote his Gospel, now someone had risen from the dead. Nearly two thousand years later, does Jesus’ resurrection persuade us to end our complacency and give compassion and mercy to those in need?

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

‘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.



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 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...



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!

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St. Lioba (710-782)

Born of a noble Wessex family, she became a nun in the Benedictine double monastery at Wimborne (Wimborne Minster, Dorset, England). Because of her holiness and learning St Boniface asked for her assistance in the evangelisation of Germany, along with Saints Thecla and Walburga. He established a convent at Tauberbischofsheim in Franconia (in the modern German state of Baden-Württemberg) and Lioba was its abbess. She had responsibility over all the convents of the region and played a leading part in its evangelisation.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Br Pradeep Lakra OFM Cap who will be ordained a Deacon today, Sunday, in India before he returns to his community in Oxford. Pradeep has been to stay with us a few times and more recently in July when he took part in the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham. We are delighted that he takes this final step before ordination to Priesthood.

Please keep him in your prayers and his next visit will be Christmas.



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.

PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Prisoners Sunday (2nd Sunday in October) and Prisons Week (2nd Week in October)



Prisoner's week was a Catholic initiative begun in 1975 by Bishop Victor Guazelli which has since ecumenical support and observance. It reflects the work of the Prison Advice and Care Trust which builds on its origins as the Bourne Trust — the Catholic Prisoner's Aid Society. The Sunday and the following week seek to focus attention not only on the needs of prisoners but on all those involved the field of prison care, prisoners families, victims of crime, prison staff and many volunteers. For more information and how you can join the special week of prayer - www.prisonsworld.org



Family Fast Day is on **Friday 7 October**. Join together with parish, friends and family so that families around the world survive today and have food for all their tomorrows.

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

'God of abundance, you entrust to our care your gift of creation, our common home. Open our ears to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. God of justice, you show us how to live in gratitude and solidarity. Open our mouths to speak out, challenging greed and inequality, and standing up for all among us in desperate need of food. God of hope, you share with us your vision of a world renewed. Open our hearts to compassion. As we hold before you the people of East Africa, may we reach out in love. Amen.'

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE: Online Courses

From Jesus to Christ: five Tuesdays midday or one day 22nd October

The Gospel of Matthew: five Wednesdays or Thursdays 11am or evening

<https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events>

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 12th 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Macmillan Coffee morning: 30th September 2022 at Irenaeus

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

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

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

Film Night: Belfast – a chance to discuss the challenges of the film Belfast.
11th October 2022.

Hot pot supper available at 6pm

For further information and to book a place contact 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.



#Liverpool4Ukraine

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support