



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th September 2022



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

## 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)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Registration forms are now available from the Parish Office for children who are entering Year 4. We ask families to collect a form from the office and return by 9th September.

### The NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

A talk by Fr John Goddard, the former Anglican Bishop of Burnley, entitled '**My Path to Rome**' on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>. St. Helen's Parish Centre Alexander Road, Crosby, L23 7TQ. Start time 7.30pm

### 'At the Foot of the Cross

At the Food of the Cross' podcast.

<https://bit.ly/saints-and-synods-episode-5>



Guests include Canon Christopher Thomas, General Secretary speaking about the Synod, in particular the Bishops' initial reflection 'Seeking Our Hearts' Desire'. He also talks about the relics tour of St Bernadette in England and Wales and he explains what 'Evangelii Gaudium Sunday' is.

Bishop David Oakley talks about a new document from our Committee for Marriage and Family Life called The Joy of Love. It looks at the main themes of the 2016 Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia. Bishop David also explains how we can use the document in our own families.

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**NEXT SATURDAY 10 September, 11.00am**

We welcome Archbishop Malcolm next weekend along with Knights & Dames of the Holy Sepulchre who will join us to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



During the Mass the new President of the Northern Section will be installed. Please come and join us for this important feast in the Church calendar. It would be lovely if we could have a full Church to welcome Archbishop Malcolm to our Parish.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

A HUGE 'Thank you' to Fr Stephen



who will leave us on Friday this week after being with us for the whole summer allowing Fr Mark his well deserved rest. We are incredibly lucky and blessed to have Fr Stephen as part of our 'family'. We will see him again soon but for now **'THANK YOU FR STEPHEN'**



**THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE**

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. **The timetable for**



**the tour in Liverpool has now been announced. Details can be found in the leaflet available at the back of Church or on Archdiocese website -**

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/StBernadettesRelics->

You can view a trailer for UK Tour on youtube -

<https://youtube.com/PFRMlvDgAil>

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 3rd September</b>	NO MASS
<b>Sunday 4th September</b> <i>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Debbie Rice & John Vondy
<b>Monday 5th September</b>	10.15am Andrew Matthews
<b>Tuesday 6th September</b>	10.15am Julie Scragg
<b>Wednesday 7th September</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 8th September</b> <i>Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.15am Eileen Wright
<b>Friday 9th September</b>	10.15am Marion Stoppard
<b>Saturday 10th September</b>	11.00am Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Sunday 11th September</b> <i>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Elijah James Moreton

### **LGBTQ+ Mass: Sunday, 25 September**

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

Welcome back to children and staff of both our schools who return this week - well rested and ready for the new term!



*Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of child/children entrusted to our care. Please watch over them as they begin a new school year. Bless their teachers, school administrators, bus, train and taxi drivers, school support staff, friends and classmates.*

*Keep them safe every day and may they feel your presence, knowing you are always with them. Amen*

## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

***"Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple"***

How do we define home? Home is where the heart is? Home is where God is, home is where eternal life is? Jesus tells us in this gospel how to journey home with him. However, the instructions carry a health warning: it is clear the way will involve shouldering our own cross, embracing challenges and hurts which will otherwise hinder our progress.

In this Gospel, Jesus uses three images to demonstrate the discipleship necessary to find our home in God. Firstly, be ready to let go of what you love most in this life, be ready to love God more, even at the expense of loved ones.

Secondly, examine what is needed to succeed. Jesus uses the example of someone building a tower. They need plans and resources to build more than the foundations and to finish the project. Jesus offers us plans and resources. The plan is to follow him, the resources are his teachings. Most importantly we must act on what we are told and persevere in our commitment.

Thirdly, do not embark on the journey if you are not prepared. The example offered by Jesus is of the King who with an army of ten thousand is about to go to battle with an army of twenty thousand. You need to be well prepared and fully committed. So, am I prepared, am I ready to make sacrifices, am I ready to really listen to Jesus and act on his teaching?

## FATHER MARK'S THEATRE GROUP



Our Autumn Theatre Trip is to Liverpool Empire on Friday 28 October to see the wonderful Liverpool classic 'Blood Brothers'. Few musicals have been received with such acclaim - the production surpassed 10,000 performances in London's West End, one of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone. It has been affectionately christened the 'Standing Ovation Musical', as inevitably it "brings the audience cheering to its feet and roaring its



approval" (The Daily Mail). **Cost (including transport) is £52.** Please give your name to the parish Office if you would like to join us on what is always an amazing night!!

## Days of prayer for Ukraine

**Wednesday 14 September**, the Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine. The Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

## 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. There will be a second collection after Mass on that Sunday

### 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...*



### LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

The meeting for September will be held in Parish Hall this Tuesday - 6th September at 10.00am.

The presentation is on the 'Three Queens' visit to Liverpool

All are welcome.  
Admission £2 includes refreshments.



## 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

## ‘LAUDATO SI’

In May 2015 Pope Francis published ‘Laudato si’ (Praise Be to You) his second encyclical. 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 the website for the Pope’s invitation to join him on this journey.



## PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love, be with the people of Pakistan as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss – loss of lives, homes and crops – may we be filled with your compassion and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that they may find consolation in their sorrow, strength as they seek shelter and safety and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord, for our part in the climate crisis, and inspire us all to play our part in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world that reflects your glory, where hope drives out despair and all things are made new

**Donations to Pakistan Flood Appeal can be made at [cafod.org.uk/donations](http://cafod.org.uk/donations)**

# 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)