

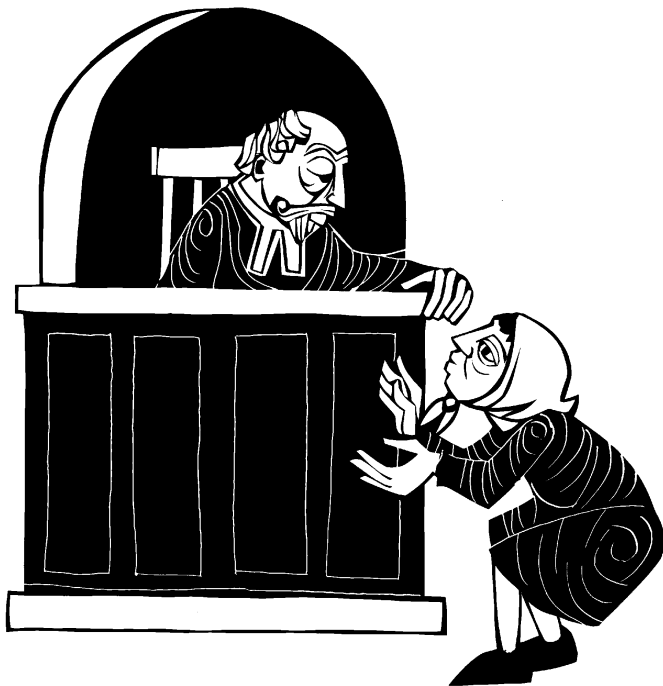


Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th October 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For what do I feel I am praying in vain? Can I find the will to pray for it persistently? Meanwhile, how can I be part of God's answer to someone else's persistent prayer?

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

Bishop Tom Neylon will be coming to English Martyrs next Friday to confirm twelve young people from our Our Lady & The English Martyrs, St Robert Bellarmine & St Elizabeth's parishes. Please keep them in your prayers.



REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter McLean who died recently and his Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 10:45am. may he rest in peace.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday.



2023 ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Orders are now being taken for the 2023 edition. £3.50 for the standard edition or £4.50 for the ring bind. Place your order in the Piety Shop or Parish Office as soon as



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Peter Louis McLean

Funeral Mass Friday 21st October 10.45am

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk



FATHER MARK'S THEATRE GROUP

We have organised something a little different for Christmas this year.

We have booked the 'Carols by Candlelight' at Liverpool Philharmonic Theatre on Tuesday 20th December. Billed



as 'A sublime concert of carols and seasonal classics, staged in full 18th Century costume in an evocative candle-lit style setting'.

Come and join us for a lovely festive feast of a night. Cost (including transport) is £45. Give your name to the office **before 17th November** to secure a place.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 15th October	12.00pm Baptism - Barney Curry 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16th October <i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Ian McBride 11.45am Baptism - Daisy Ophelia O'Neill
Monday 17th October	10.00am Cathy Smartt
Tuesday 18th October	NO MASS
Wednesday 19th October	NO MASS
Thursday 20th October	10.00am Graham Howard
Friday 21st October	10.45am Funeral Mass - Peter McLean 7.00pm - Deanery Confirmations
Saturday 22nd October	12.00pm Baptism - Harper Alice Armstrong 4.30pm Thomas Willis
Sunday 23rd October <i>30th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Jasmine McKenzie

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Barney Curry

Baptised Saturday 15th October 2022

Daisy O'Neill

Baptised Sunday 16th October 2022



COST OF LIVING CRISIS:

**Information from the
Conference of Catholic
Bishops of England and
Wales**

www.cbcew.org.uk/cost-of-living-crisis/

The Bishops recognise the complexity of the causes, both short and long-term, that bring about the crisis now affecting so many. Read the Cardinal's statement at www.cbcew@org.uk.

WARM & COSY CENTRES

Last week the Archdiocesan trustees approved for our parish centres to be used as 'warm and cosy' centres during the winter months. The centres will be welcoming people to enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits and have free use of TVs and wi-fi in a safe space. Opening days will vary between parish centres (further details to be confirmed soon), but the warm and cosy centres will be open 1-3.30pm.

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

The first reading gives us the wonderful image of Moses standing on the top of a hill holding his staff while Aaron and Hur, one on either side, support his arms and hands until the sun sets so that Moses does not have to lower his staff. On his own, Moses does not have the strength and endurance to sustain the necessary pose.



Not only did Moses need to appeal to God for help, he needed the support of others, of his community. We may feel unable to sustain the persistence to continue to fight for justice, especially when we consider the number of people like the widow in the Gospel who do not appear to be in a position to fight effectively for it themselves, but we do not have to do it alone. The support from our community of faith can help sustain us.

Prayer, whether short or lengthy, whether rote or extemporaneous, is what keeps us connected to God. It is no accident that Jesus spends a lot of time praying to the Father. Not only did Jesus teach his disciples how to pray, he showed them that he prayed, and, prayed often. It connected him to the Father, and if he needed to make that connection often, how much more important is it for us? Persistent prayer will see to it that justice is done for us and God's chosen ones. Persistent prayer helps us to understand and accept God's will. Persistent prayer ensures that there will still indeed be faith on earth when the Son of Man comes.

In this era of instant gratification, when we expect to get what we want immediately, whether it's ordering something online or getting likes on a tweet, patience is a difficult virtue to exercise. Jesus says that God will "see justice is done to them, and done speedily" (Luke 18:8). But "speedily" in what sense? In the very next sentence, Jesus talks about his second coming. The disciples expected that he would return before they died. But two thousand years later we still wait. So whose sense of "speed" is this? The answer is that God's time is not our time. If we judge by the expectations of our schedule, we will become impatient in a hurry. We must accept that God's time demands our patience, and consequently our persistence.

**ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB"
OCTOBER DRAW**

1st £20 No. 25 J Byrne
2nd £15 No. 2 J Mahoney
3rd £10 No. 199 B Dunn
4th £10 No. 14 A Smith



Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Contact Myra on 928 1136

RESTORED LIVES

This six week course is for any person who is going through, or who has gone through, a relationship breakdown. Our meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. Over six weekly Monday evening meetings, from 7-9.30pm at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo, we will cover a variety of topics. The next course begins on Monday 10 October. For more information please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as preparation for First Holy Communion begin this week. Thank you to our great team of catechisms for all they do.

On Sunday 16 October, Songs of Praise will celebrate CAFOD's 60th anniversary in their milestone moments episode.



CAFOD trustee Bishop John Arnold and Head of Supporter Engagement Jo Kitterick will be featured chatting to Reverend Kate Bottley about CAFOD's history and our hopes for the future. Bishop John and Jo both spoke about the impact of the climate crisis and why supporting communities around the world to deal with its consequences has become a central part of CAFOD's work.

The filming took place in the Laudato Si centre in Salford, which was established by Bishop John in response to his work with CAFOD and Pope Francis' letter to the world, Laudato Si. The centre has a range of environmentally friendly projects, including several hives of bees which will appear on the programme.

The episode also marks milestones from other organisations and churches, such as Manchester Cathedral and the BBC's 100 years of public broadcasting.

Tune in on Sunday at 1.15pm on BBC1! The episode will also be available on BBC iPlayer shortly after airing

CHRISTMAS - Yes!! It is coming!!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - Thank you to those ladies who joined us last week. This is what they made. We will meet again for the next few Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall to continue crafting! Please come and join us.



CHRISTMAS BRING & BUY - in Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday 30th October. Come along and have a cuppa and a cake and browse the goodies! We will be selling some of the wonderful craft items designed by our lovely ladies!

CHRISTMAS BINGO - Wednesday 7th December. Tickets will be available within the next few weeks.

Please come and support us. It is so lovely to be able to have these things and be together again!

NEW PUBLICATIONS: Gospel Power 2023 & Icon & Word 2023
From Pauline Books & Media

Gospel Power 2023 features a short reflection on the Gospel readings for every day of the Year including Sundays. Perfect gift to support lay parish volunteers, catechists, readers & Eucharistic Ministers - a great way to introduce people to reading and reflecting daily on scripture. ISBN 9781904785828 Price £6.99.

Icon & Word 2023 is a Beautiful Calendar featuring both ancient and contemporary iconography. ISBN 503 1446916803. Price £4.99.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays
4.00p.m- 4.25pm

OCTOBER – MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

“The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.” In the link below, you will find resources and information to explore this devotion. Each Friday we will also travel as virtual pilgrims to a particular Marian Shrine in England and Wales. All information can be found via the link below.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/month-of-the-rosary/>

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING

Irenaeus will be leading 3 Eucharistic ministry training days at St George's Road, Waterloo over the coming months. The first of these is on 12th November.

It would be lovely if we could have some more parishioners to assist Fr Mark in this most important of sacraments.

Please speak to Fr Mark if you are interested



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...



CATHOLIC PIC

The October edition is now available from the Piety Shop.

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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Saint John Paul II (1920-2005)

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April, the Second Sunday of Easter 2014.



IRENAEUS 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

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

Calling all knitters!! Come along and have a Natter

Come and see days 5th November, 3rd December

For further information and to book a place contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Telephone 0151 949 1199

‘At the Foot of the Cross Podcast

[Remembering The Queen | Episode 6 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk) .

Podcast: Remembering the Queen “Tributes, mourning, Requiem Masses, Bishops’ messages of prayer and condolence – there has been an outpouring of grief across our nations culminating in the funeral of The Queen on Monday, 19 September. Our regular studio guest, General Secretary Canon Christopher Thomas, offers his personal reflections on a much-loved sovereign and a woman of faith and longevity.”

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/remembering-the-queen-episode-6/>

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!



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