



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd October 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I see myself dependent upon God? Do I pray humbly, recognizing my dependence on God?’

FATHER MARK’S THEATRE GROUP

Tickets are going quickly for 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 **as soon as possible** to secure a place.

BLOOD BROTHERS - the coach will leave from outside Church at 6.30pm next Friday 28th

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.

Nugent Gala Evening

Thursday,
3 November,
from 6.30pm,
Rum Warehouse,
Titanic Hotel. Join Nugent as they celebrate over 140 years of educating, protecting and caring for the most vulnerable in our communities and find out how you can support us in the future. Live entertainment, silent auction, drinks, dinner, raffle etc. For ticket info visit wearenugent.org/fundraising/gala



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. 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



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.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Mission Mass: Sunday 23rd, 3pm. St George's, Maghull. L31 3DF

Red Box Holders and Mission supporters in particular are invited to this Mass. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Tom Neylon, and it will be a celebration of the beatification of Pauline Jaricot, Founder of the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of Faith.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
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
Monday 24th October	10.00am Bernard Molloy
Tuesday 25th October	10.00am Kerry Gallagher
Wednesday 26th October	NO MASS
Thursday 27th October	10.00am Evelyn Bisson
Friday 28th October <i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	10.00am Bernard Whiteside
Saturday 29th October	12.00pm Baptism - Mavie Tagg 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 30th October <i>31st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Michael O'Neill 11.45am Baptism - Sadie Violet Caldwell

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Harper Alice Armstrong

Baptised Saturday 22nd October 2022

Jasmine Mackenzie

Baptised Sunday 23rd 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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

This annual Feast will be celebrated on Tuesday 1 November. It is a Holyday of Obligation which means that we are obliged to attend Mass. Two Masses will be celebrated on Monday 31 October at 6.00pm and Tuesday 1 November at 10.00 when the school children will join us.

ALL SOULS

Wednesday 2 November. Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm.

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

Last week we heard Jesus speak of a widow who persisted in her quest to obtain justice from a dishonest judge. Ecclesiasticus mentions a widow with a complaint today, but ironically, the next verse is not included in this reading: “Do not the tears that stream down her cheek cry out against him that causes them to fall?” She could be faced with a dilemma similar to the widow in Jesus’ parable. God hears the cry of the victims of injustice. God sees their tears. God understands their pleas for deliverance from those who are making them suffer. As the psalmist says, God rescues the just when they are in distress. The cry of the poor is the cry of those in need. Because they are needy, they are persistent. Because they are in need, they ask humbly.

Both the Pharisee and the tax collector are sinners, as are we all. But only one presents himself before God honestly. The Pharisee, who “said this prayer to himself” and about himself, trumpets his fasting and almsgiving without addressing his self-pride and his scorn for others.



Ironically, he is probably right about the dishonesty of the tax collector. But before God, the tax collector is brutally honest, and repentant as well. The Pharisee, acting as though he is good as is and needs nothing from God, gets nothing. The tax collector, admitting his need for God’s mercy, is heard.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, but it is not only those in material poverty whose cries are heard. The tax collector was probably well off, as he was likely earning income from both the government and from the people he cheated. However, he was poor in spirit, in need of God’s munificent mercy. Jesus for our sake also became poor, but in another sense. God chose to become poor to share in our humanity, to suffer with us, to accompany us as we carry our own crosses. God heard all these cries, because all of them came to God in humility, acutely aware of their dependence upon God.

WARM & COSY CENTRES

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.

Our nearest Centres are: Our Lady of Walsingham & St Robert Bellarmine (Thursdays) & St Elizabeth's (Mondays) and they will be open to everyone from 1.00-3.30pm.

The Irenaeus Project in Waterloo will also be open every Monday-Thursday 10.00am - 4.00pm for people to pop in. Holy Rosary Parish Hall in the Old Roan will be open from this coming Friday 12.00pm - 2.00pm with a warm lunch served at 12.30pm.

THANK YOU FROM UKRAINE

Last Monday, after 3 ½ days of driving, our 6 volunteer drivers arrived at the Ukraine border to deliver 3 van loads of essential aid which contained dried foods, building tools and thermal clothing. The aid was welcomed by Bishop Gregory Komar, the auxiliary bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (diocese) of Sambir-Drohobych in the Lviv region of western Ukraine, and will now be distributed to local people.

During the handover, the drivers spoke to Bishop Gregory who thanked everyone in the archdiocese for their prayers and he shared his appreciation of having us as friends that stand by them in even the most difficult times.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You are welcome to submit the names of our deceased loved ones to be included in this year's November Book of Remembrance. Please print the names and place it inside an envelope with a donation for Masses and place it in the box near the Sacristy. The Book will go on display from 1st November.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our annual parish Mass to remember our deceased loved ones will be celebrated on Monday 14 November at 7.00pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Please make every effort to join us for this special evening when we particularly remember those who have died since November 2021.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS Thank you to those ladies who joined us last week. This week they did flower arranging. 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 have lots of lovely gifts and the wonderful craft items designed by our lovely ladies! Please come and support us.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - tickets will be on sale soon for our annual raffle with lots of prizes available

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/>

EUCHARISTIC 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.

What's On at our Cathedral

Saturday, 12 November, 7pm-9.30pm. The choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Liverpool Mozart Orchestra join forces in the majestic surroundings of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to perform music by Gabriel Fauré & Ralph Vaughan Williams.



On the eve of Remembrance Sunday, the choir and orchestra under the direction of Christopher McElroy will perform Fauré's evocative 'Requiem Mass.' Baritone Damian O'Keeffe is the soloist in Vaughan-William's 'Five Mystical Songs' and the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra will perform the 'Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis.' Tickets priced at £10 (£5, u6, NUS, Over 65) are available from Ticketsource.

NSPCC Carols by Candlelight. This will return to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday, 6 December at 7pm. The event is sponsored by Home Bargains and has an array of performers from across Merseyside including the PopVox Choir, Metropolitan Cathedral Youth Choir, Connected Voices Choir and Wirral Schools' Concert Band.

The International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW)

"The International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW) is one of the most extensive surveys of its kind ever undertaken. It was commissioned by the Catholic Women Speak network to prepare a submission to the Synod of Bishops as part of the Synod 2021-2023 consultative process initiated by Pope Francis." www.catholicwomenspeak.com

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!



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

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

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870)

He was born at Sallent in Catalonia. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia and also in the Canary Islands. Returning to Spain, he established a missionary order, and founded a great religious library and publishing house in Barcelona which published millions of cheap copies of ancient and modern Catholic works. In 1851 the Pope appointed him Bishop of Santiago de Cuba. The diocese was in a terrible state and everything needed reform and renewal. He reorganised the seminary, enforced clerical discipline, and regularised thousands of marriages. He built a hospital and many schools. This was not done without opposition and he was the subject of fifteen assassination attempts.

Recalled to Spain in 1857 by Queen Isabella II to act as her confessor, he did further great work for the Church. His health began to fail, and he died at the Cistercian abbey at Fontfroide.



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