



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th October 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What failings do I need to seek forgiveness?

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

Monthly Psalm Project for November:

This is a project of the Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The readings provide a focus for reflection during the week ahead. They are drawn from the Sunday responsorial psalms for the month and the psalm for Solemnity of All Saints.

See cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/spirituality/responding-to-the-psalms

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/

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Most permanent fixed altars in Catholic churches have a little stone slab set into the table top that contains relics of saints, including the saint in whose name the church is dedicated, if possible. Sometimes these relics, usually



bones, are found in a casket underneath the altar. This tradition is very ancient, since in early times Christians gathered to celebrate the eucharist over the tomb of a local martyr or saint. The custom of setting relics into the altar developed from this devotion to the saints.

The feast of All Saints, also sometimes known as “All Hallows”, or “Hallowmas” (“hallow” meaning “holy”, and “mas” meaning “Mass”), is a feast celebrated in their honour. It is the day on which the Church venerates all those men and women, known and unknown, who dedicated their lives to Christ and now enjoy the vision of God in heaven. And where they have gone, we hope one day to follow.

Mass is on Monday at 6pm or Tuesday at 10am

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On Wednesday we remember the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day).



Christians have remembered the dead in prayer from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. “If we had no care for the dead”, Augustine noted, “we would not be in the habit of praying for them.” Yet a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early

Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for their departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries should offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2nd, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Church. Mass on Wednesday is at 6pm

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
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
Monday 31st October	6.00pm Marion Doran
Tuesday 1st November <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	10.00am Parishioners
Wednesday 2nd November <i>Commemoration of The Faithful Departed</i>	6.00pm Pious List
Thursday 3rd November	10.00am Sheila Rimmer
Friday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	NO MASS
Saturday 5th November	4.30pm Frances McDonagh
Sunday 6th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Fr Victor Bridges

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Mavie Luna Tagg

Baptised Saturday 29th October 2022

Sadie Violet Caldwell

Baptised Sunday 30th 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

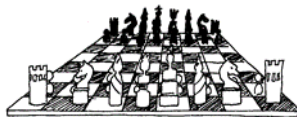
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Or by cheque made payable to "Archdiocese of Liverpool" and with "Help Ukraine" written on the reverse, these can be sent to the Finance Department: St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

MAKING THE FIRST MOVE

There was a sign outside a church that read, 'Don't let your funeral be the next time you come and visit us!' We can understand what it meant; it was encouraging people to think about the place of God in their lives and their response to God's workings.



But, actually, the sign is fundamentally flawed. Why? Because it encourages people to think that they are the ones who must make the first move. It gives the impression that God is sitting back waiting for them to decide to start doing something about their lives. And that simply isn't true!

The amazing thing about God's dealings with us is that he always makes the first move. Think of Zacchaeus in today's gospel. He'd heard all the rumours about Jesus and wanted to see for himself. Being a small man he climbed up a sycamore tree to get a good view. But before he could say anything, before he could make his mind up, it was Jesus who made the first move and told him he was coming home with him to stay for a while. When Zacchaeus heard what Jesus had to say he was immediately moved to repent and give half his property to the poor. (He'd cheated people by charging them too much tax and then keeping most of the money himself.)

God never ceases reaching out to us. We find this hard to cope with because we think that God is so concerned with weighty global problems that he has no time for us and our particular situations. Yet the opposite is true. When we feel drawn to God it is only because God's grace has been offered us in the first place. Our lives are a response to Christ's example of sacrifice and love; our response comes from hearing God's word; our actions are inspired by God's Spirit working in us, if only we take the time to discern it.



At the eucharist we thank God for never abandoning us and for continually offering us the chance to enjoy the life that Christ promised. Amazingly, God never stops leading us on to deeper trust and love. And all he asks in return is that we respond.

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 on Friday 12.00pm - 2.00pm with a warm lunch served at 12.30pm.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Lord in your mercy...



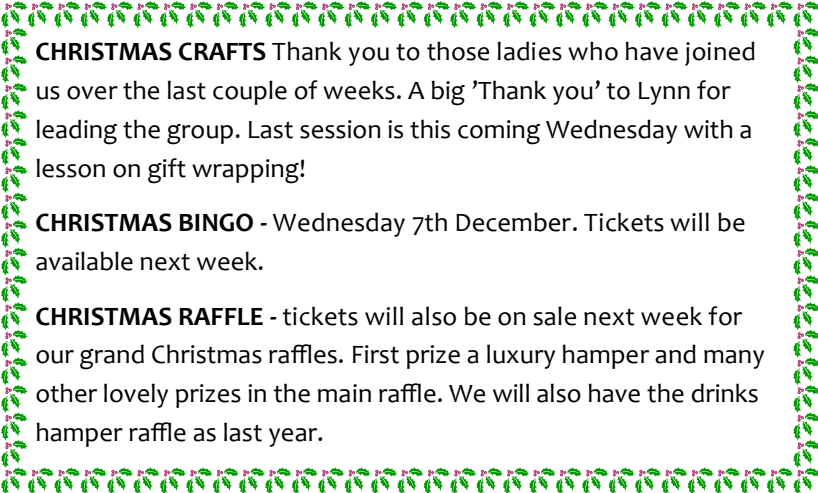
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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 have joined us over the last couple of weeks. A big 'Thank you' to Lynn for leading the group. Last session is this coming Wednesday with a lesson on gift wrapping!

CHRISTMAS BINGO - Wednesday 7th December. Tickets will be available next week.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - tickets will also be on sale next week for our grand Christmas raffles. First prize a luxury hamper and many other lovely prizes in the main raffle. We will also have the drinks hamper raffle as last year.

LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 1 November at 10.00 am. Eileen will be presenting 'Memories of Litherland' and WW1 and WW2 biographies. Entrance is £2 and all are welcome

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

HALLOWEEN & ALL SAINTS



'The day before All Saints is called Halloween in the secular world. The name is Christian, Halloween means the eve of All Hallows, the eve of All Saints, but that is the only Christian element in it. All the rest that accompanies Halloween is of pagan origin so it goes back to the time before Christianity. It was a pagan Celtic feast. They believed that after sunset on Samhain, which we now called Halloween, the spirits of the dead and evil spirits roamed the skies seeking to harm humans, especially if the dead had been harmed by them. To protect themselves people disguised themselves by dressing up in costumes and carried lights inside in turnips.

In order to turn a pagan feast into a Christian feast the Church placed the feast of All Saints on 1st November, to coincide with the pagan celebration. Children have fun on Halloween now and it is OK but it would be a pity if children did not know the Christian feast at this time, the feast of All Saints. So if your children are celebrating Halloween and know nothing about All Saints, please explain All Saints to them. We are Christians now, so let us not celebrate as pagans. The Church has tried to turn a pagan celebration into a Christian celebration. Is the reverse happening again now? Let us celebrate All Saints.



The Letter - A Message for Our Earth: *Cinema style screening.* 16th November, 2pm

CAFOD and Fr Peter Morgan invite you to St Anne's in Overbury St, Edge Hill L7 3HJ for a showing of this film. The film will be shown during COP27 which takes place in Egypt. Finding truth and inspiration at this critical time for the Earth and all life upon it can seem difficult at times. This film will help us to understand. There is no charge for the film but please register <https://theletterliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk/> The Archdiocesan Pastoral Development team will be hosting follow up online conversations. More information to follow.

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 10am-4pm
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 10.00am - 4.00pm - ‘Called to be an Ecumenical Church’ led by Charles Whitehead

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

Archdiocese current vacancies

Parish centre roles:

We are currently recruiting for two parish centre managers/ designated premises supervisors for our parish centres in Warrington - St Oswald’s, Padgate and St Joseph’s, Penketh.



We’re looking for a hands-on and proactive individual to ensure the successful day-to-day operational management of the parish centre as well as developing the centre’s potential for the future. Full training and support will be given to the successful candidate.

Housekeeper role:

We are recruiting for an experienced housekeeper at St Edward the Confessor Parish, based at Sacred Heart Presbytery, Wigan. The successful candidate will be required to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service on behalf of Fr Giorgio Miles to ensure a pleasant and welcoming environment to all who visit the Presbytery. For more information see liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

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