



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th October 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What sins are holding me captive? How do I show my gratitude to God and to others for their forgiveness?

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST - WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL



Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donation **this weekend** can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday

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 of Parish Office as soon as possible.

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.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

Applications for the next group to prepare for their 1st Reconciliation and their 1st Holy Communion in Eastertide next year are welcome from parents with children in Year 4 or over. Contact the Parish office for more information.

The first preparation session will take place in a couple of week's time so this is the last chance to enrol





MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Joseph Francis Shirley

Funeral Mass Tuesday 11th October 10.45am

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Saint John Henry Newman (1801 -1890)



Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019. His Feast Day is today, Sunday.

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 to secure a place.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 8th October	12.00pm Baptism - James Penny 4.30pm People of The Parish
Sunday 9th October <i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Michelle McMullen 11.45am Baptism - Hallie Hope Cushion
Monday 10th October	10.00am Hilary Higham
Tuesday 11th October	10.45am Funeral Mass - Joseph Francis Shirley
Wednesday 12th October	NO MASS
Thursday 13th October	10.00am Kerry Gallagher
Friday 14th October	10.00am Josephine Jiminez
Saturday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	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

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

James Penny

Baptised Saturday 8th October 2022

Hallie Hope Cushion

Baptised Sunday 9th 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

Unfortunately, we do not hear today the lead-up to Naaman's cleansing, which reveals the many people who helped to see that this foreign general was healed. It begins with his wife's servant, who told her mistress about Elisha the prophet, who then told her husband. Next, it was the Aramean king who wrote to the king of Israel to ask the favour on behalf of his general. When Elisha instructed Naaman to wash in the Jordan seven times, Naaman's servants had to talk him into following Elisha's instructions, which he felt were a waste of time. Without the help and encouragement of servants and kings, foreign and Israelite, Naaman would not have been cured. In our own lives, we give thanks to God for the blessings we've received, but also to those who encourage and support us in our time of need.

Last week we heard the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus told them that even faith the size of a mustard seed could uproot a tree and plant it in the sea. Today we hear Jesus tell the leper who returned to give thanks, "Your faith has saved you". Because of their leprosy, these ten lepers had to be "rooted" outside the village, far from the synagogue, unable to worship communally. The faith of the ten lepers, who called Jesus "Master," was enough to lead to their physical healing - at least as dramatic as uprooting a tree - but the spontaneous gratitude of the Samaritan leper, who prostrated himself to Jesus and thanked him, has brought him salvation, effectively replanting him not only back in the community, but also in the kingdom of God.

Saint Paul tells Timothy that he is in chains, imprisoned for the sake of the gospel. The lepers were held captive in a different way, excluded from the village due to their leprosy. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus said he was sent "to proclaim liberty to captives". In today's Gospel, Jesus literally proclaimed liberty to the leper who returned. Paul, despite being imprisoned, testifies that he will reign with Christ in the end. All of us are held captive to sin, but Jesus proclaims liberty to us as well, offering salvation from our sins.

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!



Today is Family Fast Day - join us in praying this Harvest for all that do not have enough to eat, especially our sisters and brothers in East Africa. We pray that God will prompt us to challenge inequality and reach out in love, so that all people may share in a just Harvest.

May we reach out in love

*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.

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





CHRISTMAS - Yes!! It is coming!!

We have a few things planned for Christmas-

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - our Christmas Craft group was fun last year so we are running it again this year. Starting next Wednesday (12th) in the Parish Hall from 9.30am. Lynn Mitchell is going to show us how to make a lovely table decoration. Again, we will supply materials at a small cost. Please come and join us.

CHRISTMAS BRING & BUY - in Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday 30th October. Come along and have a cuppa and browse the goodies!

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.

'At the Foot of the Cross Podcast

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

The latest podcast lead by Canon Christopher Thomas is now available online. Main topic is the death of Queen Elizabeth

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

The National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their families is Sunday, 9 October. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts to the needs of prisoners and their families, all who work in and are affected by the criminal justice system. If you are able to make a donation please place it in an envelope which can be popped into the offertory bags next weekend.



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.

ONLINE LECTURE:

Gypsies and Jesus: A Traveller Theology

A note from The Revd Dr Louis Johnson, Assistant Curate, St Luke in the City Team

“For over five hundred years, Roma, Gypsies and Travellers (RGT) have been persecuted, misrepresented, enslaved and even murdered in whatever land they reside, and there is a deep ignorance of the absolute centrality of religious conviction at the heart of RGT communities. Steven Horne’s “Gypsies and Jesus” lights the touch paper on the grace-filled, intimate and unheard core of RGT religiosity that is Traveller Theology. This is a field of study that has long been dominated by non-RGT voices. This will be a fascinating informative and stimulating evening where Steven will share his expertise and lead a conversation about Roma Gypsy Traveller (RGT) spirituality. We will also be sharing stories of ministry and reflect on the emerging Roma church community in Wavertree named Lauda.”

To book please log onto Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/micah-lecture-2022-gypsies-and-jesus-a-traveller-theology-tickets-414100825717

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

IRENÆUS 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

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

Hot pot supper available at 6pm

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

HOMELESSNESS: Homeless Sunday, 9th October (World Homeless Day, 10th October).

This year’s Homeless Sunday takes place on Sunday 9th October, the day before World Homeless Day on Monday 10th October.

Coordinated by Housing Justice, the chosen theme for this year is ‘Homelessness and Mental Health Issues’, which feels particularly timely as World Mental Health Day is also on Monday 10th October. Housing Justice was set up in 2003, and has Cardinal Vincent Nichols as their President, and provides resources here

www.housingjustice.org.uk/homeless-sunday

Please guard and keep safe our homeless brothers and sisters, giving them the strength to keep going when everything seems so difficult. Please grant your blessing on all those who give their time to support those without a place to live. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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