



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th November 2022



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What must I change in my life in order to fully live in the way God calls me?

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

fcj International Reading Group

Fridays on zoom 4-5pm
Join the faithful companions of Jesus (fcj) international reading group. Looking at current thinking in Christian churches, ecology, spirituality, theology etc. One chapter per week. No need to come every week. A brief summary/key points at 4pm; discussion group 35 mins; plenary session. Book: 'Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth' - Ilia Delio. To join email fcjctresthughs@gmail.com

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.

WELCOMING PRAYER DAY: 26th November 2022

St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, 10am – 4pm

This day is a follow up to the day on Centering Prayer that we held in April, but Centering Prayer Practitioners are welcome, even if they did not attend the first session – if you would like to come, please email Jonathan at spirituality@rcaol.org.uk. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. If you are not a Centering Prayer Practitioner but still would like to come, please contact us to check availability.

The 'Welcoming Prayer' was originally developed as an active complement to Centering Prayer – to help carry the “letting go” attitude of Centering prayer into the situations we face in daily life. It is used to restore inner equilibrium after experiencing an upset, by consenting to God's presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to the events and situations we encounter.

The purpose of the Welcoming Prayer is to deepen our relationship with God through consenting in ordinary activities. It helps to heal the wounds of a lifetime by addressing them where they are stored - in the body. It contributes to the process of transformation in Christ initiated in Centering Prayer.

The day will offer a recap on Centering Prayer during the morning and the afternoon will be given to both the theory and the practice of the 'Welcoming Prayer.'

(Please bring your own lunch. Donations for the day are optional.)

Northampton Diocese: “Making the most of the Mass”

7.30-8.30pm Monday 14th November

We will be in conversation with Paul Turner about “making the most of the Mass” – for anyone who would like to go deeper with their experience of Mass. All welcome, more info and registration here: www.making_the_most_of_mass.eventbrite.co.uk

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 5th November	4.30pm Frances McDonagh
Sunday 6th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Fr Victor Bridges
Monday 7th November	10.00am Margaret Bainbridge
Tuesday 8th November	10.00am Pious List
Wednesday 9th November	NO MASS
Thursday 10th November	10.45am Funeral Mass - Marie Stone
Friday 11th November	10.30am Funeral Mass - Paula Redfern
Saturday 12th November	12.00pm Baptism - Harriet Daniels 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 13th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Ann Henderson 11.45am Baptism - Joseph Cunningham

COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

As we start to implement our new Pastoral Plan which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear some of their stories and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team at a meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday, 29 November, 7.30pm-9pm in the St John Vianney Meeting Room at Christ the King Church, Queen's Drive.

Piety stall

Christmas stock is now in the piety stall. Please have a look. We have some beautiful Olive Wood items from the Holy Land this year.

A little bit more expensive than our 'normal' items but they are absolutely beautiful. Come in and have a browse!!

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 mother and sons in the first reading died for their faith. We are unlikely to face a trial that costs us our lives, but our faith can call us to sacrifice parts of our lives. Remember all the challenges that Jesus gave his disciples. They had to leave all their possessions behind to follow him. They were told they must carry their crosses. They were told that serving Jesus meant serving the least of their brothers and sisters. If we are to be true disciples, doing these things is a way we express our faith. It is easier to do whatever we please, avoiding hardships ourselves and ignoring the hardships of others. But our consciences call us to die to sin, to die to self-centeredness, to die to taking the easy way out, and to live for the promise of the Resurrection.

We ask God to strengthen our faith so that we, like the seven brothers and their mother, like Paul, like Jesus, do not fear death. Our faith tells us that death is not the end. That faith allows us to live courageously in the face of suffering and despair.

The seven brothers in the first reading and the seven brothers in the Gospel have something in common: they all appeared to have died in vain. The Maccabean brothers were killed one after another, never able to get married, to have children, or to grow old. The brothers in the question of the Sadducees died in quick succession, each unable to produce descendants for his elder brothers. Even today we think of our name and our family line living on through our offspring. But we do not truly live on through anything or anyone we produce. We live on because God, Jesus tells us, “is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive” (Luke 20:38). We do not live on because we are forever held in the world’s memory. We live on because we are forever held in God’s infinite memory.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Marie Stone

Funeral Mass Thursday 10th November 10.45am

Paula Redfern

Funeral Mass Friday 11th November 10.30am

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 BINGO - CHANGE OF DATE!!!! Please note the bingo is now **Wednesday 14th December**. Tickets now available at back of Church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - tickets also now on sale 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.

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.

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

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Blessed George Napier (-1610)



Blessed George Napier was born at Holywell Manor in Oxford and studied at Corpus Christi College. He later went to Douai and was ordained priest in 1596. He returned to England secretly in 1603 and worked as a priest in Oxfordshire. He was arrested at Kirtlington on 19 July 1610 after he had brought the sacraments to a sick Catholic woman; the possession of the holy oils and a breviary was considered sufficient evidence of priesthood and he was condemned to death at the Oxford assizes. While imprisoned in Oxford Castle, he reconciled a condemned criminal to the Church and prepared him for a Christian death. This was reported to the judges, who angrily brought forward the date of George Napier's execution, lest he should influence other prisoners in the same way. When the martyr was told, he said that he would be glad to do the same for the judges if ever they required it "for he came into the county to execute his functions and to save men's souls." He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Oxford on 8 November 1610. He was beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929.

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.

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

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

News from Nugent

Nugent are delighted to invite you to their Light up a Life services this year taking place as follows:

Sunday, 11 December, 3pm, St Teresa's Church, Upholland led by Father Philip Kehoe followed by refreshments and also Friday, 16 December, 12:30pm at the The Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool led by Bishop Tom Williams followed by refreshments.

Light up a Life is an opportunity to sponsor a light on Nugent's Tree of Light in memory or in honour of a loved one. It is a chance to celebrate the life of someone special and make a difference to the lives of those Nugent are supporting this Christmas. Light up a Life is traditionally the time where we gather for a service of remembrance, thinking about those we have loved and lost, sharing our grief with others; but also celebrating the very special place they had in our lives. We hope that you can join Nugent this year.

If you would like to take part contact the Fundraising team by emailing fundraising@wearenugent.org or calling 0734 186 4180, having your dedication name(s) and your debit or credit card details ready.

Finally, Nugent's Christmas cards are now on sale for collection from Nugent's head office 99 Edge Lane, Liverpool L7 2PE.

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