



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th November 2022



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I take the urgency of not knowing when the end times will come for me or for the world and channel it to do something good?  
What practical thing can I do this week to help carry out Jesus' mission?

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Did you know that this candle is one of the most important candles lit in Roman Catholic Churches? The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: *“In accordance with tradition, near the tabernacle a special lamp should be kept alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ in the tabernacle”*. It is a sign that the Lord is present in the tabernacle and a reminder of Christ's abiding love for us. This candle is continuously lit except from Holy Thursday evening - Holy Saturday night. Each candle lasts approximately 7 days before it is renewed.



Would you like to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp to a loved one, living or dead. or for a specific intention? The cost is just £5. If you would like a dedication for a week, place your £5 and the intention inside an envelope with SANCTUARY LAMP on the envelope and we will publish the intention each week in the parish newsletter.

## MINISTRY OF READER

Fr Mark recently met our great team of Parish Readers who do an amazing job in feeding us with the Word of God at every Mass. We would love more people to join us to read each weekend and at Mass during the week. Please see Fr Mark for more details.

## Magical Winter Musical Extravaganza

St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, Liverpool, L7 3HJ,  
Friday 18 November at 7pm in aid of destitute asylum seekers and refugees.  
Tickets £5, all welcome.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.making_the_most_of_mass.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 12th November</b>	12.00pm Baptism - Harriet Daniels 4.30pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 13th November</b> <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Ann Henderson 11.45am Baptism - Joseph Cunningham
<b>Monday 14th November</b>	NO MASS 7.00pm November Remembrance Mass
<b>Tuesday 15th November</b>	10.00am Margaret Drury
<b>Wednesday 16th November</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday 17th November</b>	10.00am Betty Scott
<b>Friday 18th November</b>	10.00am Pious List
<b>Saturday 19th November</b>	12.00pm Baptism - Scarlett & Caleb Summers 4.30pm Jean Turner
<b>Sunday 20th November</b> <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Isabella McHale

## **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!!

## **JOB VACANCY**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has an exciting new opportunity for a Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator. This is a key appointment in helping the archdiocese implement our vision to be a church that truly serves young people. They will also help to generate and develop new ways of engaging with young people via the diocese, parishes, schools and communities in line with priorities set out within our Pastoral Plan. Closing date: Wednesday 23 November at 5pm. Interview date: Thursday 8th December for more info go to the job section on the website.

[www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)

## **PARISH HALL**

Can those people who use the parish hall please ensure that you take your rubbish away with you and leave the hall tidy.

John Owens does an amazing job cleaning every Monday but we also need people to leave the hall in an acceptable state after use.

## **SUNDAY THOUGHTS**

“The day is coming now,” Malachi prophesied (3:19). “The time will come,” Jesus warned. Sometimes it feels like the days they anticipated are right around the corner. A pandemic, political and civil unrest, global warming, natural disasters—a warning that the end of the world has arrived doesn’t seem so far-fetched. Yet it wouldn’t have been a surprise a year ago either . . . or at various other points over the last few years. So when we hear someone say, “The time is near at hand,” recall Jesus’ words of wisdom: “Refuse to join them!”. There will always be those who will exploit fear for their own ends, who will vilify who ever opposes them, who will try to divide us from each other, and who will insist that they alone know the truth. Refuse to join them! No, we know whom we can trust and always follow. And, as the one who is the way and the truth and the life assured us, “Your endurance will win you your lives”

Did Jesus foresee the actual destruction of the temple, which occurred just a few decades later when the Roman army recaptured the city of Jerusalem? Or did he simply realise that nothing built by humans was destined to last forever? Indeed, the kind of time Jesus speaks of here is *kairos*, not *chronos*. The signs will come at a decisive moment in time (*kairos*), not in sequence during a stretch of chronological time (*chronos*). We should not be thinking of the end as a time that’s approaching like the stroke of midnight. It is a time that comes when it comes: inevitably, yes, but unpredictably, like a thief in the night.

So what do we do? Shivel up in despair, afraid to act? Laugh like those in the second reading, blaming the futility of building anything that will last? No, we are called to act with urgency, persevering in the mission of a disciple, working to bring the reign of God to fruition in our imperfect world.

**ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL** are holding a Christmas Fayre in the school hall on the 25th November 3-5pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to join the school community.

Also - they are asking for donations of new toys to help families this Christmas. Toys suitable for 3-10 year olds. New only please and to be handed in to school by 25 November

## **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.

### **FEAST OF THE WEEK**

#### **St. Roque Gonzalez (-1628)**

Saint Roque González de Santa Cruz was born in Asunción, the capital of Paraguay, on 17 November 1576. He came from a noble Spanish family but also spoke the local language, Guaraní, from an early age. He was ordained priest at the age of 22 and joined the Jesuits in 1609 to work as a missionary. He was the first European to enter the region that is now the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul. Delicate diplomacy was required to convince the local Indian leaders that he, as a priest, was not there to prepare the way for European settlement of the land.



From 1613 onwards he founded several of the Jesuit ‘reductions’ which brought Indians together to learn to live in settlements. The ‘reductions’ later became part of Brazil as a result of a territorial exchange between the Spanish and Portuguese empires. Because of the support the ‘reductions’ gave the Indians as against the colonial authorities, they were one of the reasons for the suppression of the Jesuits by the Portuguese Empire in the mid-18th century.

In the region of Iyui (now in Brazil) he had difficulties with the local chieftain and sorcerer who had him killed on 15 November 1628, along with his Spanish companions Juan de Castillo and Alfonso Rodríguez. They were beatified in 1934 and canonized by Pope John Paul II on 16 May 1988.



## **CHURCH REGISTERS**

Our parish registers contain information which reveals a person's religion and personal details, so we can't send copy of entries to people who are simply asking for a friend or relative's information. We can only send copy of entries to the person whose information we have. This is because of data protection law. This means we can't give out information from our registers without checking who is asking. Parish Priests have recently been given further information on this issue.

All parishes must now ask anyone who requests information from our parish registers to provide evidence of their identity so that we can be certain that we are giving the information to the person who received the sacrament.

If you need copy entries such as a baptism certificate for a child under 12 we must ask for evidence of the parent's identity and a copy of the child's birth certificate. A person over 12 must ask for the information themselves or write authorising the release of the information to the person asking. Both people would need to supply proof of identity.

By evidence of identity we mean, driving license, passport, bank statement, credit card statement or a letter from a government agency. Parishes will not keep any proof but will be handed back to the person or the proof will be destroyed.

If you need a certificate for someone who has died we must ask for a copy of their death certificate.

Where 110 years have passed after the date of baptism or confirmation, or 100 years after marriage, the person who received the sacrament is presumed to have died. As data protection law does not apply to the information of those who have died, we can provide information without needing to check identity. If the sacrament was received more recently, then we need to ask for a copy of a death certificate before any information is shared.

## What's On at our Cathedral

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.



### LIVERPOOL NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATION

Are you an ex pupil or member of staff of any of the Liverpool Notre Dame schools?

We are pleased to let you know about our next event on

Saturday 26th November 2022

which will be held at

The Iranaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo,

Liverpool L22 1 RD. If you

would like to join us for Mass and Afternoon Tea please contact

Sheila at:

sheilabrown52@yahoo.co.uk for further details or to book.

### ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE

“200 CLUB” NOVEMBER

DRAW

1st £20 No. 178 M Maloney

2nd £15 No. 155 F Bracken

3rd £10 No. 7 J Moran

4th £10 No. 111 B Spofforth

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

### PLEASE PRAY

FOR...

Jo Collins



### 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](http://www.catholicwomenspeak.com)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**The Letter - A Message for Our Earth:** *Cinema style screening.* 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm 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. There is no charge for the film but please register <https://theletterliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**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

## 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.*