



Our Lady & The English Martyrs Litherland

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 22nd January 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I commit myself to studying scripture daily in 2023, making it central in my life?

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.



MARY’S MEALS - again this year have their ‘Double the Love’ appeal. Until 31 January 2023, donations to Mary’s Meals will be doubled thanks to a generous group of supporters, up to £1.5 million. This includes donations made through our lovely gift cards and life-changing gifts! Together, we can reach even more little ones with a nutritious meal www.marysmeals.org.uk. You still have time to donate and have your donation doubled!



ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE “200 CLUB” JANUARY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 207	J McCambridge
2nd	£15	No. 218	B Whittaker
3rd	£10	No. 43	R Taylor
4th	£10	No. 5	L Lovelady



The Parish raised an amazing £2000 for Jospice last year - thank you to all those who support the 200 Club

Subscriptions are now due for the new year. Please see Myra.

THANK YOU AND WELCOME HOME!!!

A HUGE 'Thank you' to Fr Stephen who has again been helping us with Masses whilst Fr Mark has been in The Holy Land. We really are blessed to have him!



Also 'Welcome Home' to Fr Mark who returns this weekend from his very busy time with the Bishops Holy Land Coordination Group.



Part of his trip included attending Michael's ordination. We send

him every good wish for his new journey in the priesthood.

WARM & COSY CENTRES

Just a reminder that the centres are 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 are open to everyone 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.



Ordination of Fr Michael Al-Thib in the Church of The Good Shepherd, Amman

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	4.30pm Michael McDermott
Sunday 22nd January <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45 Baptism Alexis Garvey
Monday 23rd January	10.00am Funeral Mass - Joe Blank
Tuesday 24th January	10.00am Beryl McMullen
Wednesday 25th January	NO MASS
Thursday 26th January	10.00am Thanksgiving (NL)
Friday 27th January	10.00am Ronald Henshall
Saturday 28th January <i>St Agnes</i>	12.00 noon Baptism - Bobbie Pennington & Hallie Muir 4.30pm Mr & Mrs McInerney
Sunday 29th January <i>4th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45 Baptism - Cody James Murphy

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Zebulun and Naphtali ,as well as Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee,were on the outskirts of Jewish Palestine, outside Judea proper. Here Gentiles lived alongside Jews, bringing a strong Hellenistic influence to the region. People from Judea often looked down upon those who lived outside Judea, much as we may look down on those who come from outside our own community, society, or country. Isaiah's and Matthew's words declare that it is insiders' negative attitudes toward outsiders, not the outsiders themselves, that bring gloom and darkness to the land. The presence of outsiders can bring either diversity or division; the choice is up to the insiders. Let us not forget that Jesus himself is one of those outsiders.

The first disciples Jesus called — Simon and Andrew, James and John — were all fishermen, one of the most stable occupations of first-century Galilee. Yet they immediately left their way of life to follow Jesus into the great unknown. No longer could they be assured of putting food on their tables or income in their pockets. But as they traveled around Galilee, they were rewarded by seeing firsthand the wonders that Jesus did.

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, established just four years ago to remind us that scripture is central to our faith. Christ is the center of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, for, as John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (1:1). Through stories and myths, histories and testimonies, visions and parables, oracles and letters and songs, God is revealed to us through the Word.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Joe Blank

Funeral Mass Monday 23rd January 10.00am



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Some of you may be aware that the year 2025 will be a year of jubilee, and the motto will be “**Pilgrims of Hope**”. A Jubilee Year takes place in the Catholic Church every 25 years, the last being the Great Jubilee of the year 2000.



In preparation for this jubilee year, Pope Francis wrote a letter in which he calls the Church to renew its awareness of the universal call to responsible participation. Hence, in 2023, we are invited to focus on the four major constitutions of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, and all the supporting documents. We are to celebrate 2024 as a year of prayer in preparation for the jubilee year. The Pope’s vision for 2024 is worth quoting in full, and worth praying with.

“In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great “symphony” of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single “heart and soul” (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God’s grace and to make the “Our Father,” the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.”

Fr Mark is thinking of another pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year which will include a visit to the major Basilicas and walking through the Jubilee Door.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Lord in your mercy...



A STRUCTURE FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Throughout the Church's long history in England and the Isle of Man, there have been many changes in how the Church is structured, how it owns property and organises its affairs. Unlike other nations which retained Catholicism as the state religion, in this country our ancestors often had to be much more creative to provide places where people could hear Mass. In the 17th and 18th centuries, when Catholics weren't allowed to own property and Mass had to be offered in secrecy, properties were provided or owned by others. As catholic emancipation progressed, churches were able to be owned by priests or their benefactors, on trust for the Church. Eventually, following the restoration of the hierarchy and the return of bishops in this country, churches and schools could be owned by diocesan bishops. These properties were then transferred from incumbent priest to priest, or priest to bishop and so forth up to the twentieth century. Each Catholic Diocese in the UK is completely separate from its neighbours, and can operate as its bishop chooses. This reflects the position at canon law, which is set in Rome. In the Archdiocese of Liverpool, a trust was created in the 1960s, whereby a group of priests together with the Archbishop were to own all the property of the church in the Archdiocese. The Archdiocesan trust is a charity and is subject to UK charity law and must operate within that as well as canon law. However, that trust is ultimately a group of individual people.

More recently we have included in amongst the trustees lay trustees, to support the Archbishop and priests in the operation of the trust with their skills and experience from different professions such as accounting, surveying, safeguarding, education. This reflects best practice for any large charity. Following a review of our current operations the trustees took the decision to move from a trust model to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, or a 'CIO'. A CIO is a charity version of a company, established and regulated by the Charity Commission.

The model agreed on in 1963 is no longer the best fit for us now, and many other dioceses are going through similar reviews. It will be 60 years since a similar process was last undertaken and this is only the second time since the 1850s that the archdiocese is having such a restructure. The aim is to make the operations of the archdiocese fit for purpose for our mission in the contemporary world, and to secure its future for those who are called to carry out its mission in subsequent generations. The transfer to the CIO took place on the 1 January 2023 and the new CIO is called 'Archdiocese of Liverpool'. We look forward to starting this next chapter in our story.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers on Monday 6 February, 7pm in church. Will all Ministers do their best to attend. Apologies sent to Fr Mark.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY
Alexis Garvey



Baptised Sunday 22nd January 2023

COME AND SEE

4th February 2023

10am - 4pm

**Called to be a
Merciful
Church**

Led by David Wells



4th March 2023

10am - 4pm

**Called to be an
Involved Church**

Led by David Alton



Book now with
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk
or tel: 0151 949 1199

Bring a packed
lunch.

COME INTO THE QUIET An Individually directed silent retreat

6pm 22nd - 10 am 27th February 2023

Directed by Chris Thomas and Moira Meeghan

A time to spend in silence for a few days. When we cut ourselves off from social chatter and the endless flow of notifications coming from our phones and computers, we are given the opportunity to redirect our attention inward. We can notice our thoughts and process them in a constructive way. It can take a few days in a silent, supportive environment for the mind to settle so that deep calm, clarity, and awareness become accessible.

During the retreat there is the opportunity to meet with one of the directors each day. They will help you to listen to God in the quiet of your heart, share resources and suggest ways of praying.

For more information and to book a place contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or tel: 0151 9491199



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.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

'Patrick Leggett'



CHRISTMAS CRIB 2022

Our Christmas crib will stay in place until 2nd February and this year the Crib offerings will go to the Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust.



Bethlehem, is a special place to a great many people in the world. It is special to Christians, to Judaism and to Islam. Many of Bethlehem's inhabitants can trace their ancestry back to the time of Christ. The world has an idealised view of Bethlehem. It is associated with Christmas and the events of 2000 years ago. Many forget that Bethlehem is also a living community facing the everyday challenges of everyday living in an emerging state – Palestine.

Bethlehem's healthcare system is underdeveloped and healthcare delivery is patchy. Cancer related illness is the second highest cause of death. One in eight of all deaths are cancer related. Those with other life limiting illnesses add to the numbers needing care.

Sixty-eight per cent of those first diagnosed with cancer are at a late stage. The average age of those who receive a cancer diagnosis is 55 years.

Family is strong in Bethlehem but without palliative support families are unable to help or comfort, their loved ones who suffer and too often die in pain. At the end of life when the load of symptoms is high families are not able to care for their loved ones as there is no system for home care available for the Palestinian patients. Patients are given little pain control.

Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust was established within the Catholic Diocese of Hallam, Sheffield, after Bishop John Rawsthorne, the former bishop, led a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land and pilgrims came back touched by what they saw and wanted to help in a specific way.

The charity funds the training of professionals with the help of a hospice in Leeds and the faculty of medicine at Bethlehem University and the first group have now started work by visiting patients in their homes to offer palliative care. Fr Mark has been involved with the charity since its foundation

Please give generously to our collection and play your part in this important act of witness to our Christian brothers and sisters in the city of the Lord's birth.



Could you be a Deacon?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on Wednesday 8th February, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7.00pm.

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

CONFIRMATION FOR YEAR 8 CHILDREN

Any young person in year 8 can now register for this Sacramental preparation at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

The registration portal will remain open until 17th March.



Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th June 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum.

Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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

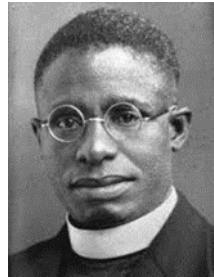
Or by cheque made payable to "Archdiocese of Liverpool" and with "Help Ukraine" written on the reverse, these can be sent to the Finance

Department: St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office,

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi 1903 - 1964

Father Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi was born in Nigeria in 1903. He was brought up by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) and trained as a teacher and a catechist. Later he decided to join the seminary and in 1937 he was ordained a priest. In 1950 he left his Diocese in order to go to England where he joined the Cistercian Abbey of Mount St Bernard, near Nottingham. He had been singled out as the ideal candidate to be trained in England and then return to establish a Trappist Monastery in the Diocese of Onitsha in Nigeria. Fr Tansi lived the monastic life with great faith and humility. Absorbed in prayer, he was a living example of patience and charity. Early in 1964 he was diagnosed with aortic aneurysm and died two weeks later on 20 January 1964



We're excited to invite you to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, our newly relaunched challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty.

That's right – that's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down England and Wales conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter.

Sign up at walk.cafod.org.uk



UNWANTED GIFTS?

If you have any unwanted gifts please pass them in to the Parish Office. They will be a great help for our fundraising activities this coming year.



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