



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

3rd Sunday of Easter

23rd April 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Luke says that at first something prevented the disciples from recognising him What prevents me from recognising the Lord in my life?

WEEKDAY MASS - please note that weekday masses will be at 10.15am from Monday 24 April until Thursday 4 May **BUT.....**

MASS ON TUESDAY 25th April is at 10.45am and is a funeral mass for Ann Mary Crierie. May she rest in peace

RESURRECTION STORIES What do the Gospels say about the Resurrection Stories? Fr Chris Thomas will be sharing on that theme at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Wednesdays 3rd; 10th; 17th and 24th May from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. The talks are also available via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Resurrection Stories



What do the Gospels say about the Resurrection stories?

At
The Irenaeus Centre
32 Great Georges Road
L22 1RD
To book email
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk
Or Tel: 0151 949 1199



**Wednesdays
3rd; 10th;
17th and 24th May
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Zoom available**

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Receiving Holy Communion from the chalice was re-introduced across parishes in England & Wales last week. The Archbishop has asked the priests to make one important point.

The Bishops of England & Wales do not allow the Sacred Host to be dipped into the chalice (this is called intinction). This has never been allowed in England & Wales as the Roman Rite does not permit that communicants themselves dip the host into the Precious Blood.

If you wish to receive the Precious Blood you must take the chalice in both hands and drink from the chalice. The Minister of Holy Communion will then carefully wipe the chalice with a purificator.

'Looking at life and faith as we grow older.'

A chance to share stories of our lives' journey. It's at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Wednesdays 26th April, 3rd; 10th and 17th May between 10.30 am – 11.45 am followed by Mass at 12 noon.'

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

Sponsor a Wheelchair

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Association can't possibly travel to Lourdes without a supply of wheelchairs.

To coincide with our Centenary, we are hoping to fund a number of new wheelchairs. The sponsorship could be in memory of someone who has died, be on behalf of a parish, family or another organisation. Those people will then be a part of our Lourdes journey this year and for years to come.

The cost of a sponsored wheelchair is £400. This includes an engraved plaque, with the name of your chosen individual or group, and a fitted seatbelt. If you are interested please email:

lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 22nd April	4.30pm Alice Power
Sunday 23rd April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Pauline Mulhaney 11.45am. Baptism - Harriet Descombes
Monday 24th April <i>Solemnity of St George</i>	10.15am Joseph & Margaret Young
Tuesday 25th April <i>Feast of St Mark</i>	10.45am Funeral mass - Ann Mary Crierie
Wednesday 26th April	NO MASS
Thursday 27th April	10.15am Michelle McMullen
Friday 28th April	10.15am Patricia Carroll
Saturday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	4.30pm Margaret Lyon
Sunday 30th April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Tony Coady 11.45a. Baptism - Orla Garrett Harrison

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

How would this Gospel passage have ended had the two disciples not invited the stranger to come and stay? If the disciples had said goodbye and wished him a good trip instead of inviting him to come and stay with them, would they have ever realized who he was? It might never have dawned on them. Perhaps we have encountered Christ in a stranger as well, but just never noticed because we didn't take that extra step.

The two disciples from Emmaus enjoyed the company of the stranger enough to invite him to stay with them, but it was not until the stranger broke bread with them that they recognized him. Only then did they realize that their hearts had been burning within them as they'd listened to him open God's word to them. Sometimes recognition only comes in retrospect. We don't always realize the significance of an encounter with someone unexpected in the moment. Only later do we realise how special it was.

When Jesus first encountered his disciples from Emmaus, he opened the scriptures to them, explaining and interpreting the word of God. Then he dined with them, breaking bread and offering it to them to eat. Right now, today, Jesus offers us the same opportunities. Here we gather together with Jesus' fellow disciples and hear the word of God: readings from the Gospel that can illuminate the reading from the Old Testament, and readings from the New Testament that can help us answer the call to discipleship. Then Jesus invites us to break bread together, bread that has become his Body, broken and shared with us all to consume and to become.

LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER

The Isaiah Journey group (who prepare resources for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) are promoting a week of guided prayer online. The Day of Prayer this year will be on 9th May 2023. It is proposed as a day of prayer in a season of hope and new life for those who have been abused. To find out more and book your place: journeytogetherij@gmail.com

EUROVISION 2023

Eurovision 2023 provides the Christian Churches in Merseyside with an opportunity to work together in welcoming tens of thousands of visitors to the city and to proclaim the love of God. To facilitate activities several events are to take place and an updated list of activities and events will be available soon.

The following Ecumenical events have been agreed and we look forward to seeing you at these events. More information on further events will be published in the coming weeks.

DAILY PRAYER WALKS

Tuesday 9th until Friday 12th at 9am meeting at the Pier Head (near the Beatles Statue) - a prayer guide will allow you to explore iconic Liverpool areas to pray for peace and also hand out peace postcards promoting the prayer vigils.

DAILY PRAYER VIGILS

Tuesday 9th until Friday 12th 12 noon until 1pm at iconic Liverpool venues. Tuesday and Friday at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Wednesday at Strawberry Field, Beaconsfield Road and Thursday at Liverpool Parish Church "Our Lady and St Nicholas".

ECUMENICAL ACT OF WORSHIP

Wednesday 10th May, 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral with contributions from the Salvation Army Brass Band, New Song Wirral Band, and The joint choir of Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. This event will be live streamed across the world.

VOLUNTEERING

Are you interested in being part of the team welcoming and stewarding some of the events happening on behalf of Churches Together in the Merseyside Region? You can help facilitate prayer walks, prayer vigils, steward at the Metropolitan Cathedral and be present greeting visitors at Strawberry Field. For all interested in Volunteering please the Rev Jackie Bellfield to register your interest: revjackiebellfield@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - Online

An opportunity to deepen your life and faith as a couple through this retreat. The next date available is 13 and 14 May 2023. The programme is delivered by experienced laity couples and a priest and is supported by the Bishops Conference. Full details of these experiences can be found on their website: <https://wwme.org.uk>



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:



‘Special intention (JM)’

BISHOP TOM WILLIAMS Thanking God for Bishop Tom Williams’ ministry among us, all are welcome to join in prayer for a Mass of Thanksgiving for his 20 years of episcopal ministry here in Liverpool as an auxiliary bishop. It will take place on Wednesday 17 May at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral, the vigil of the Ascension of the Lord. There will be a drinks reception for all in the Cathedral crypt following Mass. All are welcome.

Faith and dementia conference

Wednesday 17 May, Liverpool Dementia Action Alliance will host a faiths and dementia conference at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre. More details can be found at www.faithsanddementia23.com.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Lord in your mercy...



CATHOLIC LISTENERS

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. The helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is also based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm - 7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at catholiclisteners@gmail.com

SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 7th JULY

We are super pleased to again have our 'annual' trip to the world famous International Musical Eisteddfod in the beautiful Welsh town of Llangollen on Friday 7th July.

We will leave the parish and travel by coach to Llangollen and we can stroll around the maes (Welsh for field) with its hundreds of stalls, food and drinking places. Your ticket will guarantee you a reserved seat in the Pavilion to watch the competitions You can walk around the town and enjoy the many shops and beautiful scenery. The famous Parade of Nations through the town of Llangollen will take place at 4.30 p.m. which is a colourful spectacular event.

The cost of the day is £68 which includes transport, entry to the Eisteddfod, reserved seat in the Pavilion and a 3 course evening meal in a Chester hotel.

Please give your name to the office as soon as possible as numbers are restricted.

Llangollen 2023



CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

Please find details for the next Cathedral walking group walk.

DATE: Saturday 13 May 2023

TIME: 10.30am

PLACE: Ormskirk Walk and Gorse Hill Nature Reserve

TRAIN STATION: Aughton Park

CONTACT: Mike Kostrzewski, mobile 0796 954 3983.

All meet at 10.30am at Aughton Park train station. Lovely views of parkland and over Liverpool and Mersey estuary. Walking through Coronation Park and finishing in Ormskirk. On Saturdays they have the market day and for those wishing a bite to eat can be arranged between those participants. Walk is estimated to be a little over 2 hours. All welcome.

PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY

The Right Reverend Kenneth Nowakowski, the Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, who is responsible for the pastoral care of Ukrainian, Belarusian and Slovakian Eastern Catholics in Great Britain as well as Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Catholics resident in Ireland and Northern Ireland, will visit Ukrainians in Liverpool at the end of April.

On Sunday, 30 April, he will preside at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy, concelebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, other clergy of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Roman Catholic Church in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, beginning at 3.00 pm. The liturgy will be offered for peace with justice in Ukraine and around the world, and for God's blessing of the host city ahead of the major events related to the Eurovision Song Contest. Civic and Religious leaders will be invited to this unique time of prayer for Ukraine and Eurovision in Liverpool.

Fr Taras Khomych, Chaplain to the Ukrainian Church in Liverpool, and the Ukrainian community in Liverpool cordially invite people from across the archdiocese. It is as a 'thank you' for the generosity and ongoing work of the #liverpool4ukraine campaign and for the solidarity of the people of Liverpool.

This is a unique experience to celebrate Mass in a different Catholic rite and Fr Mark encourages you to participate. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration.

METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School & St Edward's College West Derby meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. For full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, has issued the following statement:



The coronation of King Charles III will take place in Westminster Abbey. This will be the first coronation for 70 years in our countries; indeed, the first since our late Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, entered the ancient church as a young woman to take on the awesome responsibilities of monarchy. In his first address to our countries after the death of the Queen, His Majesty stated, in the context of the late Queen's unwavering service, *"that promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today."*

None of us can imagine the incredible burden that His Majesty will assume as he is crowned King alongside his wife and Queen, Camilla. The world has immeasurably changed since 1953 with many more opportunities and challenges in the lives of all.

As faithful citizens of our countries, we now pray for our King as he assumes the fullness of the high office of monarch. From Wednesday 3 May until Friday 5 May, the Bishops of England and Wales ask each Catholic in our lands to pray for His Majesty and the Queen. We can do this in our daily prayer asking Almighty God to guide the King in his appointed tasks. We can also pray for him when we gather for prayer at Mass. This triduum of prayer will culminate on Friday evening when we have asked each Catholic community to offer a special Mass for the King before the Coronation on Saturday. It will be the culminating moment of our three days of prayer when we ask God's continuing blessing on our new King and Queen.

As we look towards the Coronation Day, which will be marked with joy and celebration across England and Wales, and the Commonwealth, let us commend King Charles and Queen Camilla to our Heavenly Father, that he may sustain them in their duties all the days of their lives.

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

PARISH MASS

Parishes have been sent special texts for Masses to be celebrated on 5 May for the Coronation. Mass in our parish will be at **12noon on Friday 5 May** and you are encouraged to come along and join with our fellow Catholics around the country to pray for the King's intentions. Special Coronation prayer cards will also be made available.



PRAYER CARDS

We are waiting for the Prayer cards to arrive and they will be available from the back of church once we receive them. Please make sure you take one and join in this national prayer for our new King & Queen.

CATHEDRAL MASS

On Friday 5 May at 5pm there is a Vigil Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King Charles III. All are welcome to attend.

CHURCH BELLS

Church bells will be rung during the weekend to mark the coronation. Listen out for our church bell.

MISSED OUT ON BEING INVITED TO THE CORONATION?

Would you like an opportunity to sing Zadok the Priest, Parry's I was Glad and other pieces long associated with coronations? Liverpool Welsh Choral is marking this historic event and inviting you to join them at a 'Free Come and Sing' on Wednesday 3 May 6.45 - 9.00pm at the Barkla Lecture Theatre, Chadwick Building, University of Liverpool, Peach Street.

In the first part of the evening you will run through well known Coronation music and be invited to join the choir to sing these loved pieces. During the break there will be free celebration drinks followed by the Choir rehearsing Mozart's Requiem and you are welcome to stay and listen. Please register your interest by emailing: liverpoolwelshsecretary@outlook.com



YOU ARE INVITED TO

A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!

 **YOU'RE INVITED TO:**

Afternoon Tea to celebrate the
Coronation of King Charles

 **WHERE & WHEN:**

English Martyrs Parish Hall
after Mass on Sunday 7th
May

The Coronation Big Lunch brings neighbours and communities together to share friendship, food and fun.

CoronationBigLunch.com

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We couldn't let this pass us by without celebrating!!
Join us for afternoon tea and a few hours of fun after
Mass on Sunday 7th May. We will be providing
afternoon tea so will need numbers for catering. Please
give your name to the office asap if you will be joining
us.

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