



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

4th Sunday of Easter

30th April 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life and need to 'call by name' and reconnect with if I am to be at all like Jesus, my Good Shepherd?

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Sunday is the annual Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life. There will be retiring collections this weekend which will go to the Archdiocesan Priests Training Fund. Please give generously.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Lord in your mercy...



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.

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.

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 mail catholiclisteners@gmail.com

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:

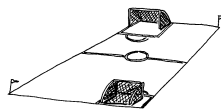
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Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 29th April	4.30pm Margaret Lyon
Sunday 30th April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Tony Coady 11.45a. Baptism - Orla Garrett Harrison
Monday 1st May	10.15am Margaret Collins
Tuesday 2nd May	10.15am Liz Walker
Wednesday 3rd May <i>Feast SS Philip & James</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 4th May <i>Feast of The English Martyrs</i>	10.15am Angela Reece
Friday 5th May	12.00pm Coronation of King Charles 111
Saturday 6th May	4.30pm Alice Power
Sunday 7th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am People of the Parish

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

MOVING THE GOALPOSTS?

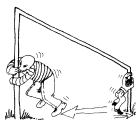


Where are the boundaries of the sheepfold? Jesus promises us safe lodging within the sheepfold but warns us that we must enter through the main gate, which he himself is. To get in any other way is to cheat, he says.

But how do we know whether we are entering through the main gate or getting in cheap through some hole in the fence? Do the parameters of the sheepfold change from age to age? Are there some things that are now right which used to be wrong? How do we decide which sheep Jesus would allow through the gate? How can we tell whether it's his voice we're listening to or just the voice of our present generation?

The Christian Church has to struggle with this problem. Are issues set in stone? Are they unchangeable? And how do we decide what will get us in through the sheep-gate and what will keep us out? Does it all boil down to my own personal private morality? But what if I go to Church every week yet actively support the proliferation of nuclear weapons? What if I work on the parish council but never read the bible? What if I claim to care about the poor but never vote in a general election? Will these things allow me through the door of the sheepfold?

Getting into the sheepfold is a metaphor for enjoying life to the full. It's not that Jesus stands there like some nightclub bouncer, refusing entry to those who don't have the right dress code. Rather, it's about whether our actions (private and public) produce a better quality of life for ourselves and others. Sometimes we have to look closely to make sure we're not just moving the goalposts to make life easier but not better. And this means asking ourselves some deep questions about the way we are leading our lives. For Jesus wants us not only to have life, but to have it to the full.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 4.00p.m- 4.25pm



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY
Orla Garrett Harrison

Baptised Saturday 30th April 2023



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:

'Ian McLean'



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.



FEAST OF THE WEEK: THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 4th May

In the new Calendar for English Saints the 40 canonised martyrs previous feast on 25th October have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for today's Feast, with other martyrs from the 16th & 17th centuries. These are now known as "The English Martyrs".

It was on 4th May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these martyrs 42 have been canonised and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned.

They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution and we are proud that they are our patron saints!

How often do we take the time when we visit English Martyrs church to look at the names of the martyrs surrounding the walls and give thanks for their lives; the blood of the martyrs is the seed of our faith.



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.

'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 3rd; 10th and 17th May between 10.30 am – 11.45 am followed by Mass at 12 noon.'

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

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.



PRAYER CARDS

Prayer cards are now available from the back of church. 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.

OUR PARISH AFTERNOON TEA – Please join us next Sunday (7th) after Mass for afternoon tea. Give your name to Bernie by afternoon of Tuesday 2nd – we need numbers for catering. Come and raise a cup (or maybe even a glass!) to our new King!!

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. First part of the evening you will run through well known Coronation music and be invited to join the choir to sing these pieces. There will then 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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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTEMBERGURY

Please give names to Bernie by Tuesday afternoon if you are joining us. We have only had a couple of acceptances so far

There really is such a thing as a ‘**free lunch**’ so come and have a couple of hours celebrating our new King!