



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

7th Sunday of Easter

21st May 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I imitate the first disciples? Can I devote myself to prayer? Can I become aware of the Holy Spirit's effects on my life?

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Benjamin Samuel Otikiti
Baptised Saturday 20th May 2023



Jacob Anthony Sharp
Baptised Sunday 21st May 2023

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



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

MAY PROCESSION

The Missionaries of Charity's annual May procession will take place on Saturday 27 May at 2pm.

A special invitation is extended to boys and girls who make their Holy Communion in May 2023.

The procession starts at St Peter's Square (off Seel St) and processes via Seel St, Berry St, Bold St, Church St, Whitechapel, to Queens Square and finishing at the Shrine

Contact Jim Ross on 07766 706 766 or email jimmy.ross7@gmail.com



Are you a good listener? Have you got a couple of hours each week to spare? At the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo L22 1RD, as we get busier, we are looking for more volunteers to help.



Do you think you could help? If so, contact Jenny on 0151 949 1199 or email siobhan@irenaeus.co.uk

Have you got any toiletries going spare? Shampoo, shower gel, female sanitary products, nappies etc. If so, we at the Irenaeus Centre are asking for donations in order to help people in need. If you have, contact the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo L222 1RD or phone us on 0151 949 1199 or email siobhan@irenaeus.co.uk

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 20th May	12.00pm Baptism - Benjamin Otokiti 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am Bill Ashcroft 11.45am Baptism - Jacob Anthony Sharp
Monday 22nd May	10.00am Teresa Sinnott
Tuesday 23rd May	10.00am Moira Phillips
Wednesday 24th May	NO MASS
Thursday 25th May <i>St Bede</i>	10.00am Tony Jones
Friday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	10.00am Frances McDonagh
Saturday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 28th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	10.30am Fred Bisson 11.45am Baptism - Ruby Brearley

SUNDAY THOUGHTS



When we pray, we often choose to go to a certain place. If we are praying alone, we may choose the foot of our bed or another quiet place inside or outside our home. If we are joining others in prayer, it is often our parish church. After Jesus ascended to heaven, his disciples returned to Jerusalem and immediately chose to go to the upper room of the house where they were staying. Christian tradition holds that they celebrated the Last Supper and received the Holy Spirit in this same room. Whether they'd decided to pray together and chose to come to this room, or whether they desired to go together to a familiar place and then chose to devote themselves to prayer, the place and the activity were well-linked.

This room was where they could go to know God and know Christ more deeply. This is what Jesus tells his disciples is the way to eternal life. Here in this very room on the night before he died he told them, "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ". Scholars tell us that it is unlikely that these are his actual words, for nowhere else does Jesus refer to himself as Jesus Christ, but the idea that knowing the Father and the Son deeply and truly is the way to eternal life is what John chose to include in this pivotal scene in his Gospel. Jesus wants us to know him and the Father in the intimate way that we know close family and friends.

In his Gospel, Luke writes that at one point when Jesus is told that his mother and brothers are trying to make it through the crowd, he says, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it". Now in Acts, Luke writes that Jesus' mother and brothers accompanied the disciples to the upper room and together with his disciples, male and female, devoted themselves to prayer. In doing so, they are acting on what they have heard, becoming ever closer to the Father and the Son.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" MAY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 104	P Garrigan
2nd	£15	No. 43	R Taylor
3rd	£10	No. 194	S Hunt
4th	£10	No. 19	B McCambridge



Numbers are still available if you wish to join and support this wonderful institution. See Myra Lovelady

Young Adult Group

Are you Catholic aged 20-45 (or know somebody who is)? Have a burning question about our faith, a desire to put your faith into action, or simply want to meet up and have meaningful discussions about religion, spirituality, and life with other Catholics your age? Let's explore our faith together in a welcoming environment – whether you go to church every week or haven't been for a while. Come along to

St George's Catholic Church, Station Road, Maghull on **Tuesday 30th May, 8pm**. All are welcome.

LIVING THEOLOGY PROGRAMME SUMMER SCHOOL

– at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno
from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July. For more information visit: <https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology-2023/>

DISABLED CROSSINGS - MOSS LANE AND SCHOOL LANE

We have received a complaint regarding access to the two disabled crossings around Church - one is at the junction of Moss/School Lane and the other outside the Parish Hall. We have been provided with photos of cars parked across the 'bumps' which indicate the two crossings - thereby restricting access and causing some distress for blind and disabled local residents. Could parishioners please be mindful of parking on these designated disabled crossings. Thank you!





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

'Kathleen, Jack & John Bracken'



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

On Sunday 11 June, the Feast Corpus Christi, Fr Mark invites all Ministers of the Eucharist to renew their commitment during the 10.30am Mass and for our parish community to continue praying for them.



GILBERT SCOTT LECTURES ON SCIENCE AND FAITH 2023

Wednesday 24th May 7:30 pm to 9 pm, Lady Chapel, Anglican Cathedral, Deacon Paul Rooney will be speaking on Sand, wind, water and plants: a recipe for coastal dunes and faith.

Go to site for details <https://tinyurl.com/yc7b8svk>

PENTECOST 2023

Ecumenical Celebration / Two Cathedrals Walk 3pm - 5pm. **'One Church', Many Nations, Journeying Together in Hope.** On Sunday, 28th May we come together around our two Cathedrals to celebrate Pentecost, this significant event in the Christian Year.

This year, we will be picking up the theme of Eurovision as we remember how people from across Europe were gathered in Jerusalem at that moment when the first disciples were overcome by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We recall how the message of God made sense to them in their different languages and dialects. As we welcome our new Bishop of Liverpool John Perumbalath as our keynote speaker, we will seek to make our message of life and hope known across our own city. This year's theme is 'One Church', Many Nations, Journeying Together in Hope.

The Pentecost event will start at the Anglican Cathedral and we will walk up Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral. There will be a service on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and a party on the steps. All are welcome.



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.

Can those people who have already put their name down please pass a £10 deposit in to the office. You can also collect a copy of the menu to pre-order your meal in the hotel

Llangollen 2023



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

A message from Pablo at Archdiocese Pastoral Development

In my work over the last 7 months as Catholic Social Action Coordinator, I have seen compassion expressed in many different ways – compassion for the cold and hungry, compassion for the earth environment, and compassion for the stranger. Next month, refugee week will be taking compassion as its theme. As part of this week the Archdiocese is hosting a conversation on 'Love the Stranger' - a new publication on migrants and refugees by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. We will discuss the principles it sets out, and review how our work with refugees has been lived out and celebrated during Refugee week. The conversation will take place online at 4pm, Friday 23rd June. See bulleting for details or email me at p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

#Liverpool4Ukraine

The Archdiocese 5th trip to the Ukraine left on Saturday to deliver essential aid. The aid is distributed between local people who need it so desperately. The date was carefully selected to tie in with Eurovision to further strengthen the links between the city and Ukraine as the reason it is being held in Liverpool is because of the war in Ukraine. These trips would not be possible without the generous donations from our parishioners. We are still very much welcoming any donations, ways to donate are :

Online:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate

Bank transfer:

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12

Account: 01551493

Reference: Help Ukraine

Cheque

Made payable to "Archdiocese of Liverpool" and with "Help Ukraine" written on the reverse, these can be sent to

Finance Department, St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA



The Metropolitan Cathedral has been chosen to host the sculpture 'The Need for Freedom' by prominent contemporary Ukrainian artist, Dmytro Iv. This striking artwork, which shows the figure of a chained but rising woman, represents Ukraine's struggle for peace and freedom. More information can be found here:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/metropolitan-cathedral-hosts-artwork-by-ukrainian-artist-dmytro-iv>

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2023

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website:

www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

A retiring collection will be taken after Masses this weekend.

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/



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...



FEAST OF THE WEEK
St Aldhelm 675-1078

Aldhelm became a monk at Malmesbury, but completed his education at Canterbury. In about 675 he became Abbot of Malmesbury, and made foundations at Frome and Bradford-on-Avon.

When the Wessex diocese was divided in 705 he became the first bishop of its western half, Sherborne, without ceasing to rule the abbey at Malmesbury.



He was renowned for his learning and sanctity. He wrote both prose and verse, and set his verse to music. Finding the people of his time somewhat dilatory in their church attendance, it is said that he would stand up in public places, singing songs and preaching sermons to attract people to the faith. His Old English verse, sung with harp accompaniment, has not survived, so we can judge this Anglo-Saxon writer only by his Latin works. It is thought that he invented the crossword puzzle. He died at Douling near Wells in Somerset, and was buried at Malmesbury. His cult was discontinued by Lanfranc, but Osmund authorised its resumption with the translation of his relics in 1078.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

We are currently advertising for several roles in schools as well as a Parish Cleaner, Parish Administrator, Communications Officer and a Retreat Coordinator.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>





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