



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

6th Sunday of Easter

14th May 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I respond with grace and respect to someone who annoys me or strongly disagrees with me? Can I imagine my response defusing the disagreement?

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday and we have two Masses that day at 12noon and 6pm. It is a Holyday of Obligation which means that we are obliged to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mass on Monday is a Funeral Mass at 10:00am for Cyril Gittins. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



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



missio We have been advised that during 2022 our

Parish raised an amazing £1060.20 through the donations in missio red boxes. Thanks to all who regularly fill their box. Missio is a wonderful charity that helps local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Fr Stephen is a member of the Mill Hill Missionary in Freshfield. If you do not have a red box and would like one please ask in Parish Office. A huge 'Thank you' to Mary Maloney who works tirelessly for missio in our Parish.



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 13th May <i>Feast Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King</i>	12.00pm Baptism - Ruby McCluskie 4.30pm Andrew Overton
Sunday 14th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Isla-Rose Mary Gore
Monday 15th May	10.00am Funeral mass - Cyril Gittins
Tuesday 16th May	10.00am Mark Gribbin
Wednesday 17th May	NO MASS
Thursday 18th May <i>Ascension of The Lord</i>	12.00pm Jacqueline & Anne Marie Morley 6.00pm Perpetual Mass List
Friday 19th May	10.00am John & Barbara Percival
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

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Last week we saw, in the name of Jesus, Philip drove out demons and cured those who were disabled. In that time, possession by the devil and physical infirmity were considered to be manifestations of sin. (Recall that Jesus' disciples asked him whether it was the blind man's sin or his parents' sin that caused his blindness, assuming it must be the sin of one of them.) When Philip healed people in Christ's name, it was thus a physical sign of God's forgiveness. The healing of so many was a sign of a new age, an age when forgiveness and healing flowed like water. No wonder "there was great joy in that city"!

In his first letter, Peter speaks particularly to those who are suffering. Christians were persecuted in that era, so he had to know that his letter would find plenty of people who were suffering. He asks those who are questioned about their faith to treat the questioners gently and reverently. After all, they are children of God as well. "Suffer for doing good," he counselled, as Jesus had. Despite our suffering, God calls us to love those who malign us as God loves them. And who knows? If we respond to our opponents with grace and without vitriol, we may disarm them and find a glimmer of goodness within them.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments," Jesus told his disciples. Taken one way, it may seem quite demanding, but it was really the equivalent of saying, "If you love me, you will want to keep my commandments." Think about someone you love dearly—your spouse, your significant other, your parent, your child. Do you not want to do what they ask? You want to please them, you want to bring them joy. Assuming that they are sincere and not demanding or unreasonable, you want to do what they ask. Submission to someone else's will is a consequence of love. Love of God brings us a desire to do God's will, to do what God asks of us.

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



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:



'Kitty & Tom Murphy

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.



'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 17th May between 10.30 am – 11.45 am followed by Mass at 12 noon.'

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.

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.

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



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>

#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:

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Account: 01551493

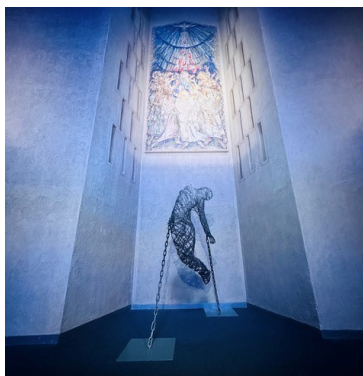
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Cheque

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 next weekend.

THANK YOU! Many of us had a lovely time after Mass last Sunday to celebrate the Coronation. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us and a huge thank you to the bakers and the organising team! Have a look on the website for a gallery of photos



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Ruby McCluskie

Baptised Saturday 13th May 2023

Isla-Rose Mary Gore

Baptised Sunday 14th May 2023



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.

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/



Step into the gap – a gap year with CAFOD

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18- 30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear



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