



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

5th Sunday of Easter

7th May 2023



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom in my parish or in the wider community do I feel called to serve? How can I serve them and bring them on our journey to the Lord?

## WEEKDAY MASS

Mass on Monday will be celebrated at 12noon. Mass on Thursday is a Funeral Mass at 12noon for Terence Ryan. May he rest in peace.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk)

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 6th May</b>	4.30pm Alice Power
<b>Sunday 7th May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Charlie John Harrison
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	12.00pm Brian Moorcroft
<b>Tuesday 9th May</b>	10.00am Lin Brennan
<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	12.00pm Funeral mass - Terence Ryan
<b>Friday 12th May</b>	10.00am Paul Nickson
<b>Saturday 13th May</b> <i>Feast Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King</i>	12.00pm Baptism - Ruby McCluskie 4.30pm Andrew Overton
<b>Sunday 14th May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Isla-Rose Mary Gore

## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

The first disciples had a problem. The Greek-speaking converts (“Hellenists”) complained to the original disciples because their widows were being neglected by the Hebrew-speaking disciples who controlled the “daily distribution”: the food and other essentials they held for the common good. Homily helps The Hebrew-speaking disciples could have decided to split the community in two and leave the Greek-speaking disciples to handle it themselves. Instead, the diversity of the early community inspired a wise decision. The Hebrew-speaking leaders decided to split up the work among themselves and new leaders from among the Hellenists: not only the responsibility for serving the community, but also the basic ministries of preaching and serving. Now all the needy widows would

The eleven apostles who remained after the Resurrection selected Matthias to replace Judas so that they could once again be twelve, symbolising the twelve tribes of Israel. Today we hear them commission seven leaders from among the Hellenists. Seven signifies universality and completion, for it was considered a perfect number. The numbers of those called to lead—twelve and seven—symbolise both their roots and their mission.

Jesus promises his disciples a dwelling place in his Father’s house. When asked where they can find this place, he tells the disciples that he is the way. Then he asserts that he is in the Father and the Father is in him. The destination, therefore, is already found in the journey. Our home is in the Lord, who accommodates us in all our diversity of languages, ages, cultures, and orientations, for he has many dwelling places, all brought together in one God. In Jesus we encounter not only the way but our eternal home, for he is also the truth and the life. Also, as Jesus prepares a dwelling place for us in God, he also prepares in us a dwelling place for God.’

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



**WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY**  
**Charlie John Harrison**

Baptised Sunday 7th May 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](mailto: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:

**'Loving memory of Brian Moorcroft'**



**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 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](mailto:journeytogetherij@gmail.com)

### **PARISH CHORAL EVENING**

On Friday 12th May the choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will visit the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Gateacre (L25 2RW) to present a Parish Choral Offering. The choir will sing a wide variety of music including Handel's coronation anthem 'Zadok the Priest' and the much loved 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franck. All are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of beautiful music. The offering begins at 18.30 and admission is free (with a retiring collection.)

## 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.



## #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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate)

### Bank transfer:

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12

Account: 01551493

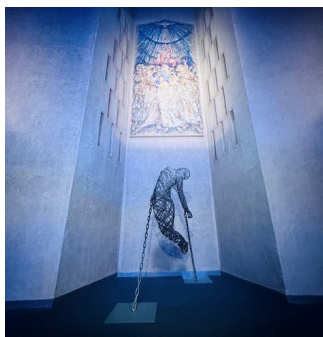
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### Cheque

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>

## THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

As we enjoy 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. As faithful citizens of our countries, we now pray for our King as he assumes the fullness of the high office of monarch.



***“O God, to whom every human power is subject,  
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles  
success in the exercise of his high office,  
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,  
he may constantly secure and preserve  
for the people entrusted to his care  
the freedom that comes from civil peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen***

***V: O Lord, save Charles, our King.  
R: And hear us on the day we call upon you.  
V: O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R: And let my cry come before you.  
V: The Lord be with you.  
R: And with your spirit.***

***Almighty God, we pray,  
that your servant Charles, our King,  
who, by your providence has received the governance of this  
realm, may continue to grow in every virtue,  
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,  
he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and,  
being blessed with your favour may,  
with his consort and the royal family,  
come at last into your presence,  
through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life  
and who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.***

***Amen”***

## **THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

### **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.



### **CHURCH BELLS**

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

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Bishops have asked that the National Anthem be sung 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/](http://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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear)



*Congratulations to  
His Majesty  
King Charles III*