



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 2nd July 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom can I help carry their cross in an act of Christian solidarity?

MASS TIMES - Please note that Mass on Thursday is at 12 Noon. It is funeral Mass for repose of the soul of Maureen Henshall. May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Mass on Friday is at 9.00am

Llangollen 2023

For those joining us for our trip to Eisteddfod - the coach will leave at 9.45am on Friday - after Mass at 9.00am.

MUSIC FOR A KING

The joint choirs of Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will join together on Saturday 8 July at 7.30pm in a festive programme of 'Music for a King' in this coronation year. Coronation classics by Handel (Zadok the priest), Parry (I was glad) and Walton (Crown Imperial) are presented alongside Charles-Marie Widor's Messe à deux chœurs et deux orgues. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear the combined choirs of Liverpool's two cathedrals in concert together. Tickets can be booked here:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

Are you a 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 Social Club at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. Contact natasha-pritchard@hotmail.co.uk for further details.



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

‘Private intention (JK)’



SUMMER MASS TIMES

Like last year, the parishes of the deanery will be running a reduced Mass schedule during the Summer weeks to allow the priests to have a holiday and to ensure that each parish is covered by the priests in the deanery.

The Summer Mass schedule will begin on Saturday 22 July until mid September when we will celebrate just one weekend Mass at 10.30am Sunday. Saturday 15 July will be the last day for 4.30pm Mass until September.

Only two weekday Masses will be celebrated in the parish each week during this period.

THE FEAST OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

This important Feast Day is celebrated on Monday 3 July.

St Thomas travelled to India and took with him the Gospel message of Jesus and so he is the Patron Saint of the Christian Church in India. Our brothers and sisters of the Syro Malabar Catholic Church at Our Lady Queen of Peace will mark their Feast Day with a week long celebration from 2 - 9 July. As part of the celebrations Fr Mark will celebrate Mass on Saturday 8 July at 10.00 in Our Lady Queen of Peace followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

DAY FOR LIFE A retiring collection will be taken this weekend for this special cause. Day for Life offers the opportunity to uphold the dignity of human life in all its forms from conception to natural death.

The theme this year is **‘Listen to Her’** and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. There is more information at www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/

Please give generously.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 1st July	4.30pm Maureen Mullarkey
Sunday 2nd July <i>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Frances McDonagh
Monday 3rd July <i>St Thomas the Apostle</i>	10.00am Colin Littler
Tuesday 4th July	10.00am Margaret Collins
Wednesday 5th July	NO MASS
Thursday 6th July	12.00pm Funeral - Maureen Henshall
Friday 7th July	9.00am Damien O'Neill
Saturday 8th July	4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 9th July <i>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Terry Ryan 11.45am Baptism - Patrick Darran

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

What is eternal life in the kingdom of heaven if not a sign of God's hospitality to us? Because Jesus redeemed us on the cross, we are now welcomed into God's home to live forever. Like the woman of Shunem, who made a special place in her home for the prophet Elisha, God has made a special place in heaven for us. Let us follow Elisha's example and ask ourselves what we can do to express our gratitude for God's hospitality.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, whether we are conscious of it or not, we are offering thanks to God for all the God-given blessings we have received, especially the gift of Jesus, through whom we have received redemption. Because the Greek word eucharistia means "thanksgiving," in offering the Eucharist we are giving thanks. Indeed, before Jesus offered the bread as his body to the disciples, he gave thanks to God. He gave thanks once again before he offered the cup of wine as his blood. For all that God has done for us, we give thanks for the invitation to share Christ's Body and Blood.

To return to Elisha's question, "Can something be done for her?" Let us look to Jesus in today's Gospel. He calls us to take up our crosses. In taking up our crosses and following Jesus' example, we are doing something for God. Specifically, we are surrendering ourselves to God's will, as Jesus did when he faced persecution. Additionally, Jesus promises a reward even to those who give "only a cup of cold water" to a disciple. This is akin to us helping someone else carry their cross, even if only for a short time, even if only expending a small effort. We are surrendering our own will to God's.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES WANTED!

Thursday Voluntary Guiding and Welcoming at the Cathedral. We are seeking three volunteers, one for mornings (10-1) and two for afternoons (1- 4) who would like to join our voluntary team to work at the welcome desks or to conduct guides tours, or both! If you could give us a regular commitment to Thursdays we would love to hear from you. Deacon Paul Mannings: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk



ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR



MEMORIES

As you know, this summer will mark 100 years since the Archdiocese's first pilgrimage to Lourdes. We would like to mark this special occasion by asking people across the archdiocese to share their memories of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and any photographs or video clips you may have taken on any trips there over the years. We will collate these memories and use them on the archdiocesan website, social media channels and the Pic. It could be that generations of your family have travelled to Lourdes, you could have photos from decades ago or even that a member of your family went on our very first pilgrimage in 1923. If you have anything you are happy for us to share publicly or if you would even like to record a video message for us, then please email any details to communications@rcaol.org.uk and lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk and include your name, parish and year(s) you travelled to Lourdes.

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

CENTENARY MASS

A reminder that there is a Mass on Sunday, 25 June at 5pm at the Cathedral to celebrate the centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are very welcome,

LOURDES CENTENARY BADGES

Fr Mark has received a few of the Archdiocesan Lourdes Centenary badges to celebrate 100 years of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Association and Pilgrimage. They are a limited edition so no more will be made. You can purchase a badge from the Parish Shop for just £2.50.

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

As part of the Pilgrimage week there will be an opportunity for us to commemorate those who have travelled to Lourdes over the years and have since died. As a simple act of remembrance we will present a box of the names of those who have been on pilgrimage in the past. We would like to invite you to contribute to this by sending us a list of names of those who have attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes over the years and have now died. You can do this by simply sending names to the parish office before the end of this month. This moment of remembrance will take place on 25th July – the day that it was reported that John (Jack) Traynor was cured

ARCHBISHOP PAUL GALLAGHER

On Wednesday 5 July at 12.15pm there will be a Capitular Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral at which His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher will be installed as an Honorary Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of Liverpool. The Chapter of Canons is looking forward to welcoming Archbishop Paul back to his home diocese for this. All are very welcome to attend this special celebration. Archbishop Paul was born in Liverpool in 1954 and was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese in 1977. Most of his priestly life has been in the service of the Vatican Diplomatic Corps and he was ordained Bishop and appointed an Archbishop in 2004. Since 2014 he has served as Secretary of the Secretariat of State for the Vatican and is seen as the Pope's Foreign Secretary. He is Fr Mark's boss in the work he does for the Vatican's Holy Land Co-ordination Group.



SCAM WARNING

Merseyside Police has informed the Archdiocese about an incident whereby a male has presented himself as homeless to a church in Southport and a member of the congregation has given the man a large sum of money, effectively falling for a scam.

Diocesan authorities have asked priests to warn parishioners against scams of any nature. Please visit the website 'Think Jessica' for more information on scams and fraud issues and what to look out for:

www.thinkjessica.com

If anyone notices anything suspicious like the above then please call the police on 101.

COME AND SEE DAY

SATURDAY 8 JULY 10-4pm

Irenaeus Centre with Sr Gemma Simmonds who is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus. She has worked as a university chaplain, completed ministry work in Brazil and been a volunteer chaplain in women's prison HMP Holloway Book a place by calling 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

Faith Leaders in the UK are taking part in the 'No Child Left Behind' week of awareness and action running from 24-30 June and you are invited to be part of it.

There are 4 million children in the UK living in households going short on food. That one child should go hungry is heartbreaking. That millions of children should go short on food is a moral crisis. Life is getting harder for children and families.

With food costs soaring and bills skyrocketing, families are under immense pressure. A hot, healthy school dinner every day is the difference between a child going hungry and thriving in school. School meals have a long history in the UK. When compulsory education was introduced in the 1870s, thousands of poor children went to school hungry. The city of Manchester started giving some children meals in 1879, but it didn't take off UK wide until later.

All children do not get an equal chance to thrive under the current system. In England, for the first three years of school, every child gets a free hot dinner during their school day. But after Year 3, the Government stops Free School Meals for All and too many children go without or short of food during their school day. This is changing, but not in England. In 2020, Scotland pledged to extend Free School Meals to every child in primary school and this is now underway. In 2021, Wales promised families they'll do the same. The impacts are numerous. Improved concentration, energy levels and a chance to thrive for every school child. It lets children eat together, learn together and play together, without stigma or shame. That's the future we want for our children and our schools.

We are called to action to support the No Child Left Behind campaign, which is asking MPs to recognise that food is part and parcel of education, just like books and desks and everything else we expect children to have when they learn. We're calling on them to ensure every child has a hot, nutritious school dinner, every day. Urge the Government to extend Free School Meals to every child in primary school.

Add your voice to the campaign's open letter today: www.freeschoolmealsforall.org.uk Write to your MP and ask them to back Free School Meals for All for our children, families and schools:

Together, we're powerful. And together, we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.



FEAST OF THE WEEK

Blessed Peter To Rot (1912-1945)



He was born in 1912 at Rakunai, a village on the Melanesian island of New Britain, today part of Papua New Guinea. His parents belonged to the region's first generation of Catholics. He was a pious boy and the parish priest thought that he should study for the priesthood, but his father felt that the tradition of Catholicism in the region was too short and none of the people were yet ready for the priesthood, so Peter became a catechist. He married in 1936 and had three children. When the Japanese occupied the island during the war, all the missionaries and mission staff were imprisoned in a concentration camp and Peter was the only spiritual guide that Catholics had. He organised prayer services, gave religious instruction, baptised children, preserved the consecrated Hosts and administered them to the sick and dying, and gave help to the poor. The Japanese had destroyed the church when they arrived, so Peter built a new one out of the branches of trees.

After a quiet start, repression grew violent. The Japanese banned all Christian worship, public and private, and decided to reintroduce polygamy among the people. Peter was arrested in April or May 1945 and savagely "questioned" by officials. He was sentenced to two months in prison. On the date of his death he said to his mother: *'the police told me that, this evening, a Japanese doctor will come to give me some medicine. Surprising since I'm not sick. I suspect this is a trick.* He told his wife to bring his cross and good clothes so he could go to God dressed in proper attire. A Japanese doctor came and injected him with poison, stuffed his ears and nose with cotton wool, and held him down and suffocated him until he died.

An immense crowd attended Peter's burial, at which no religious rite was permitted. He has been increasingly revered as a martyr ever since that day. He was beatified by Pope Str John Paul II in 1995 after the Pope confirmed that To Rot has been killed "in hatred of the faith".

CATHOLIC PIC - July's Pic is available free of charge from the piety stall. Main article this month is on the ordination of Hugh Donleavy.

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Some children from English Martyrs School choir were invited to sing at the Good Shepherd Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday. It was a beautiful service and school raised an amazing £534 for Nugent through all their efforts during Lent!



Cathedral Walking Group

The Cathedral have a regular walking group to which everyone is welcome to pop along. Their next walk is on Saturday, 22 July at 10am meeting at The Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Road E, Birkenhead CH42 1LS, phone 644 5893.

Train: Rock Ferry (and then a 15 min walk to meeting place - use Google maps or ask for directions from organisers), David and Dee Stevens 07578 831 431 or 97879 995 127. Bring a picnic lunch, drinks though coffee can be bought at Port Sunlight. It's about 7 miles gentle terrain and climbs on mixed footpaths taking approximately 3-4 hours depending on pace and weather.

Priests Live in Concert

The Priests will be performing live in concert on Thursday 12 October at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The concert is part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage, and also to support the work of the Cathedral Friends. Tickets are £25. For group bookings please ring 07860 129589 or email: thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. .

Lord in your mercy...



THANK YOU!

You will be aware that the majority of food that we collect at the back of Church is donated to the local charity 'In your shoes' which is on Moss Lane. We received the following letter this week:



'We would just like to thank each and everyone of you who helps us continue to provide support to our community with your kind donations of food every week and also cash donations - which this time was an amazing £200 which Chris and Mary kindly dropped off.

This goes to support the most vulnerable families in the area with food and essentials that they would otherwise struggle with. With your continued support we are able to provide these things on a daily basis to those in your local area.

So - from all at 'In your shoes' and those families we thank you all'

Time Out at The Cenacle

Tithebarn Grove,
Wavertree Saturday
22 July. Take a break from your daily routine and have some space to reflect, be still and be refreshed. Day begins at 10.30am and ends about 4pm,
suggested offering for the day £10, bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided.
For info ring 722 2271.

VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

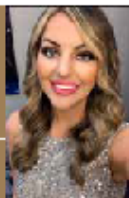
We are currently advertising a number of chaplaincy posts, a Maintenance Assistant, a Governance Professional and a Finance Business Partner. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers



CELEBRATING THE **CENTENARY YEAR OF THE
LIVERPOOL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE AND THE WORK OF
THE FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL**

WITH GUEST SOLOIST **DANIELLE THOMAS**
AND MUSICAL DIRECTOR **STEPHEN MANNINGS**



THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 TICKETS £25

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

For queries email: thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

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Group bookings from Tel: **07860 129589** (Admin fee may apply)



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