



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25th June 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What am I reluctant to take a stand on? How can I bear witness most effectively and realistically?

A CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The school community will be joining us for Mass on Tuesday at 10.00am so that we can celebrate the recent First Communion for Y4. All are welcome.

SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 7th JULY Can those people who have put their name down please now pass the balance of payment in to the office

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to this year's Good Shepherd Mass on Wednesday 28 June at 11.00am in the Cathedral. This is the Diocesan celebration of Nugent Care.



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



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:

‘Michelle McMullen’



SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Thursday 29 June is the Solemnity of the the Apostles Peter & Paul and it is a Holyday of Obligation which means that we are all obliged to attend Mass. Mass at English Martyrs will be celebrated at midday. There will be an evening Mass celebrated on Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Robert Bellarmines.

A retiring collection will be taken for Peter’s Pence. The Secretariat for the Economy of the Vatican has sent a reminder regarding the importance of this collection in the work of the Holy See: *As we approach the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and the annual Peter’s Pence Collection in favour of the Holy Father’s apostolic and charitable ministry, our Office has prepared, as it did last year, the leaflet and poster in various languages that could be helpful, if you deem it appropriate, in raising awareness among the faithful in your country. Such material this year is available on our website www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 4.00 - 4.25pm

PLEASE NOTE MASS ON

**MONDAY WILL BE AT
12 NOON**

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.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 24th June <i>Birth of St John the Baptist</i>	12.00pm Baptism - Vincent McKeown 4.30pm Alice Power
Sunday 25th June <i>12th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45 Baptism - Alayah & Savanna Costigan
Monday 26th June	12.00pm Simon O'Neill
Tuesday 27th June	10.00am Peter McLean
Wednesday 28th June	NO MASS
Thursday 29th June <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	12.00pm Perpetual Mass List
Friday 30th June	10.00am Erin Roberts
Saturday 1st July	4.30pm Maureen Mullarkey
Sunday 2nd July <i>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Frances McDonagh

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Grace is greater than sin. This is the point that Paul is making to the Romans today. As terrible as sin is—for it caused a fundamental separation from God and brought mortality and death—grace is greater. The grace that Jesus won for us on the cross re-stores our union with God and brings the promise of immortality through eternal life. Grace is stronger than sin for when both are present, grace overcomes sin. Grace overcomes not just the original sin Adam brought into the world; it is able to overcome all human sin. Grace washes our soul clean from sin.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus send the Twelve out to the countryside of Galilee, instructing them to proclaim: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”. This is what he is now encouraging them to proclaim from the housetops. However, he has just warned them about persecution. Like Jeremiah, they would hear people denounce them and worse. But God would watch over them, over every little hair on their heads. Proclaiming the immanence of God’s kingdom from the housetops is an acknowledgment that Jesus embodies the kingdom. For this, Jesus assures them that he will acknowledge them in turn.

Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus all faced persecution, for their values aligned with God’s, not society’s. Jeremiah’s message that Jerusalem’s fall was God’s punishment for the people’s sinfulness did not win him many friends. Indeed, his friends stood ready to take vengeance on him. Paul repeatedly preached a countercultural message across the Gentile world. Jesus found enemies among both religious and political authorities. Tradition holds that Jeremiah was martyred in exile after the fall of Jerusalem, killed by fellow exiles. If this is true, then all three died at the hands of their persecutors. But as Jesus told the Twelve, those who can kill the body but not the soul should not be feared. We have no less an obligation to bear witness to our faith in an often cynical and intolerant world. Our life in the Lord can overcome our very real fears in our day-to-day life.

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

CAFOD Cafod is asking us to stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers. At the heart of the global food crisis is a struggle for control over the world's seeds. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds. However, the freedom of farmers to choose what seeds they use is under threat as the World Bank supports new laws which push farmers towards using seeds sold by big agribusiness. This puts control of the world's seeds into the hands of a few giant corporations. If we want a sustainable food system, then we must stand with small farmers across the world as they fight for control over their seeds. To see what you can do visit CAFOD'S website www.cafod.org.uk

#Liverpool4Ukraine

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

REV ABDALLAH DABABNEH



Abdallah was one of the Seminarians who stayed with us last Summer and he will be ordained to the sacred priesthood on Friday 9.00am (UK time) in the parish of Jubeiha in Jordan. Please keep him in your prayers as he will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help him in his new ministry to serve the People of God. He will celebrate his First Mass in his own parish of Madaba on Sunday. Fr Mark will be at both celebrations and he will present Abdallah for ordination.

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.



UKRAINIAN FLOOD APPEAL

The Bishops' of England & Wales have received the following letter from Bishop Kenneth, Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK:

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В ЛОНДОНІ



UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC EPARCHY
OF THE HOLY FAMILY
OF LONDON

Prot.N. 105/2023

Catholic Bishops of England and Wales
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
39 Eccleston Square, London,
SW1V 1BX

9 June 2023

Your Eminence, Your Excellencies and Fathers,

Many have contacted me asking how they can assist people in the Kherson region of Ukraine who have lost their homes and livelihoods as a result of the 6 June 2023 destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam on the Dnipro River which has caused catastrophic flooding.

Once again, I am appealing to your generosity and support for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. We are working closely with the humanitarian aid department of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church - The Patriarchal Foundation "Mudra Sprava" in supplying much needed short-term and long-term aid to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods because of the devastating flooding.

With the help of your donations, food parcels and hygiene products as well as other essential items will be provided to those in need.

If you wish to support our new request, may I please ask that funds be remitted to our Eparchial Account:

Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund
Account Number: 20927317
Sort Code: 20-92-60

or by cheque made payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing "Kherson flooding" in both cases. Cheques can be posted to Finance Office, 21 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ.

Alternatively, donations can be made online to our GoFundMe Page:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nova-kakhovka-fundraiser-for-humanitarian-aid>

With prayerful best wishes, I remain fraternally yours in Christ,

Kenneth

† KENNETH
Eparchial Bishop



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FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Southworth (1592-1654)

John Southworth is normally included with the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, and only in a handful of English dioceses is his feast kept separately, on the anniversary of his execution. But if he was worth canonizing, he is worth knowing; for saints are not canonized to make up an arbitrary quantity.



John Southworth was the only English martyr to suffer under a dictatorship. The English Civil War ended; the King was executed; the Elizabethan Prayer-Book outlawed; freedom of conscience proclaimed. But Catholics, who had been accused of plotting against the King, were still persecuted when there was no King; they had been fined for refusing to accept the Prayer-Book, and they were still persecuted when there was no Prayer-Book; all they asked was freedom of conscience for themselves and their countrymen, and freedom of conscience was given to everyone but them. Priests had to come and go, in secret, in fear of betrayal and death, as they had had to do for more than a generation.

John Southworth was ordained priest at the English College at Douai in 1618. After returning to England he was arrested in Lancashire in 1627 and condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment; in 1630 he was handed over, with several other priests, to the French Ambassador for transportation abroad. Whether he actually went or not seems uncertain, but he was certainly in England in 1637, when Westminster was devastated by the plague. He was seen visiting an infected house, and since there could be only one reason for anyone to visit the sick under such dangerous circumstances, he was arrested and charged with being a priest. On that occasion the authorities quietly set him free and he disappeared underground once more; but such clemency enraged the Puritans, and, seventeen years later, in 1654, when they were in power, they had their revenge.

At his trial, it was open to John Southworth to plead Not Guilty to the criminal and capital charge of being a priest – most of the missionaries did, to cause as much trouble as possible to the persecutors. But Southworth did not. If he had pleaded Not Guilty, the court might have acquitted him; as it was, the judge wept as he passed sentence.

The body of John Southworth was bought from the executioner by the Spanish Ambassador, who returned it to Douai for burial. At the time of the French Revolution he was re-buried in an unmarked grave for protection. The grave was rediscovered in 1927 and the body returned to England – the only complete remains of any of the English martyrs. Upon Southworth's beatification in 1929, his relics were enshrined in Westminster Cathedral

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...



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Vincent Peter McKeown

Baptised Saturday 24th June 2023

Savanna Louise & Alayah Hope Costigan

Baptised Sunday 25th June 2023



COLLECTIONS

We have a number of second collections over the coming weeks:

Peters Pence 29 June

Day For Life 1/2 July

Please note the new date for this collection.

Priests In Retirement 15/16 July

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL - are holding their **Summer Fayre** on

Friday 30th June from 3pm till 6pm in the school grounds.

There will be lots of stalls - including some locals who will be selling their own craft items and produce. Come along and enjoy the fun - just be careful on the bouncy castle!!

They are also desperate for helpers so if anyone could give a hand for an hour or so just contact Andrea Pankiw on 07803 778991



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/>



Celebrating



St. Irenaueus Feast

at the

Irenaueus Project

32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD

Wednesday 28th June

Starting with Mass at 5:30pm
followed by refreshments
and a Summer Garden Fayre
with a variety of stalls

All are welcome

Tombolas
Cakes



Raffle
Crafts