



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 4th June 2023



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What concrete actions can I take to be a more forgiving person? Can I overcome my insistence that those whom I forgive be deserving of it?

## WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there is NO Mass on Tuesday.

**GOOD SHEPHERD MASS** Archbishop Malcolm cordially 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:siobhan@irenaeus.co.uk)

## First Holy Communion

We remember in our prayers all the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

Our blessings and best wishes go out to all of the children and their families as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.





## SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

**'Fr Gerard Britt'**



## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

On Sunday 11 June, the Feast of 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.



## 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/>

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### St James Berthieu (1838-1896)

James Berthieu was born in 1838 in France. He was ordained a priest in 1864. At the age of 35 he joined the Society of Jesus and in 1875 left for Madagascar where he spent the rest of his life. The local people started fighting in order to chase away the French Colonialists and to destroy the Christian faith. The colonial authority managed to suppress the rebellion. But, in 1896, during another rebellion, Fr Berthieu was taken prisoner, beaten and put into prison. He was asked to reject his faith in order to save his life, but he said he preferred death to apostasy. On the night of 8 June 1896, while he was praying, he was shot dead and his body thrown in the river Mananara.



He was canonized on 21 October 2012.

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 3rd June</b> <i>St Charles Lwanga and companions</i>	10.00am & 12.00pm First Holy Communions  4.30pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4th June</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.30am Arthur Cranny
<b>Monday 5th June</b> <i>St Boniface</i>	10.00am Joseph Ferry
<b>Tuesday 6th June</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th June</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 8th June</b>	10.00am Ruth Richardson
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	10.00am Margaret Lyon
<b>Saturday 10th June</b>	10.00am First Holy Communions  4.30pm Bridget McDermott
<b>Sunday 11th June</b> <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10.30am People of the Parish  11.45am Baptism Jacob & Joshua Wilson

## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

When God comes down from the heavens and speaks to Moses, putting words to the divine essence, those words are not words describing unparalleled qualities like “omnipotent,” “all-knowing,” or “almighty,” though any of those words would be correct.

But they would be inadequate. Instead, the words God uses are relational: “tenderness and compassion”, “slow to anger,” “rich in kindness and faithfulness”. God is a relational being. Moses would not have realised it at the time, but even then God was not relational only with all creation, but also with the Son and the Holy Spirit. God has always been in relationship, for God has always been three persons in one God.

The mystery of the Trinity is a mystery we cannot hope to truly penetrate with our limited human intelligence and from our limited human perspective. But this makes perfect sense. A God who can be fully explained is a God who is less than our intelligence.

Throughout the Old Testament God forgives the Chosen People for their unfaithfulness, for the many times they turn away from God, for their sinfulness. Jesus personifies that infinite mercy, given by God to us in two ways. The Son was given to us in the Incarnation, sharing in our humanity, and he was also given over to death on the cross, redeeming us from our sinfulness. Our God is a forgiving God. We again see this in the New Testament, in the way that Jesus treats sinners in the Gospels, leading to his willingness to sacrifice his life for sinners. His forgiveness is not distant or impersonal. He gets to know sinners intimately, which leads to him loving them more deeply, which leads to forgiveness that is true and real. We would do well to strive to do the same.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Jo Collins



## 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](mailto:communications@rcaol.org.uk) and [lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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, including pilgrims past and present.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> July – the day that it was reported that John (Jack) Traynor was cured.



### **‘TIME OUT ON TUESDAY’**

Taking place at the Cenacle, Wavertree, from 10.30am - 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 June. take a break from your daily routine and have some space to reflect, to be still and to be refreshed. Bring your own lunch and a donation gratefully accepted.

### **Celebration of the Feast of St Irenaeus**

Wednesday 28 June - Mass at 5.30pm followed by food and festivities at Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Rd, Waterloo



If you have any goods for tombola, raffle and games please drop them in before the day

### **‘EVERY MIGRANT HAS A NAME, A FACE AND A STORY’**

Friday 23rd June 4-5pm, online To celebrate Refugee week, this online event will discuss the principles set out in “Love the Stranger”- a new document from the Bishops’ Conference. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit [https://love\\_the\\_stranger.eventbrite.com](https://love_the_stranger.eventbrite.com)

**CATHOLIC PIC** Now available from the Parish Shop. The June edition features the Diocesan support for Ukraine.



## SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 7th JULY

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

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## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS -

Online and in person Full details can be found on their website: <https://wwme.org.uk>, including an in-person event 10/11 June 2023 (Non-residential, Macclesfield).

## 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](mailto: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. For details email me at [p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk)



## #Liverpool4Ukraine

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

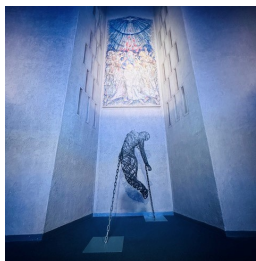
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### Cheque

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>

## REGULAR GIVING TO THE CHURCH

The best way to give regularly to the parish is with a Standing Order so that your contribution is paid by your bank to the parish account. This reduces the cash that has to be handled. Envelopes will always remain available but please consider the use of Standing Orders. Please contact the parish office if you would like one. If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as this is a way of increasing our income without having to ask people for more money. For every £1 you give 25p extra will be claimed back by the parish.

## SEMINARIAN UPDATE

Parishioners often ask Fr Mark for news on the Seminarians who have been to stay with us and please keep them in your prayers.

Michael AlThib who visited last Summer is now a priest and is in the parish of Beit Sahour, just outside of Bethlehem. Michael is hoping to come and visit again very soon.

Abdallah Dababneh who also came last Summer is now a deacon and will be ordained a priest on Friday 30 June in Jordan. Fr Mark will be present at his ordination.

Pradeep Lakra, the Franciscan Friar living in the community in Oxford, will be ordained a priest in India on Sunday 28 January 2024. Fr Mark has been invited to attend. Pradeep will be staying with us for a week or two during July.

Yousef Ibrahim who came to stay last Christmas is enjoying his time working in a parish in the South of Jordan and is waiting to hear when he will be ordained as a deacon.



We have no Seminarians visiting this Summer as they are all attending World Youth Day in Portugal but we will possibly have Basel Baransi staying with us for Christmas.

### THE SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY SUMMER SCHOOL

Wednesday 26th July – Saturday 29th July 2023, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool Exploring the Vatican II documents, with time for questions afterwards. Speakers include Bishop John Arnold, Professor Claire Ozanne and David McLoughlin Workshops will focus on practical ideas for parish ministry.

For more information or to book your place, visit:  
<https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2023/>

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

### For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

*Lord in your mercy...*



## LOVING 4 LIFE –

Ongoing Formation for Sacramental Marriage 2023 From Shrewsbury Diocese: 17th – 18th June 2023 – this is a 2-day non-residential retreat. Taking place at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Parish Hall (2 Bentinck Road, Altrincham, WA14 2BP.)

15th – 17th September 2023, this date can be residential or non-residential at Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall (89 Broughton Lane, Crew, CW2 8JS) These retreats include presentations on both the relational and spiritual aspects of marriage to strengthen, heal and enrich your relationship. There is no group sharing. For more information go to [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk) or email

Jane Deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07517 906 435

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



## 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/)





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