



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday 11th June 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does this weekly celebration of Mass make a difference in my life?

WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there is NO Mass on Tuesday.



First Holy Communion

Celebration of First Holy Communion is now over and we congratulate all the children and their families who have participated this year. Many thanks to our wonderful team of catechists for their help and service.

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.

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

This weekend's Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ is the ideal time to give thanks to the Lord for this important ministry in the life of our parish community and to thank those who serve our parish in this way. This Sunday Ministers are invited to come together and renew their commitment to serving our parish. If you feel called to this ministry please speak to Fr Mark.





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:



‘Michelle McMullen’



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Joshua Peter & Jacob Michael Wilson

Baptised Sunday 11th June 2023



EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

Fr Mark will be away next weekend as he takes part in the Investiture ceremonies for new Knights & Dames of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. For the first time the Investiture weekend will be held in the beautiful Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich when five people will receive their mandate from Rome and be invested into this ancient Order of the Church. Fr Mark is the Ecclesiastical MC and the Spiritual Director for the Lieutenancy of England & Wales and he has the responsibility of arranging the ceremonies and to ensure that are run smoothly. We will also be joined by two senior members of the Order from Rome.



The weekend begins on Friday evening with a Solemn Vigil & Benediction during which the candidates for Investiture make a solemn Promise and Declaration in front of the Grand Prior and Lieutenant of England & Wales. This ancient ceremony reminds us of Knights keeping an all night vigil outside the Tomb of Jesus in Jerusalem the night before their Investiture.

The Investiture Mass takes place at 9.30am on Saturday and you can watch the live streaming at www.sjbcathedral.org.uk

The weekend will conclude next Sunday with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Basilica of Our Lady of Reconciliation Walsingham. Fr Mark will offer Mass that day in Our Lady’s Shrine for all in our parish.

WELCOME CHURCHES Welcoming Displaced People – Monday, 19 June, 1-3pm at St Barnabas, Penny Lane. This event will be an opportunity to hear more about the needs of refugees and asylum seekers in your community, how you can get involved and how Welcome Churches can support you.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 10th June	10.00am First Holy Communions 4.30pm Bridget McDermott
Sunday 11th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism Jacob & Joshua Wilson
Monday 12th June	10.00am Cyril Gittins 11.45am Funeral service John McDonough
Tuesday 13th June	NO MASS
Wednesday 14th June	NO MASS
Thursday 15th June	10.00am Oliver Fitchett
Friday 16th June	10.00am Terry Ryan
Saturday 17th June	4.30pm Paula Baker
Sunday 18th June	10.30am Tony Coady

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

The manna that God provided to the Chosen People in the desert was literally bread from heaven. It was a food they did not recognise, in fact, a food they did not even recognise as food, a food unknown to their ancestors. Moses had to explain: it is food, it is indeed the bread God had promised, and unless the people eat it, they will starve to death in the desert. The words we hear Jesus proclaim in the Gospel come right after the starving crowd of thousands has been fed with just five loaves and two fish. Neither do these people recognise Jesus' flesh as food. Obviously, this is also a food unknown to their ancestors. Like Moses, Jesus has to explain: his flesh is true food, and unless the people eat it, they will not have eternal life within them.

In the third chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus repeatedly uses the word "believe" as the key to eternal life; for example, "everyone who believes in him may have eternal life". Now, in the sixth chapter, Jesus essentially substitutes an action for a belief: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life". Orienting one's mind toward God is essential, but now Jesus calls the people to do something: to eat the flesh of our Lord. Just as what we ordinarily eat and drink becomes part of us, giving life and energy to our physical selves, the Body and Blood we eat and drink become part of us, giving life and energy to our whole selves, for they are "real food" and "real drink".

The energy we receive from consuming Christ's Body and Blood can energise us to carry out the mission he calls us to. We are called to be his witnesses, to make disciples, and to build the kingdom. The true food and true drink remind us of his sacrifice, sustain us in our faith, and nourish us. In this way, as Saint Paul writes, we participate in the body and blood of Christ. Participating in Christ's body and blood assists us in participating in Christ's mission.

CATHEDRAL'S EDUCATION SERVICE

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? If so, you could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful Cathedral. *'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the Cathedral to life for the generations of the future'.*

For more information, contact education@metcathedral.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, 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 25th 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

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 put their name down please now pass the balance of payment in to the office and choose your pre-order meal. Thanks

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COLLECTIONS

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

Missionary Appeal 17/18 June

Peters Pence 29 June

Day For Life 1/2 July

Please note the new date for this collection.

Priests In Retirement 15/16 July

2023 MISSION APPEAL

The annual Mission Appeal for our parish will take place next weekend. We will welcome Fr Charles Obanya from the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) who will be joining us for Mass.

The Missionaries of Africa are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate.

Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches.

We have a community of White Fathers in Liverpool who take care of the parish of St Vincent de Paul. Within the community is Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, one of the 3 English Cardinals.

Please welcome Fr Charles and be generous in your donation next weekend.

#Liverpool4Ukraine

We are still very much welcoming any donations, ways to donate are :

Online:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate

Bank transfer:

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Sort code: 40-29-12

Account: 01551493

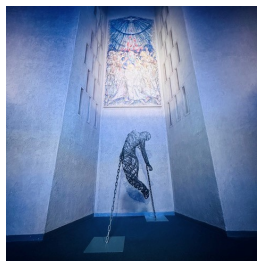
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Cheque

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>

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" JUNE DRAW

1st	£20	No. 171	A Jones
2nd	£15	No. 106	P Broe
3rd	£10	No. 87	M Boyle
4th	£10	No. 206	S Harper



Numbers are still available if you wish to join and support this wonderful institution. See Myra Lovelady
928 1136

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN WHO MADE THEIR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LAST WEEKEND**



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...



FEAST OF THE WEEK

Blessed Peter Snow & Ralph Grimston (-1598)



Peter Snow (c. 1567-1598) was born at or near Ripon and arrived at the English College, Reims in 1589. He was ordained priest two years later in Soissons, France and left for the English mission. He worked for seven years before being arrested in May 1598, when on his way to York. His companion on this journey was Ralph Grimston (-1598) of Nidd, a married layman who had previously suffered imprisonment for opening his house to Catholic priests. He was arrested for trying to prevent Peter Snow being taken. Both were shortly afterwards tried. Peter Snow was convicted of treason as a Catholic priest and was condemned to being hanged, drawn and quartered. Ralph Grimston was convicted of felony, for having aided and assisted Snow, and was condemned to death by hanging. Both suffered at York. They were beatified in 1987. Their skulls were for many years in the Catholic chapel at Hazlewood Castle and were placed in the main altar at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds on 13 November 2006 when this new altar was consecrated. Their feast day is celebrated on Thursday 15 June.

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



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