



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16th July 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What kind of fruitful work am I able to do? How can I change my behaviour or attitude so that I may bear fruit?

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

This very important Diocesan collection which takes place this weekend is to support our Liverpool Archdiocesan priests now living in retirement. It helps towards the cost of accommodation, healthcare and any out-ride needs they may have. Please give generously.

WEEKDAY MASS

There will be NO Mass on Thursday as Fr Mark is attending his last meeting at the Bishops' Conference before the Summer.

LGBTQ+ MASS

The next gathering will be on Sunday 16th July 2023 at All Saints, Oakfield, Anfield, Liverpool L4 2QG. Meeting at 2.00pm for celebration of Mass followed by social gathering and refreshments. Please indicate if you are able to attend
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A PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN

Fr Mark has been invited to lead a pilgrimage to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan possibly in September 2024. This is not necessarily parish pilgrimage but first places will be given to parishioners and friends of English Martyrs.

The pilgrimage will be for approximately 7 days with accommodation in Amman and Petra. The pilgrimage will include visiting sites such as Mount Nebo and the Baptism site of Jesus. Archaeological sites will include Petra and Jerash and we will also spend a lot of time meeting the local Christian community in parishes, schools and various projects. Jordan is part of the Holy Land and the Christian community are an essential part of the country. Flights will be from London Heathrow airport. The itinerary is not yet finalised but the Tour Company estimates the cost of approximately £1900 per person for a fully inclusive trip. If you are interested please give your name to the Parish Office so we can see the level of interest.

DEANERY SUMMER SCHEDULE

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.

Effective from 23rd July, the weekend Summer Mass times in our Deanery will be:

Holy Rosary	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 10.30am
Our Lady & English Martyrs		Sun 10.30am
Our Lady of Walsingham	Sat 5.00pm	
St Benet		Sun 10.00am
St Gregory	Sat 4.30pm	
Our Lady's Lydiate		Sun 10.00am
St George	Sat 6.30pm	Sun 11.30am
St Elizabeth	Sat 5.00pm	
St Mary & St Kentigern		Sun 9.00am
St Robert Bellarmine		Sun 11.00am

Weekday masses will be on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.15 am from week commencing 31 July

GOODBYE TO YEAR 6!

English Martyrs schoolchildren joined us for Mass on Tuesday to celebrate end of term and to say goodbye to Year 6. Fr Mark led a beautiful mass with some lovely singing. Records of achievement were presented to the children at the end of mass. Good luck in high school everyone!



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	4.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16th July <i>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Tony Coady
Monday 17th July	10.00am Cyril Gittins
Tuesday 18th July	10.00am Colette & Chris McElhinney
Wednesday 19th July	NO MASS
Thursday 20th July	NO MASS
Friday 21st July	10.00am Bob Stam
Saturday 22nd July	NO MASS
Sunday 23rd July <i>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Robyn Corness

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Inside a mountain on the remote island of Svalbard, hundreds of miles north of the Arctic Circle, sits the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. Its mission is to preserve seeds of every living species of plant, fruit, and vegetable. It now contains over one million different seeds, a priceless repository whose value will be realized when species become extinct. Though God's word is sown so that it may bear fruit, not kept dormant in a vault, it is still important that God's word be preserved so that it may flower again and again for generations. The Bible, for instance, is a storehouse of God's word that continues to educate and inspire. When we put God's word into action, we often build long-term institutions or practices that make our faith and the faith of subsequent generations bloom. But the greatest repository of God's word is God's own Son, who indeed is the Word made flesh. Insofar as he is with us always, we carry this treasury of God's word within ourselves. The seeds God has sown are in us now.

Will the seeds within us bloom and bear fruit? That depends on whether we nurture them well or not. Sometimes we let them dry out and die. Maybe we just don't pay attention to God's word and miss our opportunity. Or we fail to understand it. Or we decide it doesn't relate to our own lives. Or we don't allow it to penetrate deep into our hearts. Or we reject it because it's too challenging. Like the seed in today's parable, there are many obstacles to God's seed bearing fruit. Let us pray in the hope that God's word in us can eventually bear abundant fruit.

It may be just a coincidence that this passage from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans is read today, but his line that "The entire creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth..... All of us who possess the first fruits of the Spirit, we too groan" is definitely appropriate. Bringing forth good fruit is painful. It involves sacrifice. It can be exhausting. May the courage we receive from the Holy Spirit impel us to accept the challenge of bringing God's word to fruition.

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

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. This moment of remembrance will take place on 25th July – the day that it was reported that John (Jack) Traynor was cured

Fr Mark's Theatre Group

Yes - the theatre group is back! We haven't had an outing for a while so please come and join us on 27th October to see Jesus Christ Superstar at the Liverpool Empire. It's a 'mesmerising new production' with



Julian Clary taking the role of Herod. Cost of ticket and transport is £64. Names in to the office if you are interested

LLANGOLLEN 2023

We had a wonderful trip last week to the Eisteddfod. We were so lucky with the weather! It was absolutely glorious which made the day all the more lovely. Fr Mark and Pradeep managed to



keep cool in the sun!

NUGENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL MUSEUMS LIVERPOOL

Nugent have partnered with NML for an exhibition of photos by local photographer Tom Wood. The exhibition can be seen at The Walker Art Gallery and runs until 7 January 2024. More info at www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker-art-gallery

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" JULY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 195	P Johnson
2nd	£15	No. 34	M O'Hare
3rd	£10	No. 13	S McLean
4th	£10	No. 5	D Birrell



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

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.





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:



'Health and Peace'

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Laurence of Brindisi (1559-1619)

He was born in Brindisi, joined the Capuchin Friars, and studied at the University of Padua, where he learned a number of languages (including Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, French, and German) and acquired a deep knowledge of the Bible.



His principal vocation was preaching. He preached all over Europe, not just to Catholics but to Protestants (because of his knowledge of Scripture) and to Jews (because of his knowledge of Hebrew). He wrote many sermons, commentaries, and works of controversy in support of this vocation.

His administrative talents meant that he also held a number of high administrative offices in the Capuchin order. He was also entrusted with many important diplomatic missions. On one of these, he not only persuaded the German princes to help defend Hungary from the invading Turks, but also led their troops into battle, armed only with a crucifix. He was engaged in another delicate mission, to plead the cause of the oppressed people of Naples to King Philip III of Spain, when he died in Lisbon.

For Laurence of Brindisi, preaching was the most important task of his life; but he took care to ensure that his preaching was backed by sound learning, so that he could preach to and not at his audiences. Let us take care that our own apostolate is similarly well founded.

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

As Russia's war in Ukraine continues, the need for hosts and homes is as high as ever. Would you consider making a home from home for those in need?

SJOG (St John of God Hospitaller Services) in partnership with Caritas, the Catholic Social Action Network, are one of the Government's approved providers on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and offers a comprehensive matching and supporting programme.

If you are willing to share your home with those in need of a safe place, you can find out more information and register your interest through:

Website: www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

Email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk



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...



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish our two school communities a happy and safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming them back in September.



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.

FAREWELL

We bid farewell to Deacon Pradeep who returns to his Capuchin community in Oxford on Sunday. This will be the last time we'll see him before he returns home to India in October to prepare for his priestly ordination in January 2024 and he will then return to Oxford. Please keep him in your prayers and he enters these last few months before ordination and we look forward to seeing him again once he returns to Oxford.

VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

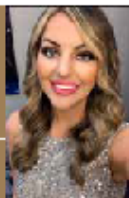
We are currently advertising a number of chaplaincy posts, a Maintenance Assistant, a Governance Professional and a Finance Business Partner. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers



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



THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 TICKETS £25

The Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TC

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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