



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9th July 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who can I reach out to this week in an effort to lighten their burden?
How can we share their yoke, like oxen working in tandem?

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

This very important Diocesan collection which takes place next 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

Our school community will join us for Mass at 10.00am on Tuesday as we say farewell to the Year 6 children.

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
frsmaloney@aol.com



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.



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:



‘Special intention (Family)’

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. The Summer Mass schedule will begin on Saturday 22 July 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 23 September.

Only two weekday Masses will be celebrated in the parish each week from Monday 31 July - Friday 8 September

Further details with times of Masses across the deanery will be given next weekend.

COFFEE (and Tea!) MORNING

Please join us in the hall after Mass next Sunday for a get together before people start leaving for Summer holidays!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Fr Mark who, this Thursday, celebrates 27 years as a Priest. Yes - it is 2 years since we had our lovely garden party for his Silver Jubilee! We are most blessed to have him as our Parish Priest.

Ad Multon Annos Fr Mark!

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



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
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
Monday 10th July	10.00am Norma Bracken
Tuesday 11th July <i>St Benedict</i>	10.00am Ann Crierie
Wednesday 12th July	NO MASS
Thursday 13th July	10.00am Private intention 1.30pm Funeral service– Paul Green
Friday 14th July	10.00am Ian McLean Snr & Jnr
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

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

In our society, we tend to regard meekness as weakness. Those who are meek never assert themselves, never get their way, and seem to always end up in last place. But clearly this is not what Zechariah means when he writes that our king would be meek, yet would rule to the ends of the earth. Nor is it what Jesus means when he says, “I am meek and humble of heart.” Webster’s defines meek as enduring difficulties with patience and without resentment. This describes Jesus to a T and fulfills Zechariah’s prophecy. Zechariah’s words remind us of Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. There he would endure crucifixion and death - with patience and without resentment. May his example lead us to face our own trials with more patience and with less resentment.

To make our trials easier to endure, Jesus assures us that his yoke is easy and his burden light. Clearly he is not speaking of what he would be facing himself, for his own yoke was exceedingly difficult and his own burden was uniquely heavy. But because he has endured the cross and grave, we know that he can carry our own burdens, no matter how difficult we may find them. We do not have to carry them alone. We have in Jesus someone who can and will carry any difficulty we have.

Jesus says something else between speaking of meekness and burdens: “Learn from me.” Indeed, from him we can learn how he was able to endure every burden he faced with patience and resolve. He did so because he so loved the Father that he was willing to do God’s will, no matter the consequences. He did so because he loved all us sinners so much that he was willing to pay the ultimate cost to save us. May our love of God and love of neighbour give us the strength to assist our needy brothers and sisters in carrying their burdens. May our sharing of their burdens - maybe by offering a helping hand, maybe by lending money or something else that is lacking, maybe by just sitting down to listen - relieve them in some small way, if only to make clear that they are not alone.

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

CANON BRENDAN ALGER

Canon Brendan Alger, who has died aged 87 years and one of our longest serving priests, served in many different capacities during his long years of priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The first twenty years or so of his priestly life were spent in various educational establishments which included teaching at Upholland College and Notre Dame College, and the remainder in parochial ministry, most notably as a long-serving dean of the Isle of Man. He also served for many years as the chairman of the Northwest Historic Churches Committee, a body that ensures due process is followed in proposed repairs or refurbishments of listed churches. This was something that particularly appealed to him with his lifelong interest in Church history.



He came to love the Isle of Man, with its rich history and culture, and its people, so it was not surprising that in retirement he chose to remain there, settling in Onchan. He continued to assist in parishes on the island until his health deteriorated significantly, especially after his diagnosis with terminal cancer, news that he received with a calm dignity. He died peacefully at home on Monday 26th June 2023, in the 63rd year of the priesthood. He was greatly loved and admired by his fellow priests who will miss him very much. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Douglas on Monday. May he rest in peace.

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

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

St John Jones (c1540-1598)



John Jones (known also as John Buckley, John Griffith and Godfrey Maurice) was born in Clynog Fawr, near Pwllheli, in Wales, about 1540, into a Welsh family which had remained true to the Catholic faith. As a young man, he entered the Franciscan house at Greenwich. Eventually he went to Rome and asked to be sent to England. He reached London at the end of 1592, and worked for some years in different parts of the country. His brother Franciscans in England elected him their provincial. In 1596 the ‘priest catcher’ Richard Topcliffe was informed by a spy that Father Jones had visited two Catholics and had said Mass in their house. He was promptly arrested, tortured and scourged. He was then imprisoned for nearly two years. On 3 July 1598 he was tried on the charge of “going over the seas in the first year of Her Majesty’s reign (1558) and there being made a priest by the authority from Rome and then returning to England contrary to statute”. He was convicted of high treason and sentenced to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. By this time people were becoming sympathetic to the Catholic victims of these awful butcheries, so the execution was arranged for an early hour in the morning in order to escape notice. In spite of the earliness of the hour, a large crowd had gathered. John Jones spoke to the crowd, reminding them that he was dying for his faith alone and had no political interest. His dismembered remains were fixed on the poles on the roads to Newington and Lambeth, they were removed by some young Catholic gentlemen, one of whom suffered a long imprisonment for this offence. His Feast Day is celebrated on Wednesday.

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.

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...



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 4.00 - 4.25pm



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.

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.

VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

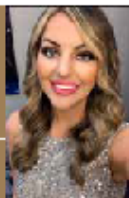
We are currently advertising a number of chaplaincy posts, a Maintenance Assistant, a Governance Professional and a Finance Business Partner. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

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

The Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TC

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

For queries email: thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

[ThePriestsLiverpool.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.thepriestsliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk) (Booking fees may apply)

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



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