



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20th August 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How patient is my prayer, how undaunted my confidence in Jesus' personal love for me? How do I treat those who pester me for a share of my time, attention and love?

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 **before end of August please.**

Please note that Mass on Tuesday will be at 10.45am . It is a funeral mass for Dorothy Frodsham. May she rest in peace.



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.

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

During August we will have just two Masses during the week on Tuesday & Thursday at 10.15am. No weekday masses in St Robert's or St Elizabeth's. Normal Mass times will resume 16/17th September.

Our parish centres are opening their doors under a new scheme called 'Snack Away or Snack and Stay' to provide somewhere for children of any age to enjoy a free meal. This follows the recent 'warm and cosy' initiative.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

Each of the centres will be open on different days of the week for children to come in and enjoy a free snack of a sandwich, fruit, crisps, and a drink with their parents, who can enjoy free tea and coffee. Visitors can also have access to TV, wi-fi, and most important of all, some friendly company. Full details are at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

The days and times for our local parish centres are:

St Elizabeth - Pennington Road, Litherland, L21 8HZ - Monday 1pm - 3.30pm

St Monica - Stewart Avenue, Bootle, L20 9JD - Monday 1pm - 3.30pm

St Benet - Chapel Lane, Netherton, L30 7PD - Tuesday 1pm - 3.30pm

Our Lady of Walsingham - Stand Park Ave, Netherton, L30 3SA - Thursday 1pm - 3.30pm

St Robert Bellarmine - 52 Orrell Road, Bootle, L20 8DZ - Thursday 1pm - 3.30pm

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 19th August	NO MASS
Sunday 20th August <i>20th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Sheila Williams
Monday 21st August <i>St Pious X</i>	NO MASS
Tuesday 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	10.45am Funeral Mass - Dorothy Frodsham
Wednesday 23rd August	NO MASS
Thursday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	10.15am 60th Anniversary blessing
Friday 25th August	NO MASS
Saturday 26th August <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	NO MASS
Sunday 27th August <i>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Frank Williams

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Lord in your mercy...



Newman Circle Talk on Lourdes

St Helen, Alexandra Rd , Crosby,
L23 7TG

September 7th 7:30PM

Mgr. John Butchard was the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Director for 25 years, and a most dedicated pilgrim since 1968. He will be presenting a talk on the Lourdes pilgrimage, outlining the evolution of facilities and support for pilgrims over the years.

The talk will begin at 7.30pm, it is free to attend, and free parking is also available, with tea and coffee served from 7pm. Please contact helen.flynn@googlemail.com for more details.



What's on at Irenaeus

Craft Workshop:

September 4th 10.00am. The Irenaeus Project will be putting on a Craft Workshop. You must book in order to secure your place.

The shaping of things to come: Reflecting on the life and ministries of our parishes. How can we move into the future?

A series of talks on 5,12,19 and 26 September 7pm-8.30pm.

Come and celebrate BBQ and Mass:

A time to relax and share with family and friends and celebrate life.
9 September 12pm

For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk, or phone 0151 949 1199



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

In today's gospel, a Canaanite woman challenges Jesus after his disciples attempt to send her away when she pleads for help for her daughter. Those of us who have come to know a Jesus who not only accepts but loves saints and sinners, Jews and gentiles, are surprised when we hear him say that he was sent to lend help "only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Though the Canaanite woman knows she's not part of this group, she insists and says to Jesus: "Lord, help me."

He tells her: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But she continues to engage him: "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Once again, what strikes us about this Jesus, in his initial response to the woman, is the way that he almost pushes her aside.

But in the way that an icon invites us to change our first impressions through prayer and contemplation, this story invites us to see the different layers of Jesus. In this instance, it invites us to look at the human Jesus, the one who is like us, when we have, perhaps, decided to turn someone away, because (like the Canaanite woman), we see in that person someone who is not like us. In the time of Jesus, the Canaanite woman, like so many others, was considered an outsider. So, it wasn't surprising that the disciples wanted her gone. But Jesus steps in, listens to her, and, as a result, his vision of her changes. Then he does exactly what he has been doing throughout his life: he helps her. "O woman, great is your faith!" Jesus says. "Let it be done for you as you wish."

In our time, Pope Francis asks that we do the same. In preparing Catholics around the world for the upcoming synod, he refers to this way of including others as "expanding the tent."

There are many in our church who, like the Canaanite woman, have fought to be heard. In some instances, some have been sent away by those who mirror the attitudes of the disciples who wanted to dismiss the woman. Jesus, however, calls us to mirror his actions, to listen, to change the way we look at others, and to become inclusive of them.

In the recent gathering of the world's Catholic youth in Portugal, Pope Francis said the church is like a place without doors, designed that way so that everyone can come in. There is room in the church for everyone, for all. "*Para todos, todos, todos,*" he said, using the word in Spanish "for all," including those of us "who make mistakes, who fall or struggle." Just as Jesus showed his disciples that the way to build the kingdom of God is to be inclusive, we are called to be inclusive of the outsiders in our lives, to change the way we look at those with different political views, who are not the same gender or age, who come from another country, or who differ from us in other ways.

We are called to include the Canaanite woman. Or as the pope said, we are called to include "*todos, todos, todos.*"

NEW LECTIONARY

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery, wrote to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, confirming the new translation of the Lectionary, which has been done in collaboration with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. He said: *"The use of the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition, already in use in India, along with the Abbey Psalms and Canticles will help to ensure that the Word of the Lord reaches God's holy people without alloy. What has now been achieved ensures that a stable version of the Lectionary will endure in Great Britain for years to come. Both Conferences are to be commended for this cooperation."*

The Lectionary was revised after the Second Vatican Council. Paragraph 51 of Second Vatican Council document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* said: *"The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word."*

Archbishop Emeritus George Stack of Cardiff, Chair of the Department for Christian Life and Worship, welcomed this important announcement:

"As we mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council we can see that the Lectionary is one of the great fruits of the Council. It fulfils the mandate of the Council Fathers to open up the scriptures for the faithful so that Sunday by Sunday Christ himself speaks to us in the word. The new Lectionary gives us an opportunity to hear that word with fresh ears as we engage with a text which is intended for public proclamation and reflects up to date biblical scholarship."

The Lectionary will be in use in all parishes from Advent 2024.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

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:

'Tibble family'



NUGENT CARE

Nugent is in urgent need of donations for both their food pantry and charity shop. They are running very low on stock and are asking for our help. Items needed:



Charity shop – Allerton Road: Food Pantry – St Anne's:

Clothing
Shoes
Accessories
Handbags
Books
Jigsaws
Bric-a-brac

Sweet Items: Biscuits, jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned custard, rice pudding

Drinks: Coffee, hot chocolate, cans of coke/lemonade etc

Dried: Noodles, pot noodles, rice

Tinned Savoury: Carrots, potatoes, chickpeas, sweetcorn

Toiletries: Shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste

Cleaning Products: Washing powder

Nugent volunteers will collect from here if we have enough donations.

HELP PLEASE?

We have a very small group of parishioners who help to keep our lovely church clean. They are **really** in need of some more helpers. Can you give up an hour or so every 2 weeks?

They meet on a Thursday morning. Please let office know if you can help.



FEAST OF THE WEEK

BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI (August 26th)



Dominic Barberi (1792 – 1849) was born in Viterbo, Italy to a farming family. As a young man he developed a great love for England and its people. He prayed for England constantly, and even offered himself to God for its conversion.

In the summer of 1814 he entered the Passionist Novitiate and began his training for the religious life. It soon became apparent that he had a brilliant mind which was eventually to lead to his being appointed professor of both philosophy and theology. In his early years as a Passionist it was made known to him in prayer that he should preach the word of God in Northern Europe, and especially in England.

Despite his longing to move to England he was convinced that if God wanted it to happen, then God would provide the right opportunity. Dominic was appointed both Superior and eventually Provincial (major superior) of several Italian communities. But he accepted all these appointments (or set-backs) as being God's will.

Finally, after many disappointments he travelled to Belgium where he established a Passionist community. It was not until Guy Fawkes day in 1840 that he finally arrived in England. He was shocked by the anti-Catholic situation he encountered, and was more amazed to see so little enthusiasm for the faith he had come to proclaim. He had been led to believe that England was on the cusp of mass conversion!

Dominic established the first Passionist community at Aston in Staffordshire. Here he was given a hostile reception by non-Catholics, while members of his own flock were prejudiced against him as a

foreigner in a strange black habit. But such was his goodness and concern for everyone, irrespective of their religious denomination, that he was eventually welcomed by everyone. In his preaching parish missions he was extremely effective, often making large numbers of converts; this despite the fact that he spoke with a very heavy Italian accent which at times was almost impossible to understand.

Dominic was the father and herald of modern ecumenism, having a great love and respect for the good faith of his non-Catholic brethren. He received John Henry Newman into the Church – perhaps one of the greatest consolations of Dominic’s life.

Dominic died 27 August 1849 in The Railway Tavern, Reading, worn out by his ceaseless labours. He was fifty-seven years old; he had spent 34 years as a Passionist, and had worked in England for 8 years; and yet most of his life had been offered to God for England. He is buried in Sutton, St. Helens and was beatified in 1963.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE “200 CLUB” AUGUST DRAW

1st	£20	No. 134	M Johnson
2nd	£15	No. 185	B Morrin
3rd	£10	No. 184	B Morrin
4th	£10	No. 34	M O’Hare



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

VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

We are currently advertising a number of posts. 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

CATHOLIC PIC

August Catholic Pic is now available in the piety stall. Main article is ‘Celebrating 100 years of Liverpool to Lourdes’





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

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