



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27th August 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does Peter's continuing presence in the Church today, through the ministry of Pope Francis, impact my life of witness? Will I take time to read some of his letters?

Please note that Mass on Tuesday will be at 10.30am . It is a memorial mass for Margaret Foley.

Margaret and husband John were married here on 3 December 1963. They moved to live in Surrey where Margaret's funeral took place recently. However, many family members still live locally and English Martyrs holds special memories for John and the family.

The family invite parishioners to join them to celebrate Margaret's life. 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
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 26th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i></p>	NO MASS
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 27th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>21st Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Frank Williams</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 28th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St Augustine</i></p>	NO MASS
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 29th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i></p>	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Memorial Mass - Margaret Foley</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 30th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i></p>	NO MASS
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 31st August</p>	<p>10.15am</p> <p>Doreen Cheetham</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 1st September</p>	NO MASS
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 2nd September</p>	NO MASS
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 3rd September</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>10.30am</p> <p>Debbie Rice</p>

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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



Peter's name wasn't really Peter, as we know. It was Simon. But when Simon boldly professed his belief that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus changed his name for him. He re-branded him. From now on you will be called Peter, which means a rock, and on this rock I will build my Church.

Of course, anyone who knew Peter was well aware that he was anything but a rock. He was quite the opposite, in fact. He was not a steady character but a volatile one, likely to explode rather than remain calm.

What Jesus was doing by changing his name was giving him the opportunity to grow into being something different. At the moment you are Simon, but you will become Peter. The name Jesus gives him is a calling for him to become something which at the moment is beyond his grasp.

When we profess our faith in Jesus, that's not the end of things. Our profession of faith is not like passing a test and receiving a certificate which we can then hang on the wall. Our profession of faith is a statement of commitment to whatever Christ has in store for us in the future.

For those who believe in him, Jesus has a name-change in store. Whatever our name might be, Jesus says you may be John or Mary but you will become Christian. The call to become Christian is a dynamic one that doesn't simply let us rest on our laurels but challenges us to a lifetime of growth. Just as Simon had to grow into becoming Peter, so we too have to grow into becoming Christian.

Peter's name change meant that he was given a very specific task: to become steady, reliable, firm and rock-like. What does God have in store for us? By changing our name to Christian, God is summoning us to grow, to change and to become something that only we can be, something that God can use for the sake of his kingdom on earth. What special "brand name" of Christian is God expecting from us? Are we content to live out the rest of our lives at our current level of faith, or do we yearn to grow in faith, to develop what God has given us and to enjoy a new name?



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.

Fr Mark's Theatre Group

Can those who are joining us for the trip to Empire on 27th October please pass payment (£64) in to office - before 31 August please. Thanks



Lourdes Reunion Mass

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association will be holding their Lourdes reunion Mass in September. The Mass is open to everyone, but aimed at those who went to Lourdes this year. This is a chance for those who went to meet friends old and new from the pilgrimage. . It's on Sunday 10th September 2023 at 5pm at



St Mary's Church,
Lowe House,
St Helens
WA10 2BE



During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and

the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>.

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.





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

'Tom Deegan'



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)

In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2023, Pope Francis invites us to "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator." As well as transforming our own hearts and lifestyles, the Holy Father calls us to seek to transform public policies and to "raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change."

There are many ways to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for the gift of God's creation – why not take some time out of your day on 1 September to walk in your local park or take a few moments to thank God for the flowers growing in your garden? The CAFOD website (CAFOD.org.uk) has some lovely prayer resources and you can join online to pray the joyful mysteries of the rosary for the care of creation.

Our parish website also has a nine part novena to St Francis of Assisi which you can follow over the next 7 weeks (finishing on memorial of St Francis) to celebrate the 'Care of Creation'

Caring for God's Creation



FEAST OF THE WEEK

ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH (1585-1628)

Edmund was the son of Robert Arrowsmith, a farmer, and was born at Haydock, England. He was baptised Brian, but always used his confirmation name of Edmund after an uncle who trained English priests in



France. The family was constantly harassed for its adherence to Catholicism and in 1605 Edmund left England and went to the English College Douai to study for the priesthood. He was soon forced to return to England due to ill health, but recovered and returned to Douai in 1607.

He was ordained in Arras in 1612 and sent on the English mission the following year. He ministered to the Catholics of Lancashire without incident until about 1622, when he was arrested and questioned by the Protestant bishop of Chester. He was released when King James 1 ordered all arrested priests be freed.

Edmund joined the Jesuits in 1624, and in 1628 was arrested when betrayed by a young man he had censored for an incestuous marriage. He was convicted of being a Catholic priest, sentenced to death, and hanged, drawn, and quartered at Lancaster on August 28th. His final confession was heard by John Southworth, who was imprisoned along with Arrowsmith.

Edmund Arrowsmith was beatified in 1929. He was canonized as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales by Pope Paul VI in 1970. His feast day is August 28th. He is also commemorated on 25 October with the Forty Martyrs. Lancaster Cathedral celebrates Arrowsmith as one of the Lancashire Martyrs, whose feast is kept throughout the diocese on 7 August each year.

His hand was preserved and kept by the Arrowsmith family as a relic and it now rests in the Catholic Church of St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Stonyhurst College retains the small trunk of vestments and equipment which he carried from house to house.

Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

Are you involved in ministry within your parish or community, seeking to enhance your skills and deepen your faith? The Archdiocese of Liverpool invites you to embark on a transformative journey through the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, a bespoke online learning experience designed in collaboration with Loyola University Chicago to support individuals working in ministry in the UK parish and community context.



Enrolment will be open until mid-September. For more information and to register, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate or contact loyola@rcaol.org.uk. Embrace this unique opportunity to enhance your ministry and connect with a vibrant community of like-minded individuals on a shared journey of faith.

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

LOVING 4 LIFE – Ongoing Formation for Sacramental Marriage 2023

From Shrewsbury Diocese:

15th – 17th September 2023, this date can be residential or non-residential at Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall (89 Broughton Lane, Crew, CW2 8JS)

Retreat includes 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 or email Jane Deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07517 906 435

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE “200 CLUB” AUGUST DRAW

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3rd	£10	No. 184	B Morrin
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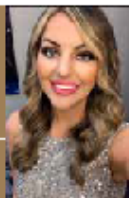


Numbers are still available if you wish to join and support this wonderful institution. See Myra Lovelady 928 1136



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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