



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 10th September 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How strong is my commitment to being a disciple? What am I willing to give up and what am I willing to accept?

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Fr Mark has often shared with us the new vision within the Archdiocese called 'Family of Parishes' and this Autumn we will reflect on what this means for us as we move towards this reality. A parish meeting will be held after Mass on Sunday 17 September in the parish hall for us to find out more what this means and to hear your views. Please take away the leaflet, read and reflect on it and we would love to hear what you think. Many thanks to our Parish Synodal Rep Jill Williams for all her hard work.

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.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Daniel John James Tyrrell
Baptised Sunday 10th September 2023

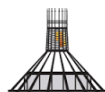
WELCOME

Fr Mark's latest Holy land guest arrives this week. Basil Twal is from Jordan and Fr Mark has known him and his family for many years. Basil recently graduated as a Doctor in Jordan and is currently on a 3 month placement in Newcastle and will be with us for a few days from Thursday. Please give him your usual warm welcome.



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.

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



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

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 9th September	NO MASS
Sunday 10th September <i>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Lynn Tasker 11.45am Baptism - Daniel Tyrrell
Monday 11th September	10.00am Anne Wheatley
Tuesday 12th September	10.00am Rita Courtney
Wednesday 13th September <i>St John Chryostom</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 14th September <i>Exhaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	10.00am Bernard Whiteside
Friday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10.00am Robert Prescott
Saturday 16th September <i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	NO MASS
Sunday 17th September <i>24th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am Tony Coady 11.45am Baptism - Harriet Johnson

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...



Fr Mark's Theatre



Group

A few tickets have become available for our trip to see **Jesus Christ Superstar** on **27 October**. Cost including transport is **£64**. It is getting really good 'write-ups' in the press so don't miss out! Call in to office if you want to join us



ALSO!!!! Watch this space for details of our Christmas theatre outing and a very special one next spring!!

What's on at Irenaeus



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 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

Prayer for Healing:

Starting 11th September and each Monday thereafter 2pm - 3pm a 'Prayer for Healing' session

Women's weekend: Standing on the shoulders of ones who've gone before us:

A weekend long event 22 September

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

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Last week we heard Jesus tell his disciples that those who wish to follow him must first take up their cross. One of these crosses is to take the responsibility to hold others accountable. Whether it is individually, like Ezekiel, or with a community, like the early church in Matthew, we are obligated to call others to account when they act unjustly or unmercifully. It can be difficult to correct a subordinate, awkward to correct a peer, and frightening to correct a leader. But we are called to do so, out of love for our neighbour, so that a conversion of heart may take place.

If you love your neighbour as yourself, as Saint Paul reminds the Romans that as Christians they are called to do, at the very least you will treat your neighbour the way you would want to be treated yourself. Therefore, he can say that Christians fulfill all the commandments, the entire law, by following this one principal command. Neither religious nor political authorities could find fault in that.

It is alarming to hear Jesus tell the disciples that if a sinner 'refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector'. Is Jesus telling his disciples to exclude sinners, just as society treats outsiders and collaborators? No, quite the opposite! Jesus has already extended his mission into Gentile territory and welcomed tax collectors into his fold. Jesus does not tell them to treat sinners as the Pharisees treat Gentiles and tax collectors, but as you would treat Gentiles and tax collectors. Jesus trusted that his disciples realized the goal is always reconciliation, not exclusion.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM 2023

This annual Day of Prayer, formerly known as 'Home Mission Sunday' will take place next weekend with a retiring collection. Please give generously.

CATHOLIC PIC

September's Catholic Pic is now available with the main feature being the recent 100th Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



BLESSED ULMA FAMILY

A unique event takes place today, Sunday, when the Ulma family will be beatified by the Church and declared 'Blessed' and it marks an unprecedented event in the modern canonisation process.



This family, made up of parents Josef and Wiktorina Ulma and their children, including their unborn child Wiktorina, will be collectively honoured. Never in the history of the Church has an entire family been beatified at the same time including an unborn child. This unusual beatification stands as a testament to their sacrifice during World War II, when they sheltered and protected eight Jews from persecution.

The Ulma family led an ordinary life against the backdrop of the Second World War. Josef worked in the fields, while Wiktorina managed their home and cared for their six children and another on the way. Through their simple daily routines, they exemplified the teachings of the Gospel. Family prayers, shared faith education, and Bible readings turned their household into what Pope John Paul II termed a "domestic Church," extending their warmth and support even to the most vulnerable members of society, including Jews who faced immense danger. Their neighbours were Polish Jews who lived in fear of the Nazi regime. Josef & Wiktorina would hide their neighbours in their home, sheltering them from Nazi persecution and risking their own lives in doing so. Tragedy struck when the Ulmas were denounced and betrayed. Nazi forces stormed their home, and their attic, where they had concealed their Jewish friends. Josef and Wiktorina were executed in front of their children, with Wiktorina being seven months pregnant. The Nazi soldiers then executed the children followed by their Jewish friends. The house was set ablaze, marking the tragic event on March 24, 1944. This was the senseless killing of innocent lives – the Ulma family and eight Jews – including a chilling detail where the dripping blood of victims stained a photo of two Jewish women hidden beneath, preserved as a relic of their martyrdom. This heartrending story showcased the duality of horror and hope, with the Ulmas attempting to embody the Gospel's light within the challenges of daily existence. Recognised as Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel and soon to be Blessed by the Catholic Church, the Ulma family's light continues to shine. Their story defies the darkness of war, and their beatification – including the beatification of their unborn child – is a remarkable affirmation of their sacrifice. The Ulma family's legacy underscores the power of love, compassion, and sacrifice amid the darkest of times.

Novena Prayer for the Care of Creation

Caring for God's Creation



Our parish website this week has the next Novena Prayer to St Francis of Assisi to celebrate the 'Care of Creation' Have a look and follow the Novena over the next few weeks

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:



'Good exam results'

PAUSE FOR HOPE

The 25th Annual Ecumenical Service will be held at 3pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 24th September. The main speaker will be Dean Sullivan, the service will feature music from Billy Hui and Sing me Merseyside. Tickets are not required - all are welcome.



Metropolitan Cathedral
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CHRISTMAS BY CANDELIGHT

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King are planning a really special evening of Christmas cheer, and would love you to be a part of it! Set by candlelight in the beautiful Crypt Concert Room, we will be serving a delicious two-course Christmas supper prepared and served at your table by Horseradish, one of the Cathedral's preferred caterers. A delicious Christmas feast will be specially designed for you by one of the team of 5* and Michelin experienced chefs. Following a welcome drink of fizz on arrival you will be able to sit back and listen to the Cathedral Youth Choir who will be singing some festive favourites. This will be the Christmas event not to be missed.

If you would like to buy individual tickets or reserve a table for friends and family email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk Tickets are limited and we do expect them to sell fast, so get them today and leave the rest to us! Cost: £50.00 per person.

EDUCATION SUNDAY - 10 September

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (10 September, in 2023) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Please pray for our school communities and be generous in the retiring collection this weekend. There are also some prayer cards available at the back of Church - please take one.

Feast of the Week St John Chrysostom (349-407)



He was born in Antioch. After a thorough education, he took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher.

He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships.

His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom" (the Greek for "golden mouth"). His feast day is celebrated on Wednesday

HERITAGE DAYS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SFX will be celebrating its 175th anniversary by holding a number of heritage days between 8-17 September. For more information, call the Church office on 0151 298 1911, or email sfxchurch@rcaol.org.uk. Alternatively, you can book online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-tickets

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/departments/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.

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

The Relics of the Scottish Saints to visit the Cathedral Monday 18 - Thursday 21 September



As part of their tour, the Relics of the Scottish Saints (St Andrew, St Margaret and St Columba) will be hosted at the Metropolitan Cathedral from **Monday 18 – Thursday 21 September**.

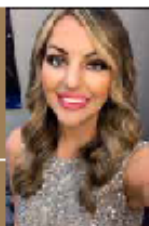
A welcome Mass will be held on **Monday at 5pm - 7pm**, and a closing Mass will be held on **Thursday at 12:15pm - 1pm**. During their time at the Cathedral, all are welcome to visit the Relics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



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THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023

TICKETS £25

The Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TG

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

For queries email: thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

ThePriestsLiverpool.eventbrite.co.uk (Booking fees may apply)

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



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