



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22nd October 2023



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do concretely to repay to God what belongs to God? How does giving back to God make me feel richer?

## ROADSHOW

The Diocesan Synod Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our Archdiocese. It says this: *'Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes.'* In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes. To explore what this means, there are 3 roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come. They will take place on:

Sat 4th Nov from 10.00am – 12 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre.

Tuesday 7th Nov 7:00pm – 9.00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk and

Wednesday 8th Nov 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens.

Further details, please contact Fr Philip Inch (p.inch@rcaol.org.uk).

**Irenaeus are holding a CRAFT WORKSHOP** - 1pm 6th November 2023  
(booking essential) . Contact Jenny on 0151 949 1199

## 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.

## HELP NEEDED

In order for parishes to function we need people who are willing to help and to ensure the smooth running of the church, the parish and the liturgy. We are desperately in need of people who are willing to help clean the church for 1 hour every couple of weeks. We also need a few more volunteers to help wash the church linen. Can you help? Please give your name to the Parish Office.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### St Antony Mary Claret (1807-1870)

He was born at Sallent in Catalonia. After becoming a priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia and also in the Canary Islands. Returning to Spain, he established a missionary order, and founded a great religious library and publishing house in Barcelona which published millions of cheap copies of ancient and modern Catholic works. In 1851 the Pope appointed him Bishop of Santiago de Cuba. The diocese was in a terrible state and everything needed reform and renewal. He reorganised the seminary, enforced clerical discipline, and regularised thousands of marriages. He built a hospital and many schools. This was not done without opposition and he was the subject of fifteen assassination attempts.



Recalled to Spain in 1857 by Queen Isabella II to act as her confessor, he did further great work for the Church. His health began to fail, and he died at the Cistercian abbey at Fontfroide. His feast day is celebrated on Tuesday.

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Saturday 21st October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>11.15am</b> Baptism - Louis William Moran
<b>Sunday 22nd October</b> <i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>11.45am</b> Baptism - Oscar Leo Murphy
<b>Monday 23rd October</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Marie Stone
<b>Tuesday 24th October</b>	<b>10.00am</b> McShane Family
<b>Wednesday 25th October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 26th October</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Evelyn Bisson
<b>Friday 27th October</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Bernard Whiteside
<b>Saturday 28th October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 29th October</b> <i>30th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>11.45am</b> Baptism - Jack Steven Moss

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



*Lord in your mercy...*

## 2024 DIOCESAN ORDO

This annual publication lists the liturgical celebrations for each day from Advent 2023 - Advent 2024 for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. If you would like a copy please give your name to the parish office by Monday 16 October. Fr Mark will only order copies that have been requested. Cost is £5.

## WARM COATS NEEDED

The Irenaeus Project in Waterloo is appealing for warm coats to give to people who will struggle this winter. Their appeal last year was very successful and they are asking for help again to bring some comfort to those who will need it the most. Donations can be left at the back of church. They are also asking for donations of new or nearly new toys to help families this Christmas. Thank you.



## BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Remember that British Summer Time ends next Sunday when clocks go back one hour.



## CHRISTMAS COMES TO THE PIETY STALL

Christmas cards and gifts are now available in the shop. Come in and have a browse!!



## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

The ancient proverb, “the enemy of my enemy is my friend” applies perfectly to Cyrus the Great, king of Persia. He had set his sights on building an enormous empire that would extend from central Asia to the Mediterranean. But the Babylonians, who had destroyed Jerusalem and driven much of the Jewish population from Judah, stood in the way. Cyrus was well known for respecting the religions and traditions of the people living in the regions he conquered, so the Jewish people greeted him as a liberator, not another oppressor. Therefore, Isaiah has the audacity to say that Cyrus must have been called by God, anointed by God, in his mission to defeat the Jewish nation’s greatest enemy, the Babylonians.

Isaiah goes on to say that God called Cyrus by name, anointed him, armed him, and gave him his title, even though Cyrus does not even know who God is. It doesn’t matter. We ourselves may feel inadequate when it comes to knowing God or understanding God, but this should not worry us. The important thing is that God knows us. From the leader of the largest empire in history at the time to the tiniest sparrow who falls to earth, God knows every living being in creation.

Some of the Pharisees seek to entrap Jesus, asking him a question designed to get him in trouble with either the religious or government authorities. But Jesus finds a clever way to answer sensibly and safely. Had Caesar heard his answer, he would have been pleased that Jesus’ followers could be counted on to continue to pay the census tax. But maybe we should ask: What did Caesar have that did not first come from God? All creation has its source in God, and so truly all creation belongs to God. Neither Cyrus nor Caesar likely realized it, but despite all their power and all their wealth, they stood in God’s debt. Even more do we owe God for all we have been given, from what we have here in this world to our eventual destiny in the next.

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PALESTINE & ALL THE HOLY LAND



This is the principal feast for the Catholic Church in the Holy Land and for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Knights & Dames will be joining Archbishop Malcolm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 28 October 11.30 am to celebrate Mass as we pray for peace in the Holy Land on this important feast. All welcome.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2024



We welcome to Mass today the children who will make their First Holy Communion next Spring.

Please join in the enrolment promise to support them in their journey towards this most wonderful sacrament.

## VATICAN II CONSTITUTIONS

The Vatican II Constitutions Lecture & Seminar Series preparing for the Year in Prayer will be starting in October at Liverpool Hope University.

The dates and speakers are as follows:

Wednesday 25 October: Reimund Bieringer (Dei Verbum)

Wednesday 6 December: Paul McPartlan (Lumen Gentium)

Wednesday 17 January: Peter McGrail (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

Wednesday 28 February: Pat Jones (Gaudium et Spes)

The seminars will take place 3pm - 4:30pm, and after a break for refreshments, the lectures will be from 5:30 - 7pm. . If you would like to sign up, please register your interest with Elizabeth Parsons by emailing [e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk)

## WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



**Louis William Moran**  
Baptised Saturday 21st October 2023



**Oscar Leo Murphy**  
Baptised Sunday 22nd October 2023

# MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



November is traditionally the month when we remember our loved ones who have 'gone before us with a sign of faith' and 'now rest in the sleep of peace'.

Envelopes are now available at the back of church for you to submit names for our Parish Book of Remembrance.

Please print the names and hand it back with a donation for Masses. The Book of Remembrance will be on display for 1st November and will remain in church for the month.

Our annual November Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Monday 13 November at 7pm. Please make every effort in coming along as we pray for our deceased loved ones.



## Fr Mark's Theatre Group



Coach will leave Church at 6.30pm on Friday 27th for our trip to Jesus Christ Superstar



A few tickets are still available - call in to office if you want to join us. Cost including transport is £64. It is getting really good 'write-ups' in the press so don't miss out!

## SPRING 2024 - WICKED the musical

is coming to the Liverpool Empire in June next year. Believe it or not tickets are already going fast. We have 'got in quick' and secured some for 27 June next year. Tickets for this one are more expensive so cost is £74. Again, names and deposit to office will secure your place.



Can we please ask that if you pay your deposit then that confirms your attendance and the ticket is then non-refundable. Payment can be in instalments if needed once the deposit is paid.







### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

**'Anne Wheatley'**



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2023

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary in Kenya who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.



## CHRISTMAS BY CANDELIGHT - 22nd December

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](mailto: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.

## COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting two Information Evenings for men who may feel called to the diaconate. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm, and finish by 9.00pm. Wives and supporting deacons or priests will also be very welcome.

Thursday 26th October St Margaret Mary's Presbytery, Pilch Lane, L14 0JG.

Thursday 23rd November 7.30-9.00pm in St Bede's Guild Hall, Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL.

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend either of these evenings, please email Fr Chris Fallon, [c.fallon@racol.org.uk](mailto:c.fallon@racol.org.uk), or Deacon Paul Rooney, [p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

## Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Liverpool, LIPA and John Moores University exists to support members of the university communities - both students and staff - on their journey of faith. It is based at St Philip Neri Church, L8. There are regular weekly Masses and events during term time. Please see website for details: [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://www.cathchap.org.uk) or contact the chaplain Fr Neil Ritchie on 07927 346 219. A group for staff and doctoral students meets fortnightly for prayer, discussion and sharing; please contact Dr Antal Berkes on 07515 821079 for further details.

### 9th Bootle and Litherland English Martyrs

Brownies currently have space for any girls aged between 7 and 10 who wish to join. They meet on a Thursday evening in the Parish Hall 6.15pm to 7.45pm. If you wish for your daughter to join, please register their name on the following website:



[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/).

If you have any queries or questions please email: [engmartbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:engmartbrownies@outlook.com)

## **Cathedral Readers required - Come and Share the Liturgy of the Word!**

Would you like to join the group of readers at the many masses at the Cathedral? The Cathedral are looking for new readers to join their team in this important role for all Masses. No experience is required, all you need is a clear voice! For more information please contact Danielle Myerscough at [dmyerscough@gmail.com](mailto:dmyerscough@gmail.com) or 07919894918

## **CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY OF THE ISLE**

The Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas, has been granted cathedral status by Pope Francis as a co-cathedral of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The inauguration ceremony, at which



Archbishop Malcolm will be installed in his seat by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will take place on Friday 3 November at 12 noon. Ecumenical partners and civic dignitaries will have a role in the liturgy. On this historic day for the Isle of Man, the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the wider church, we welcome people across the Archdiocese to join the celebration online by watching the livestream: [www.manxcatholic.org.uk](http://www.manxcatholic.org.uk)

## **JOURNEY INTO PRAYER COURSE**

There are many different ways of praying, but many of us stay with the few methods we learned years ago. It is good to try other ways, as they may lift us out of the dry place we sometimes find ourselves in. The Journey Into Prayer course aims to give a taste of a variety of ways of praying, not just by talking about them but by giving us space to experience them. The course, which will cost £160 per person, will begin at The Cenacle on 16 January 2024 and continue for 12 sessions through to July, with a break for Easter. The closing date for applications is 1 December; for more information please contact The Cenacle: [cenacleliverpool@gmail.com](mailto:cenacleliverpool@gmail.com)



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