



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15th October 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can God's generosity give me peace of mind through difficult times?

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.

A DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER FOR PEACE

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has called for a Day of Fasting & Prayer for peace in the Holy Land and this has been endorsed by Pope Francis and our own Cardinal Nichols for all Catholics to take part. The Patriarch says:

The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis. We have suddenly been catapulted into a sea of unprecedented violence. The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death. Yet, in this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish. I invite all people to a day of fasting and prayer for peace and reconciliation.

We ask that on Tuesday, October 17, everyone hold a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. This is the way we all come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

*With sincere prayers for all,
Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem*

Mass on Tuesday at 10:00am will be a Mass of peace for the Holy Land. Please come along.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 14th October	NO MASS 12.00pm Baptism - Isaac Wright
Sunday 15th October <i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Ethan Williams
Monday 16th October	10.00am David Morgan
Tuesday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10.00am For peace in The Holy Land
Wednesday 18th October	NO MASS
Thursday 19th October	10.00am Ruth Richardson
Friday 20th October	10.00am Toni McFarlane
Saturday 21st October	NO MASS 11.15am Baptism - Louis William Moran
Sunday 22nd October <i>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Oscar Leo Murphy

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.



ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" OCTOBER DRAW

1st	£20	No. 190	A Jones
2nd	£15	No. 65	J Donaldson
3rd	£10	No. 126	F Bennett
4th	£10	No. 204	M Stoops



Mozart Requiem - Saturday 21 October 7:30pm The choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral is joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra to present a programme of music by Beethoven and Mozart. The combined forces will be directed by Maria Barbosa Aristizabal, and special guest conductor Tucker Biddlecombe from Nashville, Tennessee. Tickets £15/£10
www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

In Isaiah's vision, the Lord will provide for all peoples, not just the house of Israel and not just those who remained faithful through all the trials they had endured. Because everyone is invited, there will naturally be some who feel that this is too generous, that unfaithful people or sinful people, that pagans or enemies do not deserve a place. Perhaps that judgmental mentality or jealousy is part of the "mourning veil that covers all peoples" that God will destroy. The vision speaks of the veil as death, but it may also represent anything that diminishes life, from petty jealousies to vicious hatred. All that is harmful and hurtful is lifted off humanity on God's holy mountain.

The Gospel parable makes clear that our appropriate response to an invitation to a feast is acceptance. But beyond that, what should be our response to such generosity from God? We are called to extend that kind of generosity to others. Giving to others passes God's generosity on to others. And generosity to those most in need extends God's generosity to those who most need it. May we realise the ultimate source of all that we are blessed with, so that we may be like the king's servants, who could have attended the feast alone, but continued to pass that generosity along, to good and bad alike, until it had spread all over the region.

The end of the parable reminds us of our obligation to prepare ourselves for God's invitation. Saint Paul provides a model of that preparation. He is aware that though there are times when he is surrounded with plenty, other times he must go without. But he has learned the secret: in Christ Jesus, God supplies us with what we need.

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 are welcome.

VATICAN II CONSTITUTIONS

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

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Isaac Wright

Baptised Saturday 14th October 2023

Ethan Henry Williams

Baptised Sunday 15th October 2023



The Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes is now open for applications for young people aged Y10 up to the age of 22. Cost is £700 with fundraising and support available. Please consider being part of this life-changing experience and go to liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk to apply. Sefton Coach 7 is your local group taking young people to Lourdes from across our area every July. If you want more information email coach7@animateyouth.net or search for us on social media. Places are limited so please apply soon!



Fr Mark's Theatre Group



A few tickets are still 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

CHRISTMAS THEATRE TRIP



We need to confirm numbers THIS WEEK for the trip to Philharmonic for 'The Spirit of Christmas' on Friday 22 December so don't

miss out!! Names to office if you are interested. Cost including transport is £49

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 for either trip then that confirms your attendance and the ticket is then non-refundable.

Payment can be in instalments if needed once the deposit is paid.



North Merseyside Newman Circle

St Helen's Parish Centre Crosby will be hosting a presentation on "Faith as a mustard seed: the work of Catholic Education." on 19 October 2023. Canon Ryan Post, Head of St Benedict's Academy, Preston, will host. Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm. The event is free to attend, and everyone is welcome. For more details, please email Helen Flynn on helen.flynn8@gmail.com



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

'Lucy Kennedy'



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2023

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. A retiring collection will be taken next weekend for Missio.

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 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, or Deacon Paul Rooney, 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 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/.

If you have any queries or questions please email: 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 dmmyerscough@gmail.com or 07919894918

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Philip Howard (1557-1595)

Philip Howard was born at Arundel House, London, 18 June 1557, and died in the Tower of London on 19 October 1595. He was educated partly under John Foxe, the Church of England martyrologist and partly at Cambridge. He married Anne, Countess of Arundel and Surrey. In 1580 he succeeded to the Earldom of Arundel. He frequented the Court, and knew and entertained the queen. Towards the close of the year he was present at the disputations of Edmund Campion in the Tower and this proved the first step in his conversion, though his life was then the reverse of virtuous, and for a time he deserted his wife. As the Catholic revival gained strength, the earl found himself suspected and out of favour, and his difficulties were increased by his wife's conversion. He was now wholly reconciled to her, and in September 1584, was received into the Catholic Church, and became a fervent Catholic. The change of life was soon noticed at Court, on which Philip resolved to leave the country, which he did, after writing a detailed letter of explanation to Queen Elizabeth. But he was captured at sea and confined in the Tower of London. He was at first sentenced to a very substantial fine, and imprisonment at the queen's pleasure. Then in the aftermath of the Armada, he was tried for having favoured the excommunication of the queen, and for having prayed for the invaders. He was condemned and left to die in prison. Shortly before he died he wrote a long and moving letter to his wife asking forgiveness for the way he had treated her in the past. His last prayer to see his wife and only son, who had been born after his imprisonment, was refused except on condition of his coming to the Church of England, on which terms he might also go free. He was buried in the Tower Church. In 1624 his remains were moved to Arundel where they still rest.





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