



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8th October 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What specific thing can I do this week to be a good steward of God's creation?

CAFOD HARVEST FAST

Friday was Harvest Fast Day and today there is a collection for CAFOD. This organisation deserves our wholehearted support. Its richly informative website can be dipped into for information and inspiration about areas of immediate and future concern, and their basis in church teaching, for example at www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-Social-Teaching. Please give generously to the retiring collection.



WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there is no mass on Thursday

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.

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).

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Saturday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	NO MASS 12.00pm Baptism - Lily Grace Quilliam
Sunday 8th October <i>27th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am John Fairclough 11.45am Baptism - Ted Ferguson
Monday 9th October	10.00am Michelle McMullen
Tuesday 10th October	10.00am Pat Heyes
Wednesday 11th October	NO MASS
Thursday 12th October	NO MASS
Friday 13th October	10.00am Paula Redfern
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

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.

Thank you.



REST IN PEACE

The Archdiocese has announced the death of Mrs Jean Jones at the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton. During her working life she rendered invaluable service as Secretary to five successive Archbishops of Liverpool from Archbishop Heenan onwards and retiring just a couple of years ago after decades of generous assistance to priests, and a warm welcome to the numerous visitors to Archbishop's House. She was awarded the honour of Dame Commander of St Gregory for her service to the Church and the Archdiocese and she will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace and rise in glory



SUNDAY THOUGHTS



It must have been a beautiful vineyard. Impressively built and expensively furnished, it attracted tenants who wanted the finer things in life. They saw the vineyard and they envied its owner. They probably felt that they deserved it and its bountiful harvest. After all, they'd worked all year while the owner travelled far and wide. Who did this absentee owner and lowly servants think they were to take away all that they had produced? They wanted it all for themselves. So they fought to keep it, escalating their fight until they saw their opportunity to keep it forever. Their greed drove them to murder. Their desire to possess what was never truly theirs prevented them from finding joy in living in the beautiful vineyard for the season in the first place. The kingdom of God will be taken from the greedy and given to the generous.

It seems nonsensical for the landowner to keep sending servants to the murderous tenants. They killed two of the first three emissaries! Who would send more? Then who would send the person most precious to them in the whole world? But God persists in giving even the most incorrigible sinners second and even third chances. For God sent the Son not to be lauded by saints, but to save sinners. It is sinners who get opportunity after opportunity to repent and choose good. Even after they killed the Son, God does not put the murderers to a wretched death, as the chief priests and elders who heard this parable assumed. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do". God always offers mercy, even to those who show none.

Our thoughts can quickly fill with worries and anxieties. Saint Paul assured the Philippians that they shouldn't be anxious, for God's peace should reassure them. Moreover, note what Paul advises them to think about. Not their material wealth, status, or success. No, think about "everything that is true, . . . noble, . . . good, . . . pure, . . . everything that we love and honour . . . virtuous. . . worthy of praise", in other words, virtues that will lead us to bear fruit, fruit for the kingdom, not for ourselves.

WITH YOU ALWAYS Those with children who will be in Year 4 (or who are older) are invited to apply for First Communion & Reconciliation and complete the application form, hand it into the parish office before the 1st preparation meeting in October.



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 sign up, please register your interest with Elizabeth Parsons by emailing e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Lily Grace Quilliam
Baptised Saturday 7th October 2023



Ted Joseph Ferguson
Baptised Sunday 8th October 2023

Are you a Catholic aged 20-45 (or know somebody who is)? Have a burning question about our faith, a desire to put your faith into action, or simply want to meet up and have meaningful discussions about religion, spirituality, and life with other Catholics your age? Let's explore our faith together in a welcoming environment – whether you go to church every week or haven't been for a while. Come along to St George's Catholic Church Social Club at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. Contact natasha-pritchard@hotmail.co.uk for further details.



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 (Yes it is coming!) THEATRE TRIP



Last year's trip to the Philharmonic was a great success so we are repeating it this year. We are going to 'The Spirit of Christmas' on Friday 22 December. Those who have been before

will know that 'there'll be classic carols, audience singalongs, seasonal readings, music from local star mezzo soprano Kathryn Rudge – and even a few magical surprises'. Cost including transport is £49. **We need to confirm numbers for this soon so names to office if you are interested**

SPRING 2024 - WICKED the musical is



coming to the Liverpool Empire in June next year. - 'a beguiling backstory to the lives of L Frank

Baum's beloved characters, and reveals the magic that shaped the destinies of two unlikely friends on their remarkable journey to becoming Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West' 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.





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:



'Loving memory of Martin Dash'

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.

A NEW CATHEDRAL

Pope Francis has granted cathedral status to the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle based in Douglas in the Isle of Man. The announcement comes following Douglas being awarded city status as part of the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The Church will be a co-cathedral for the Archdiocese of Liverpool alongside the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, based 80 miles away in Liverpool city centre and will be the first Catholic co-cathedral in the British Isles.



Co-cathedrals are rare in the Catholic Church, but exist when two dioceses, each with its own cathedral, are merged or when a single diocese spans two distinct civil jurisdictions. The Irish Sea separates the two cathedrals in the archdiocese. Monsignor John Devine, parish priest of St Mary of the Isle, said of the announcement: *"I am delighted that St Mary of the Isle has been granted Cathedral status, it is wonderful news for Catholics across the island."*

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.

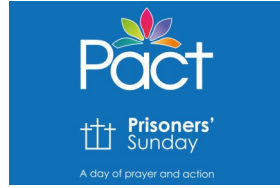
Catholic Chaplaincy

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.

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 there are leaflets at the back of Church for anyone interested

PACT

8 October is Prisoner Sunday Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust): This is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families, it is a wonderful opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts to prisoners, their families and all who work in and are affected by the criminal justice system. Pact is rooted in Catholic social teaching. It brings hope to men and women who experience isolation. It serves their families, especially children who experience prolonged separation from loved ones. To find out more or volunteer go to www.prisonadvice.org.uk.



CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

An opportunity is available for an experienced maintenance worker to assist with the day to day maintenance, repairs and general upkeep of the interior and exterior of the Metropolitan Cathedral This will include maintenance of the surrounding grounds and aiding others to ensure the smooth running of all events in the Cathedral and Crypt. This is a permanent post, working full time, Monday to Friday, 8 00 am - 4 00 pm. To apply, please visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/

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. Mozart's sublime Requiem will be preceded by his Overture to the Magic Flute and Beethoven's 1st Symphony. The combined forces will be directed by Maria Barbosa Aristizabal, and special guest conductor Tucker Biddlecombe from Nashville, Tennessee.

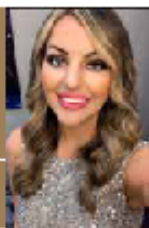
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THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023

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