



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12th November 2023



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What has worked for me in the past when I begin to get impatient?
Going forward, what will I do to draw upon more patience?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

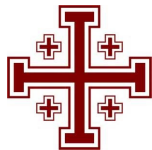
We've lost many parish pyxes from the sacristy safe and Fr Mark would be grateful if Eucharistic Ministers would return them to church to allow others to use them.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mass on Monday will be at 7.00pm and is our annual Parish November Mass for the Dead. There will be NO Mass on Thursday. Mass on Saturday at 12noon is the annual Mass for deceased Knights & Dames of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Archbishop Malcolm is the main celebrant and you are most welcome to come along.

GAZA COLLECTION

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem will be launching an appeal for funds which will go directly to support the Catholics in Gaza. This will also help in the rebuilding of homes once the war ends. There is a retiring collection after Mass today which will then be sent to the Order as they work to support our brothers and sisters during this difficult time.



CATHOLIC PIC

We apologise for the late arrival of November's edition but the Pic is now available, free of charge, from the Piety Stall. The main feature this month is our new Cathedral in the Isle of Man. The Pic is an important diocesan resource and it's important that you take one as the Publishers are currently conducting a survey to see if this monthly publication is viable in its current format.



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Today's readings call us to keep vigil as we wait for the light, for the dawn, for the One who called himself the light of the world. What can help us as we wait in joyful anticipation? Wisdom, for starters, for it enlightens us. To find wisdom, per our first reading, we must seek it. To recognize it, we must perceive it. And to perceive it, we must love it. With wisdom, we prepare for our vigil by bringing that which will reflect and intensify that light, like the five wise virgins who brought flasks of oil. For we know not when the Lord will come, nor do we know when and how we will see him in our midst. Therefore, we must always be prepared for the arrival of that new dawn, learning to perceive Christ in unexpected ways, ready to reflect his light upon everyone around us.

If only the bridegroom had come on time. If only he had not been running so very late. But unfortunately, he was unexpectedly "long delayed." Consequently, the five foolish virgins ran out of oil for their lamps. We have all had experiences of waiting when we ended up having to wait longer, maybe much longer, than we anticipated. Instead of running out of oil, we likely ran out of patience. It would be wise, therefore, to pack some spare patience each day, so that we can be prepared for all those times when we need to wait.

Bible scholars have determined that St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is the oldest book in the New Testament, written but twenty years after Jesus' death and resurrection. In the early days of the church, Christians believed that the end of the world could really come any minute. Therefore, doubt crept in among those who wondered why the second coming seemed to be "long delayed." What would happen to those who waited, and waited, and waited, but died before Jesus returned? Paul assures them that those who have fallen asleep in the Lord will be raised as the Lord was raised. Replace grief with hope, Paul writes, for those who have died — and those who will die before the end of the world — will remain with the Lord.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<p>Saturday 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p> <p>12.00pm Baptism - Kaiden Davies</p>
<p>Sunday 12th November <i>32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People of the Parish</p> <p>11.45am Baptism - Peggy Higgins</p>
<p>Monday 13th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funeral service - Patricia Fletcher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November Mass of Remembrance</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Margaret Ellis</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p>
<p>Thursday 16th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p>
<p>Friday 17th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pious list</p>
<p>Saturday 18th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass for Knights and Dames of Holy Sepulchre</p>
<p>Sunday 19th November <i>33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People of the Parish</p> <p>11.45am Baptism - Hazel Mia Donafee</p>

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy...



ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Advent begins sunset on Saturday

2 December. Fr Mark will be celebrating a candlelit Evening Prayer in church at 5pm

during which our parish Advent Wreath will be blessed. Come and join him and start this very special season in the right way. It will last no more than 30 mins.



Look back to look forward: 50 Years of the Irish in Britain 8-12 November

Irish in Britain have undertaken the largest ever oral history project to capture the life stories of the Irish community in Britain, with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This project is a celebration of the innovation, organisation and resilience that has defined our experience in Britain and belongs to everyone with an interest in post-war migration history in Britain.

This vibrant heritage showcase will tour throughout November, bringing our unique history to life. The exhibition will also launch online on 1 November. All welcome. This exhibition is FREE to attend and no pre-booking is required. Location: The Florrie, 377 Mill Street, Dingle, Liverpool, L8 4RF The Florrie is located at the heart of Liverpool 8 just one mile out of Liverpool City Centre.

Opening times:

Saturday 11am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm



ADVENT SEQUENCE

Each Sunday throughout Advent, you can hear our Cathedral Choir sing a sublime selection of seasonal music designed to reflect the wonder and joy of Advent. Entrance is free and no tickets are required.

Sunday, 3 December, 5pm-6pm The Cathedral's Advent wreath will be blessed during this service and the choir will sing a selection of music for the season.

Sunday, 10 December, 3pm Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence will be sung following a shorter Evening Prayer.

Sunday, 17 December, 5pm Festival Carol Service. A mix of seasonal music and readings as well as congregational carols.

PLAZA CINEMA WATERLOO Over 50s welcome for games, refreshments and watch a film! Doors open at 1pm, ends about 4pm, just £5. Check plazacinema.org.uk for details

YOUNG ADULTS

Every Friday at 6pm there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There is a short time of sharing the Sunday readings followed by snacks and social time and ending with night prayer. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. The group is held at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. If you want more info please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07394 503 911.

THE PILGRIM WAY

Hearts in Search of God is a project to promote walking pilgrimage in England & Wales focused on developing Pilgrim Ways from every Catholic cathedral to one or more shrines in the same diocese. They have recently published a Pilgrim Way for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, a 30.1 mile long route from the Metropolitan Cathedral to the Shrines of Blessed Dominic Barberi in St Helens & St Edmund Arrowsmith in Ashton-in-Makerfield. All the details and some photos can be found here: www.pilgrimways.org.uk

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Did you know 57% of shoppers will do most of their Christmas shopping online this year? And did you know this shopping can easily turn into funding for our parish? 8,000 popular online shops including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Waterstones and Moonpig will donate money whenever our parishioners shop with them. To use this great facility log onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk

- * Search for the brand you want to shop with on the easy fundraising website
- * The website will take you to the brand's website and activate your donation
- * Get a free donation when you checkout - your shopping will cost exactly the same!

If you plan to use EasyFundraising's services, The Archdiocese offer some online safety top tips:

- * Check the website address is correct when shopping online.
- * Make sure the website is secure - the website address should start with "https" (the "S" stands for "Secure").
- * Use PayPal for added buyer protection.
- * Don't use public wifi - use your home wi-fi, or your mobile phone data (your 4G or 5G connection).
- * Keep your virus software up-to-date, and use strong passwords for your online accounts.
- * As Martin Lewis always says, if a deal looks too good to be true - it probably is!

HELP PLEASE!

We are in need of donations for our Christmas Bingo and raffle. Bottles in particular will be gratefully accepted but any donations are much appreciated. Thank you!

WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY



Kaiden Davies
Baptised Saturday 11th November 2023



Peggy Alexandra Rose Higgins
Baptised Sunday 12th November 2023

NSPCC CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Taking place at our Cathedral to celebrate the festive season on Tuesday, 5 December.



Performers include PopVox Choir, Cheshire Chord Company, Wirral Youth Brass and Whitefield Primary

School Choir. Tickets are priced at £10 and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. Check cathedral website.



★ **Fr Mark's Theatre Group**



★ **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT THE PHIL'**

★ Still a few tickets available for the visit to the
★ Philharmonic on Friday 22 December. Cost is £49. Names to office if
★ you are interested

★ **SPRING 2024 - WICKED the musical**

★ **We need to confirm numbers for this one soon.** It is 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 for all trips can be
★ in instalments if needed once the deposit is paid. Most people are doing this





SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

'Elizabeth Turner'



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 from 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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)

She was a daughter of the King of Hungary. She was given in marriage to Ludwig, the Landgrave of Thuringia, by whom she had three children. She frequently meditated on heavenly things and when her husband died she embraced poverty and built a hospice in which she cared for the sick herself.



Her feast day is celebrated on Friday and we wish our neighbouring parish a very happy feast day.

COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting an Information Evening for men who may feel called to the diaconate. The 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 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.

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.

COST OF LIVING ASSEMBLY

Taking place online on 16 November, 7pm-8.30pm. This Assembly is co-hosted by Together Liverpool, a social justice charity of the Diocese of Liverpool and Church Urban Fund, with the Archdiocese of Liverpool's social action coordinator.

The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and will talk about working for lasting change and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For more information contact: 0151 522 1000.

Asylum Link Merseyside

invites you to our concert to be held at 7.00 pm on Friday, 1st December in St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, L7 3HJ.

Performers will include ALM Choir & Musicians, Mullarkey, Scottish and Irish Pipers, Liverpool Ukelele Club.

MISSA PRO POPULO In accordance with the 1988 Code of Canon law (Church law), all parish priests are bound to offer Mass for the people entrusted to them. Canon 534 states - *“When the parish priest takes possession of his parish, the parish priest is bound each Sunday to apply the Mass for the people entrusted to him... Even if one Sunday Mass is celebrated the priest’s intention for that Mass must be Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)...”*

FROM MY LIFE TO YOURS EXHIBITION

THE COMMUNION & LIBERATION CATHOLIC MOVEMENT

This is a small community of families from the North West who meet regularly to share their faith and the teachings of Servant of God Fr Luigi Giussani who founded the Communion and Liberation Movement in Italy in the 1950s and which continues internationally today. A free exhibition on the life and teachings of Fr Giussani – From My Life to Yours - will take place at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday, 18 November, 10am-7pm and Sunday, 19 November, 10am-5pm in the Gibberd Room. All welcome. Coffee and tea will be served.



CONGRATULATIONS Young people from our parish and deanery were confirmed last Monday & Thursday. many congratulations to them all.



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 our 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.



God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

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