



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 26th May 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who is someone I am strongly bonded with? How is our bond suggestive of those of the Trinity? Who is someone I'm barely bonded with? How can I strengthen and nurture that bond?

BANK HOLIDAY

Mass on Bank Holiday Monday will be celebrated at 12noon.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to support families in Sudan, as Sudan is in the grip of the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis.

Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's director of participation, said: "Many aid agencies exited Sudan when the current fighting erupted a year ago. Right now Catholic agencies in the Caritas network that CAFOD is part of, supported by the Church of Sudan, are some of the only organisations able to deliver aid to support the Sudanese people."

Donations made to CAFOD's Sudan crisis appeal – will go towards supporting families in Sudan and surrounding countries, who are already contending with extreme hunger, as communities strive to stop the crisis from becoming the worst in living memory. Donations can be made at www.cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal



CORPUS CHRISTI

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd June. This is a day when we give thanks for Jesus in the most holy sacrament and for leaving us this very special gift.

Following the 10.30 am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for the day, culminating in a Holy Hour at 5 pm. In order to do this we need people who are willing to spend at least 30 minutes in church. You will find a list at the back of the church for you to sign up and commit to spending a time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please make every effort to make this a special day. Come to church and come along to the time of prayer at 5 pm.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Because God is Father, Son, and Spirit - three persons in one God - God is by nature relational. Also, each relationship among the three persons is unique. For instance, the relationship between Jesus and the Father is different from the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit. When God created the world, God created humans in God's own image. This means that we are also relational beings, with a unique relationship to each other, as well as a unique relationship with God. We imitate God when we treat others with love and mercy, for God treats us with love and mercy. But more than that we imitate the relationship of the three persons of the Trinity.

Sad to say, in Ancient Rome, infants who were found abandoned were as likely to be "adopted" as slaves as adopted as children. So when Saint Paul writes to the Romans that they received a "Spirit of adoption," not a "spirit of slavery," he is distinguishing between two different ways in which children could be brought into a family. Indeed, he says those who have "adopted" Christianity, so to speak, can call God, "Abba, Father!" That is, they can use the words children would use to address their own fathers - their birth fathers or adoptive fathers. The bond between the Christians of Rome and God is a bond of love, like the bond between children and parents.

This too is our bond with God. We are bound to God with love, as we are with our own parents, or children, or spouse. These bonds of love suggest the bonds between Father, Son, and Spirit. When we were baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we were bound with all three persons in God. Called to live out that bond, we express it with the love that in turn binds us with others. Bonded with those we love and with those who love us, we form an ever-widening family, rooted in the bonds of the Trinity

MUSIC AT THE MET During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

- Organ Recital by Katherine Dienes-Williams, Monday 27 May, 11.15
- Organ Recital by Matthew Walters, Saturday 1 June, 19.30
- Two Cathedral Choirs with Ian Tracey, Sunday 7 July, 15.00
- Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater, Sunday 4 August, 14.00
- Summer Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield, Sunday 11 August, 14.00
- Summer Organ Recital: Peter Morrison, Sunday 18 August, 14.00
- Summer Organ Recital: Andrew Sharples, Sunday 25 August, 14.00



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 26th May <i>Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am People of The parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.45am Baptism - Abel Ernie Proffitt</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 27th May <i>St Augustine</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Maureen White</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 28th May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Fred Bisson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 29th May <i>Pope St Paul VI</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 30th May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Joseph Kerwin</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 31st May <i>Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Maureen Henshall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 1st June <i>St Justin</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00pm Nuptial Mass - Sara Kathleen Coxon and Thomas James Lyon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 2nd June <i>Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am People of The parish</p>



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Martin Dash



CATHEDRAL RECRUITMENT

Young people are at the forefront of music at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir sings at seven choral services each week, leading the congregation in the singing of hymns and psalms, and offering repertoire from the treasury of sacred music to enhance the liturgical celebrations and raise the hearts and minds of those present to God. It is through their ministry of music that many people who enter the cathedral come to know the beauty of God. The Metropolitan Cathedral is the only Roman Catholic cathedral in the UK that offers both boys and girls an equal opportunity to undertake a full choir school chorister experience – at no cost to parents. Children are recruited from Liverpool and surrounding areas, with choristers coming from as far afield as Widnes, Southport and St Helens. Opportunities to sing are offered to young people from age 7 to 18 and beyond.

Being a chorister is a unique opportunity for a boy or girl in our Archdiocese, allowing them to engage with music, to live the Catholic faith in the daily celebration of the liturgy, and bring joy and hope to many. The high musical standards that the choir achieves on a daily basis do not happen without sacrifice: many hours are spent in rehearsal, with liturgies taking place almost every day. But for those who are fortunate enough to have the experience of being a chorister, it is a life- shaping one.

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of boy and girl choristers.

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and St Edward's College meaning that a first-class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, go to: www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs

ST MARIA GORETTI

This is a wonderful small team of people who help women living in Liverpool fleeing persecution, seeking asylum, are refugees or are survivors of trafficking. The team are hoping to recruit new members to support them in their work. Support is particularly required with visiting individuals who have been referred and/or transporting household items across the Liverpool region. If you are interested in finding out more about the valuable work this group undertake or would like to get involved, then please contact Cath Bradley on 07534 780 731 or 284 1866 or email: chattymc6@gmail.com

CHRISTOPHER GRANGE

Do you have a few hours to spare every week or every couple of weeks? The RVS (Royal Voluntary Service formerly WRVS) are recruiting people to help in the coffee bar and shop at Christopher Grange Care Home, Youens Way, L14. All that is involved is making drinks and selling toiletries, sweets, biscuits etc to visitors and residents. Many of the current volunteers have been doing this for over 20 years and will continue to do so, but it is now time for some extra helpers to fill in for holidays or sickness so that it can be kept open every day. If you would like more information or would like to pay a visit to see exactly what it is all about, please contact Anne Halligan on 07790 148 177.

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE, FORMBY

The Prayer Centre is situated in beautiful grounds surrounded by the National Trust nature reserve, in Freshfield on Merseyside where woodland and coastal walks can be taken directly from the centre. Spacious well-kept grounds surround the centre and ample parking is available. There is also a peaceful courtyard garden for a time of quiet reflection. The tranquil setting in a peaceful and beautiful location provides a place to pray, space to think and time to meet. The centre offers a programme of organised retreats and events along with the opportunities for spiritual direction and personal quiet days. Everyone is welcome to share times of prayer and reflection and St Joseph's Prayer Centre is keen to be a resource for the local community where together, we can respond to the Lord's invitation. *¡ Come aside... to a quiet place, and rest awhile" (Mark 0:75).* Visit their website for more info: www.stjosephsprayercentre.com



FEAST OF THE WEEK

Pope St Paul VI (1897-1978)



Giovanni Battista Montini was born on 26 September 1897 in the village of Concesio, Lombardy. He was ordained priest on 29 May 1920 and worked in the Roman Curia, the Vatican civil service, until he was made Archbishop of Milan in 1954. He was elected Pope on 21 June 1963, successfully saw the Vatican Council through to its completion, promoted the renewal of the Church's life and especially of the liturgy. He also promoted ecumenical dialogue and the proclamation of the Gospel to the modern world. He died on 6 August 1978. He was canonised by Pope Francis in 2018. His feast day is celebrated on Wednesday.

When the Holy Spirit chose him as the Successor of Saint Peter, someone already taken by the figure and apostolic activity of Saint Paul, he did not spare his energies in the service of the Gospel of Christ, of the Church and of humanity, seen in the light of the divine plan of salvation. As his teachings show he was a defender of human life, peace and true human progress. He wanted the Church, inspired by the Council and implementing its normative principles, to rediscover ever more her identity, overcoming the divisions of the past and by being ever more attentive to the new age. He wanted the Church of Christ to place the centrality of God and the preaching of the Gospel in the first place, even when she spends herself in the service of the brothers and sisters, in order to build that “civilisation of love” begun by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In his last will and testament, Paul VI wrote: “*No monument for me*”. The true monument to Saint Paul VI is the one built by his witness, his works, his apostolic journeys, his ecumenism, in the Liturgical renewal and his many teachings and examples by which he showed forth the face of Christ, the mission of the Church, the vocation of contemporary humanity and reconciling Christian thought with the requirements of the difficult moment in which he, with much suffering, had to guide the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS



Sara Kathleen Coxon and Thomas James Lyon

Who will be married on Saturday 1 June at 12 noon

We wish them every happiness

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A meeting for Eucharistic Ministers will take place in church on Thursday 30 May, 7 pm. Fr Mark asks that all Ministers make an effort to come along. Ministers will be invited to make their annual promise and commitment on Sunday 2 June at the 10.30 am Mass, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

“I was sick and you cared for me...”

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals (The Royal, Broadgreen, and Aintree) is looking for new volunteers to join our team. Volunteers often enjoy visiting patients and their families on the wards. These visits can include praying with patients, and bringing them Holy Communion, or simply having a chat. It is possible to volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Fr Peter by email peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk or by calling 0151 706 2828.

SAFEGUARDING - RENEWAL OF DBS CERTIFICATES

Our parish is now due to review and renew DBS certificates for those volunteers who are catechists, Eucharistic ministers, etc. Forms will be distributed this weekend with instructions for completion. Please pop in to the office if you have not received your form or have any questions. The review MUST be fully completed by 30 June.

FR MARK'S THEATRE GROUP -

we still have 3 tickets available for our trip to see 'Wicked' on the Empire on 27 June. Cost £74 includes transport. Come and join us - we always have a fun night!



MARY IN A WORLD OF MARTHA?

14-16 June 2024. Limited residential spaces available. For more details, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 949 1199.



THE NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts.



For over 50 years, the Church in England & Wales has been using the Jerusalem Bible as its definitive translation for liturgical use; the new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition (ECV-CE) and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms.

The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in a liturgical setting that is more easily proclaimed.

The Lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic parishes and Mass centres in England, Wales and Scotland from Sunday 1st December 2024.

The CTS have been appointed to publish the new Lectionary and they have now released further information and cost.



Currently, the Lectionary is in 3 volumes, but the new Lectionary will be in 4 volumes at a cost of £695 (£173.75 each) and Fr Mark is grateful for the offers of sponsorship. Three of the volumes have been taken with just one more volume left for a chance to be sponsored. The CTS will provide a special 'Donor Bookplate' in which the donor's name will be placed in the Lectionary and will be there for future years to come. If you would like to do this, please have a word with Fr Mark for more details.

Fr Mark has ordered some leaflets to explain the new Lectionary and why the translation is changing and these will be available in a few weeks time.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Usually celebrated from 4.00pm - 4.30pm on Saturday.
Fr Mark is often available in the 20 minutes before each Mass. Please pop into the sacristy to ask.



ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" MAY DRAW

1st £20 No. 171 A Jones
2nd £15 No. 74 M Stam
3rd £10 No. 166 M Dickinson
4th £10 No. 197 S Roche



Many thanks for your continuous support. Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Please contact Myra: 928 1136 .

CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CENTRE LIVERPOOL

The centre is looking for volunteers to assist at the hospital. Duties will include way-finding and general assistance around the wards. If you would like to become a volunteer or for more information, please email David Lee, the Volunteer Co-Ordinator at: david.lee3@nhs.net



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Abel Ernie Proffitt

Baptised Sunday 26 May 2024



NEW FAMILY TRAIL & AUDIO TOUR

The Metropolitan Cathedral has launched two brand new visitor resources. Firstly, there's a new interactive family trail, especially designed for younger visitors. Free to access from any smartphone, Explore with Eva takes visitors on a treasure-hunt style journey around the Cathedral. There is also an immersive audio tour, which enables local and international visitors to experience the sights and sounds of the Metropolitan Cathedral like never before.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. .



Lord in your mercy...

SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 5th JULY

We are super pleased to again have our 'annual' trip to the world famous International Musical Eisteddfod in the beautiful Welsh town of Llangollen on Friday 5th July.

We will leave the parish and travel by coach to Llangollen and we can stroll around the maes (Welsh for field) with its hundreds of stalls, food and drinking places. Your ticket will guarantee you a reserved seat in the Pavilion to watch the competitions You can walk around the town and enjoy the many shops and beautiful scenery. Friday is a spectacular day in the Pavilion with Mixed, Chamber and Adult Folk Song Choirs. The final rounds for the Vocal and Instrumental solo's and the Choreographed/stylized dance groups as well as introducing a brand -new Solo Dance (solo, duet, trio) competition. A day not to be missed!

We have managed to keep the cost similar to last year. The cost of the day is £69 which includes transport, entry to the Eisteddfod, reserved seat in the Pavilion and a 3 course evening meal. We are doing something slightly different this year as we will be eating in The Hand Hotel in Llangollen town centre. The hotel stands above a beautiful stretch of the river Dee close to the centre of the town and has a stunning riverside garden

Please give your name to the office as soon as possible with a £10 deposit which will secure your place.



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