



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16th June 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What resources and talents do I have that I can use to build the kingdom of God like a seed that grows to a fruitful plant?

QUIET DAYS AT THE CENACLE - June 22nd 10.30 - 4pm We all need time to stop, ponder, be still, be find it hard to have the time. Why not come for a few hours, with like minded people, and just stop and be away from the daily round of life? Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided, suggested offering £10 No need to book, just come along and maybe bring a friend. For further information contact Sr Winnie, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW tel 0151 722 2271

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

FEAST OF ST IRENAEUS MASS AND SUMMER FAYRE - 28 June 5pm

To mark the feast day of St Irenaeus, the Irenaeus Project will host Mass followed by a summer fayre. There will be tombolas, raffles, crafts and cakes. What more could we want? Please come and support us. All are welcome to attend.



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.

- 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

All are welcome.



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

God's care of creation is evident in Ezekiel's vision. God takes a tender shoot of a huge cedar to produce a new one in a select place. Over time it grows to provide a home for every kind of bird. The Lebanon cedar is known for its longevity, so Ezekiel's tender shoot could still be alive in the first century, providing shade for birds, as well as for Jesus and his disciples. The story provides a model for us. We too are called to care for our environment, so that every kind of living thing may thrive in the nurturing home it offers.

We walk 'by faith, not by sight,' Paul tells the Corinthians. We trust in the Lord's goodness, especially because we see imperfectly, incompletely. We cannot see as God sees. We cannot see the seed germinating underground. We typically cannot see the wonders of nature in the tops of trees, in the depths of the ocean, light years outside the solar system, or even inside our very cells. Like Paul, we look forward to life in perfect knowledge with the Lord while we live our lives in limited knowledge here on earth.

It is just coincidence that we hear today's Gospel two weeks after celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, but in both Gospel passages Jesus speaks of grain that can be baked into bread. Today we hear Jesus compare the Kingdom of God to grains of wheat grown in fertile soil. Last week we heard Jesus take the fruit of those fields of wheat and declare, 'This is my body'. Neither the kingdom of God nor the Body of Christ just miraculously appear, sent down from heaven. They are fruits of the earth, of human labour. Stalks of wheat grow from the soil, the grain is harvested by farm labourers and made into bread by bakers. The kingdom of God is built up by many of us together by the work of our hands. Jesus was born of Mary, the fruit of her womb.

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!



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 16th June <i>Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The parish
Monday 17th June	10.00am Lynn Tasker 1.15pm - Funeral service John Kenneth Morley
Tuesday 18th June <i>St John Rigby</i>	10.00am Joan Johnson
Wednesday 19th June	NO MASS
Thursday 20th June	10.00am Special intention (VL)
Friday 21st June <i>St Aloysius</i>	10.00am Jacqui & Anne Marie Morley
Saturday 22nd June <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	12.00pm Baptism - Luke & Zak Devaney-Heckle
Sunday 23rd June <i>Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Henry Simpson



CATHOLIC PIC - June edition is available in piety stall free of charge. Main article this month is on First Communion Celebrations

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.liverpoolmetro-cathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs

As we approach the general election, let us pray for all those working for democracy, those putting themselves forwards as candidates and those preparing to vote

Loving God, we face a choice.

*Be with us as we consider the options
weigh the arguments
and assess the claims and the candidates.*

*Prompt us to listen
to the voices on the margins,
to the cry of the earth,
and to those who reach a different conclusion to us.*

*God, we pray that you would
stimulate our minds
stir our hearts
and sanctify our choosing.*

*Help us also to remember
your command to love our neighbours
both during and after this election.*

Amen



Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

Called to be Peacemakers is a new document of the International Affairs department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales that presents a Catholic approach to arms control and disarmament. The document stresses that every human life lost to violence and conflict is a tragedy for our universal family. Pope Francis calls upon us to counter the logic of fear and foster a climate of trust and dialogue. You can read the full document at www.cbcew.org.uk

IRENÆUS The Irenaeus Project is looking for help in the office, filing, ordering, computer work etc. If you are interested, please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel 0151 949 1199 for more details.

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

St John Rigby (1570-1600)

John Rigby was an English Catholic and martyr who was executed during the reign of Elizabeth I. He was born at Harrock Hall, in Chorley, Lancashire in 1570, of Nicholas and Mary Rigby. His father worked for Sir Edmund Huddleston, whose daughter was summoned to the Old Bailey for refusing to conform to the state religion. Because she was ill, Rigby appeared for her. He was compelled to confess his Catholicism, and sent to Newgate. The next day, February 14, 1600, he signed a confession saying that he had been reconciled by John Jones, a Franciscan, and that he had not attended Church of England services. He was chained and sent back to Newgate. Twice he was given the chance to recant; twice he refused. He was executed by hanging at St Thomas Waterings 1600.



We are proud that John Rigby is an English martyr within the boundaries of our Archdiocese. His feast day is celebrated on Tuesday.

Cathedral Guides and Welcomers

The cathedral are seeking two new voluntary adult members for Wednesdays (1pm-4pm) and Fridays (1pm- 4pm) respectively. If you would like to assist with the welcome desk and/or conduct guided tours for our many visitors, then please contact Deacon Paul via email: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk



“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.

Dr Christopher McElroy on the Catholic University of America's podcast

Director of Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Dr Christopher McElroy, recently took part in a podcast interview at the Catholic University of America on the subject of Sacred Music, Catechesis and Beauty. To listen to the podcast, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_HBKytJHME.

Volunteer Your Teaching Talent

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of schoolchildren and young people to learn about this wonderful Cathedral. 'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the Cathedral to life for the generations of the future'. Contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk

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.



THE HAPPY COUPLE!! A few people have asked to see photos of our wonderful celebration. What an amazing day we had - the Mass was absolutely joyous (thank you Fr Mark) the Church looked unbelievable and the whole day was just fantastic. A huge 'Thank you' from Sara and Tom for all the many cards and gifts



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them. 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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