



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 14th July 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I accept the challenge the Twelve did? What “unclean spirits” do I see that I can try to drive out? For what do I see myself calling for repentance? To whom can I bring healing?

DEANERY NEWSLETTER

The Summer edition of the Deanery Newsletter is now available from the back of church, please take a copy. A reminder that our deanery patron saint is St. Teresa of Calcutta. May she continue to inspire us. The newsletter

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

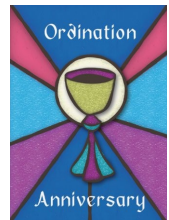
Application forms are now available from the Parish Office for children who will enter Yr 4 in September. Preparation will begin in October.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY Children's Liturgy will take a break over the Summer from next weekend until 8 September. Fr Mark thanks all our Catechists for the hard work and dedication in sharing the Word of God with our children

FROM FR MARK

On Saturday, I celebrated 28 years of priesthood and spent the day in the Cathedral, witnessing four new priests being ordained. Four ordinations in one year are rare these days, especially when many dioceses don't have any students in seminary formation.



When I was ordained in 1996, I did not know how the priesthood would change in the way it has. And whilst I am still engaged in many wonderful things that don't change, the reduction in priests' numbers has created one of the greatest challenges to date. However, every new situation creates new opportunities for different ways of thinking and being. The Holy Spirit is still and will always be the driving force within the Church, so we must not be too pessimistic about numbers or the future.

So, as we pray for our new priests and for me, your PP, let us pray for the same Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen each one of us and our communities so that we may face whatever may lie ahead with the same spirit, confidence, and joy that we've always had.

God Bless, Fr. Mark.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Neither Amos nor Amaziah was put in an easy position. Sent from the Southern Kingdom of Judah to prophesy to the Northern Kingdom of Israel, Amos spoke out against political and economic injustice, decrying Israel's greed and warning them that God would punish them for their sins. Meanwhile, Amaziah rose to the position of high priest, where he had to speak on behalf of the king. Amos was a reluctant, but obedient prophet, staying true to God's word. Amaziah was obedient as well, but to the king rather than to God. The king placed his will above God's will, and Amaziah chose to obey him and reject God. Amos placed God's will first, so he continued to denounce Israel in Bethel. It is not easy to be God's voice in the world, but this is our calling. .

As you heard today's second reading, you may have recognized a good many of the words and phrases. Many of them you also hear occasionally proclaimed at Mass. Scripture scholars tell us that these are not Paul's words; rather these words were almost certainly drawn from liturgical prayers and hymns that were already in use by the time someone wrote them down in Paul's name. These words have been used in our liturgies for nearly two thousand years. They have stood the test of time, for they are just as true today as they were then: out of love God destined us for adoption, Jesus redeemed us and lavishes us with his grace, God's will is to bring together all things in Christ, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, we are called respond with praise and thanks to God..

Jesus does not make it easy on his disciples. He sends them out in pairs, each with nothing but a walking stick and the tunic and sandals they are wearing. No money, no food, no change of clothes, none of their belongings. Why? Why would he make them dependent upon the kindness of strangers, folks in fact who were being commanded to repent? No, he was teaching them to be dependent on God. After all, Jesus had none of these things himself as he travelled throughout Galilee and Judea preaching, teaching, and healing. Now he gives the Twelve the authority to do so themselves and sends them on their mission. Today he gives us that mission

CONGRATULATIONS

Archbishop Malcolm ordained to the Order of the Sacred Priesthood four new priests for the Archdiocese at the weekend: Revs James Finnegan, Martin Fyles, Peter Ross & Lister Tonge. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new ministry in the service of God and the Church.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 14th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The parish 11.45 Baptism - Joseph James Hesketh
Monday 15th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	10.00am John Colford
Tuesday 16th July	10.00pm Christine Trussell
Wednesday 17th July	NO MASS
Thursday 18th July	10.00am Stella Cropper
Friday 19th July	10.00am Bob Feenan
Saturday 20th July	12.00pm Baptism - Vincent Ronnie Ross
Sunday 21st July <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The parish 11.45am Baptism - Emmy Elizabeth Furlong



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Margaret & Michael Cain



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

ADOREMUS 2024

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress takes place at St Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 14 September 2024, a week before our own Archdiocesan Adoremus event on Saturday 21st September. The Catholic Church in England and Wales: bishops, priests and people from all dioceses, will gather at the College for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist. Around 1,500 Catholics in total are expected.

For those of you who would like to go, our archdiocese has organised a coach, which will depart from St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, at 8.00am in time for a 10.15 arrival at Oscott with events beginning at 11.00am. The last event finishes at 6.00pm and we are aiming to return to the Margaret Clitherow Centre by 8.00pm. Cars can be left in the St Margaret Clitherow Centre's secure car park for the duration of the day. The cost per person is £20. This cost includes return coach travel and entry to the event. Please arrive in good time to board the coach as we will be leaving promptly at 8.00am. To book a place: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events>

A day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage for the Archdiocese to 'The Met' will be taking place on Saturday 21 September at 9am until 6pm. In advance of the Jubilee Year 2025, and in celebration of this Year of Prayer, we will be celebrating Mass, offering confessions, a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Procession with plenty of time for prayer and reflection. Watch this space for more information over coming weeks.



Do you get frustrated by the disposable world we live in? One of our parishioners is involved in recycling of E waste - including electrical items, wires, cables, chargers, phones etc. Broken, damaged or unwanted. They are recycled and put back into the community. Items will be collected free of charge. Contact 07368 238232 or email peak-e-wasters@tutamail.com

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE “200 CLUB” JULY DRAW

1st	£20	No. 210	L Mitchell
2nd	£15	No. 192	L Smith
3rd	£10	No. 30	A Hunt
4th	£10	No. 95	J Smartt



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

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Plessington (1637-1679)

John Plessington was born at Dimples Hall, near Garstang, Lancashire, into a family at odds with the authorities for both their religious and political beliefs. Educated by Jesuits at Scarisbrick Hall near Ormskirk, at Saint Omer's in France, and then at the College of Saint Alban at Valladolid, Spain, he was ordained in Segovia on 25 March 1662. He returned to England in 1663 ministering to Catholics in the areas of Holywell and Cheshire. Upon arrest in Chester during the Popish Plot scare, he was imprisoned for two months, and then hanged, drawn and quartered for the crime of being a Catholic priest.



His speech from the scaffold at Gallow's Hill in Boughton, Cheshire was printed and distributed: He said: *“I know it will be said that a priest ordayned by authority derived from the See of Rome is, by the Law of the Nation, to die as a Traytor, but if that be so what must become of all the Clergymen of the Church of England, for the first Church of England Bishops had their Ordination from those of the Church of Rome, or not at all, as appears by their own writers so that Ordination comes derivatively from those now living.”*

He was canonised as one of the Forty Martyrs on 25 October 1970 by Pope St Paul VI.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE 2024

At the joint meeting of the deanery clergy and the DSC, the following summer schedule of Masses was agreed. This will take effect from 13th July - 15th September 2024.

Holy Rosary	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 10.30am
Our Lady & English Martyrs		Sun 10.30am
Our Lady of Walsingham	Sat 5.00pm	
Our Lady's Lydiat		Sun 10.00am
St Benet		Sun 10.00am
St Gregory	Sat 4.30pm	
St George	Sat 6.30pm	Sun 11.30am
St Elizabeth	Sat 5.00pm	
St Mary & St Kentigern		Sun 9.00am
St Robert Bellarmine		Sun 11.00am

It will not be possible to continue the schedule of weekday Masses in each church. This all highlights the need for us as parishes to work together - it promotes the Family of Parishes model as an urgent need.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Joseph James Hesketh

Baptised Sunday 14 July 2024



“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.

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



Society of St Gregory Annual Summer School at Hope University - 31 July (pm) - 3 August 2024 (lunch)

A Symphony of Praise in Word and Music

“In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great symphony of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.” Pope Francis

The programme includes Keynote speakers, liturgy, workshops, other presentations and more.

- Keynote Speakers - Sue Price, David McLoughlin, Fleur Dorrell, Martin Foster

Director of Music – Christopher Walker; Director of Liturgy, Kathryn Turner.

Both Residential and Day Delegates are welcome and Bursary funding is available. Further details, including the programme, and online booking are available at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2024> or by emailing summerschool@ssg.org.uk

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

Thank you to those who have agreed to sponsor one of the new volumes of the Lectionary; all 4 volumes have now been taken

Fr Mark Has also ordered a Book of the Gospels, which will enhance the importance of proclaiming the Gospel every Sunday and holydays. This stunning Book displays the beauty, majesty and primacy of the Word of God in the life of the Church and makes the proclamation of the Gospel a high point of any liturgical celebration. The cost is £275 and if you would like to make a donation towards this please hand it into the Parish Office. No specific dedication will be made to this, but any donation is welcome.



We have two publications in the Parish Shop which explain the importance of the Lectionary and why we are getting a new translation. **'Hearing Christ Voice: A New Lectionary for the Church'** for £3.95 or **'The New Lectionary Explained'** for 50p. We will order more if we are sold out.

SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED

The Restored Lives course runs for over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce. For more information contact Maureen 0767753371

NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE

This year's New Dawn Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 5 - Friday 9 August at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of liturgy, sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found on their website at www.newdawn.org.uk.



Amongst others, this year the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain will be joining them, along with the visit of the Pericardium Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis from Assisi, soon to become a saint!

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.



CATHOLIC PIC

The July edition is now available, free of charge, from the parish shop. This month's main article is about Archbishop Malcolm who turned 75 years of age a few weeks ago. Canon Law states that Bishops must send their resignation to the Pope before or on their 75th birthday and it's the Pope's decision whether to accept it or ask the Bishop to stay until a decision about their successor has been made; Archbishop Malcolm has been asked to stay. We are lucky to have him as our Archbishop, and he has also decided to remain in Liverpool once his resignation has been accepted. He will live out his retirement days in the Archdiocese. You can read more about it in the Catholic Pic.



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. Why not take a lovely trip out during the school holidays?

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.

- 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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



Lord in your mercy...

You can see the video version of the Pope's intention on our website

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT 2024

They've Been There for Us; Let's be There for Them

Our retired priests responded to the call to be priests, they devoted their lives and their all to serving God and God's people. Whilst they 'retire' at the age of 75, they are still priests for life. Many continue in ministry leading active lives – celebrating Mass, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need, supporting parish life and praying for us all.

The priests' retirement fund, known as the George Andrew Fund, ensures that our retired priests enjoy a dignified retirement. It supports independent living, providing them with a suitable home alongside other services. Above all, it makes sure that their social and healthcare needs are met. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to the Church's mission and bringing people closer to Christ. Over the next ten years, approximately one third of our diocesan priests will reach retirement age, and the cost of care will rise significantly as a result of this. With your help, we can continue to offer our gratitude and support to our retired priests. Please remember our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

The annual collection for the provision for priests in retirement will take place after the Mass this weekend.

QUIET DAYS at THE CENACLE Saturday 27 July 10.30am - 4.00pm

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

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