



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21st July 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I set aside time to reflect on my life as a disciple and pray for God's assistance? Can I face the Lord honestly with my shortcomings and failures?

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 is also available on our website

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.



WEEKDAY MASS - From this weekend, the Summer Schedule for weekday Mass will begin. This week, Mass will be celebrated on Monday & Tuesday only. From next week until September, Mass will be celebrated **Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10.15am.**

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

The 101st pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 19-26 July, with the theme this year being **“Go and tell the priests to come here in procession”**. It was during the thirteenth Apparition that Mary said to Bernadette: “Go, tell the priests that people should come here in procession ...” What does it mean that we should “Come here in procession.”? In many ways it means “come, accompany one another in this pilgrimage of life. Be there for and with each other in good times and bad alike, in times of sickness and in health”. It is an invitation to recognise that as pilgrims we walk shoulder to shoulder with one another and as part of our journeying we share our joys and sorrows, strengths and weaknesses as we pray, chat and celebrate together. This will set the tone for the Masses and celebrations taking place that week. Last year was a special occasion, as the centenary of the pilgrimage was celebrated, with only the Second World War and the Covid-19 pandemic pausing it. The Year of Prayer ahead of Jubilee will also be marked this year.



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Jesus is unlike the shepherds Jeremiah decries in the first reading, misleading and scattering God's flock. Just the opposite. He will not turn his back on the people who flock to him, even when he has other plans. No, he brings them together to teach them "many things", no doubt about God and love and justice and God's kingdom and repentance and other things besides. Paul, too, points out that Jesus brings all people together, in that he broke down the wall between Jews and Gentiles and united them in one body. Jesus is the one foreseen by Jeremiah, who proclaimed a "righteous shoot to David" who would reunite Judah and Israel, which had split and would soon fall to Babylon.

If you recall, the apostles were returning from their mission from last week, where they were paired off and sent out with virtually nothing but authority over unclean spirits. By taking them to a quiet place, Jesus allowed them to reflect and pray. He also calls us to do this after we have completed a task on our own mission. He encourages us to take some time with him - as we do in prayer - to reflect on what we have done and what he calls us to do.

We are called to be disciples, certainly, but we can also put ourselves in the shoes of the people who had heard about Jesus and pursued him across the sea. It is likely that many of them were eager to see him heal the sick or drive out demons, but Mark says that Jesus used this as an opportunity to teach. As we will hear next week (from John's Gospel), Jesus taught for so long that day that eventually he faced a multitude of hungry people. But this implies that the people stayed, not to see him work miracles (at least not the ones they expected), but just to learn. May we be willing to take the time to learn from him as well.

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.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 21st July <i>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The parish 11.45am Baptism - Emmy Elizabeth Furlong
Monday 22nd July <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.00am Charles Bull
Tuesday 23rd July <i>Feast of St Bridget</i>	10.00pm Joe McCambridge
Wednesday 24th July	NO MASS
Thursday 25th July <i>Feast of St James</i>	NO MASS
Friday 26th July <i>Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne</i>	NO MASS
Saturday 27th July	12.00pm Baptism - Charlotte Clare Kenyon
Sunday 28th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of The parish 11.45am Baptism - Mikey Dean Walsh



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Patricia Carroll



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 .

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Fr Mark is arranging a pilgrimage to celebrate the Holy Year 2025. 3 nights in Rome will include walking through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, the home of St Pio & 2 nights in Assisi. The price is being finalised.

Holy Year pilgrimages are extremely popular and Fr Mark has only been able to secure a limited number of places. People need good mobility as queuing to walk through the Holy Door may take hours! More details to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Mark has written to Mr Peter Dowd MP to assure him of our prayers and good wishes upon his re-election as the Member of Parliament for our constituency. He was chosen to propose the vote of thanks to His Majesty the King for his gracious speech after the State Opening of Parliament last Wednesday. This is seen as an honour for him and the constituency.

REGULAR GIVING TO THE CHURCH

The best way to give regularly to the parish is with a Standing Order so that your contribution is paid by your bank to the parish account. This reduces the cash that has to be handled. Envelopes will always remain available but please consider the use of Standing Orders. Please contact the parish office if you would like one. If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as this is a way of increasing our income without having to ask people for more money. For every £1 you give 25p extra will be claimed back by the parish.

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

Emmy Elizabeth Furlong

Baptised Sunday 21 July 2024

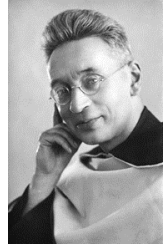


"I was sick and you cared for me..."

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals (The Royal, Broadgreen, and Aintree) is looking for new volunteers to join the 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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Titus Brandsma (1881-1942)



He was born in the Netherlands, joined the Carmelites in 1898 at seventeen, and took the religious name Titus. He was ordained a priest in 1905. Following his ordination, he went to Rome and studied for a doctorate in philosophy. Returning to Holland, Titus pursued a career as a teacher and writer, and at the same time, he was active in journalism. He was vehemently opposed to Nazi ideology and spoke out against it many times before the Second World War. Underlying his career as a teacher and writer was his deeply personal search for the God of Jesus who was the centre of his life. He lived out this mission in practical ways giving to all who needed his help. It was from this deep relationship and conviction that he would argue against the National Socialist ideology, as Holland came under Nazi occupation.

He was arrested in January 1942, when he tried to persuade Dutch Catholic newspapers not to print Nazi propaganda (as was required by the law of the Nazi German occupiers). He had also drawn up the Pastoral Letter, read in all Catholic parishes, by which the Dutch Roman Catholic bishops officially condemned the German anti-Semitic measures and the deportation of the first Jews. After this Pastoral Letter, the first few thousand Jews to be deported from the Netherlands were all Jewish converts to Roman Catholicism, including St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

Amidst the suffering of Titus's imprisonment, prisoners and jailers spoke of his ability to bring an awareness of peace amidst the horror of the prison camps. Eventually he was transferred to Dachau where he was killed by lethal injection on the 26th July 1942. The witness of his life is an example of prophetic action arising from a commitment to the Gospel and revealing the merciful presence of God, even in the most horrific of times.

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

SUNG SOLEMN MASS

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King have booked The Occasional Singers, Directed by Daniel Mansfield, to sing Solemn Mass on Sunday 11 August at

11.00am. All are welcome to attend.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

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.

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



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!

DEANERY CARITAS GROUP

On Monday 22nd July at 7.00pm, for an hour, in St George's Maghull the Caritas group are holding an event to reflect on our response to the things we hear about refugees. It will be led by Margaret Roche from SHARe.

SHARe Knowsley is a small grassroots charity that wants to help improve the lives of those living in our community who have left their homes and everything they know, to escape the horrors of persecution, violence, war and oppression. Not only is the word SHARe an acronym for Supporting and Helping Asylum seekers and Refugees, but it also sums up our philosophy in wanting to share our lives with whoever we meet, irrespective of where they come from, their story, language, colour, race, faith and gender. We treat everyone we meet with dignity, love, care and respect. Offering friendship is at the heart of everything we do. We work hard to create a support network for asylum seekers and refugees, giving them the assistance they need to live with dignity, so that they can rebuild their lives. Please come along. All are welcome

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24th September. Cardinal Vincent Nichols wrote to the Vatican last year requesting that the Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham be raised to the rank of Feast.



The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 1061, when devout noblewoman Richeldis de Faverches asked in prayer for inspiration so that she could carry out a special work in honour of Our Lady. Legend says that Our Lady appeared to Richeldis and showed her in spirit the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary in Nazareth, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation.

Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect for Divine Worship said: *“May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales, as, imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds”*.

The Feast will be celebrated every year on the 24th September.

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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