



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 1st September 2024



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What will I do this week to put God's word into action? Has God's word truly penetrated my heart?

## HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE - 8-15 September 2025

We now have some more details of Fr Mark's pilgrimage to celebrate the Holy Year 2025:

3 nights in Rome which will include walking through the Holy Door.

2 nights in San Giovanni Rotunda - the friary of St Pio (Padre Pio)

2 nights in Assisi - the home of St Francis & St Clare

The ground package price is £1210 on a half board basis. This does not yet include the cost of the airline as Fr Mark & Pilgrimage company are trying to get the lowest price possible. The cost of flight will be approx £400-£500. Single room supplement £198.

Booking forms available soon



## THANK YOU FR STEPHEN!

This week we say 'farewell' to Fr Stephen who leaves us on Thursday. His help whilst Fr Mark has been away has been tremendous and we cannot thank him enough for looking after us this Summer. We will see him again in the coming weeks but for now we wish him a very well deserved rest!!



## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE - we have a few funerals next week:

Monday 2 September 11am - mass for Vincent Mainey

Tuesday 3 September 11am - mass for Barbara Cavadino

Thursday 5 September 1.45pm - service for Margaret Cooper  
(please note the revised time for the service)

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the comfort of all families who may be struggling at this sad time



## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Jesus quotes Isaiah when responding to the Pharisees and scribes: 'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me' (Mark 7:6). How do we honour the Lord with our hearts rather than our lips? For Moses, it was by obedience. Obedience to God's commandments, whole and entire, is what he demanded from the people. Living in accord with God's commands was possible when one took God's word to heart. It would then in turn inspire nonbelievers because they would recognise the wisdom and intelligence behind these laws after seeing the justice and well-being of the Chosen People.

Jesus paints a vivid picture of hypocrisy by quoting Isaiah's contrast between lips and hearts, between giving lip service and being moved in our hearts to do something. It is not that what we say is unimportant, but it is not nearly as important as our impulses and motivations within our hearts. Jesus lists all sorts of detestable impulses that can come from within our hearts, qualities and behaviour that defile our purity much more seriously than failing to purify our hands or our belongings. If your outward cleanliness does not reflect your inner attitude, it has lost its meaning.

How do we show our gratitude to someone who's given us something wonderful? We may give them something in return or we can share it with someone else. James tells us that every perfect gift comes from God and in fact God has planted the word of truth in each of us. What should we do with that word of God in us? James is clear: 'you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves' (James 1:22). To thank God for giving us the word, we share it, we put it into action.

This week we welcome back staff and children of our two schools. Hopefully well rested and ready for a new year.



### **Pray & Picnic in the Park - Sunday 15 September at 13.30pm**

Aid to the Church in Need have organised a Pray & Picnic in the Park event at St John's Gardens, William Brown Street, L1 1HF. This will start with a Rosary, then Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon, followed by Irish Dancing and a Chinese Workshop and Display, to celebrate Liverpool's culture. Anyone who wishes to join in with this free event is invited to bring along a picnic and something to sit on. For more information, contact Rachel Buckley at [rachel.buckley@acnuk.org](mailto:rachel.buckley@acnuk.org).

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Sunday 1st September</b> <i>Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> Ameila Wales <b>11.45am</b> Baptism - Mason Saunderson
<b>Monday 2nd September</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Funeral Mass—Vincent Gerard Mainey
<b>Tuesday 3rd September</b> <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Funeral Mass - Barbara Cavadino
<b>Wednesday 4th September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 5th September</b>	<b>10.15am</b> Paul Nickson <b>1.45pm</b> Funeral Service - Margaret Cooper
<b>Friday 6th September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 7th September</b>	<b>12.00pm</b> Baptism - Vincent Ronnie Ross
<b>Sunday 8th September</b> <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>11.45am</b> baptism - Finley Thomas Baker

### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

**Norah and Freddie Foster**



## **READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION**

The Liturgy Commission are offering parish readers (existing or new) an opportunity to come together for some practical training and reflection on their important ministry this autumn.

Readers are welcome to come to any of the following mornings :

St Julie's, Eccleston, WA10 6SE – Saturday 28 September (10.00-13.00)

Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW – Saturday 5 October  
(10.00-13.00)

Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Saturday 19 October (10.00-13.00)

St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Saturday 2 November  
(10.00-13.00)

Lunch will take place after the sessions and attendees are advised to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email [pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk)

### **Shrine Friends**

Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool City Centre will be holding drop-in sessions for anyone of any faith who needs someone to talk to. The sessions will take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 2:15pm to 4:15pm. The project is sponsored by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, and supported by their colleagues at Samaritans who work with them. Please see the poster at the back of Church.

### **'POWER FROM ON HIGH' REFLECTIONS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

The Irenaeus Centre will host several reflections on the Acts of the Apostles every Thursday throughout September from 10.30-12.00.

For more information including zoom links, please email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199

**St Joseph's Prayer Centre** are holding a retreat - '12 Step Spirituality' from 13th-15th September. For more details see website - [stjosephsprayercentre.com](http://stjosephsprayercentre.com)

## **The Hodder Sunday Missal**

**For use with the new Lectionary from Advent 2024**

**Publishing 21 November 2024**

**The Hodder Sunday Missal** is a brand-new edition to add to the range of missals currently available, and will provide the proper texts for all Sundays in the three-year liturgical cycle, along with the major feasts and solemnities in the universal calendar. Publication will coincide with the introduction of the new lectionary this Advent which will use the English Standard Version-Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) translation of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter.

**Easy to use:** This handsome 2-colour resource features the clearest-available layout on the market to facilitate full participation in the celebration of the Mass. Perfect for those new to the Church as well as all Catholics.

**A beautiful gift:** Two editions – burgundy and navy blue – will be printed, each in 2 colour, and bound with a durable imitation leather case and a foiled blocked title, with head and tail bands and 4 separately coloured satin ribbons.

**Organised by Liturgical Year:** The Missals will preserve the integrity of each liturgical year (A, B and C), and, within each year, help readers learn more about our journey through the liturgical seasons.

**Additional features:** The Missals also include introductions to each year and season, a short overview of each Sunday Mass for the 3-year cycle, beautifully illustrated section dividers, introductions to the key parts of the Mass, and resources for personal devotion. The Missal will not only provide everything Catholics need to prepare for and participate in Sunday Mass, but it will also offer a range of other devotional and catechetical material for people wanting to engage with the wider spiritual traditions of the Church.

Cost is £18.99 but we can obtain a discount for a bulk order. If you are interested in having a copy please give your name to the Parish Office and we can order together

Fr Mark acted as consultant in the preparation of the new Missal

## ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" AUGUST DRAW

1st	£20	No. 194	S Hunt
2nd	£15	No. 176	C McPhillips
3rd	£10	No. 192	L Slater
4th	£10	No. 65	J Donaldson



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

## REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK

To celebrate Fr Mark's return from his well earned break we will have a 'get-together' in the Parish Hall after Mass next week. Please join us for some yummy cake and a 'cuppa'



## 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.



## 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

## WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS

2 September - Craft Workshop - booking is essential

5 September - Agape Mass

11 & 25 September - 'Songs we remember'

25 September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

For more details email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199



## LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

Next meeting is this Tuesday

3 September in Parish Hall at 10am when Roger Hull will talk on 'The Musker Family'

Entrance £2 includes tea and biscuits. All are welcome

## FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Meeting this Monday -

2 September in Parish Hall at 7pm. Please come along and join in. Discussions explore our differing views on our faith and are always thought provoking. All are welcome.

## The Sixteen's Choral Pilgrimage Tour is coming to Metropolitan Cathedral - Friday 20 September

On 20 September, all are welcome as The Sixteen bring their Choral Pilgrimage Tour to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "Masters of Imitation." Tickets start at £8.50 and can be purchased at [www.thesixteen.com](http://www.thesixteen.com)

## EDUCATION DAY - SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Next Sunday is Education Sunday. This is the special time of year when our Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform.

Catholic schools couldn't exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. There will be a retiring collection taken next week which is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive.



## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

### For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live. . .

*Lord in your mercy...*



The World Day of Prayer for the [Care of Creation](#), is celebrated today (1 Sept) and is the start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days– ending of the Feast of St Francis in October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. You can find more information at [cbcew.org.uk](#)

*Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.  
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.*

*Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.  
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.*

*Holy Spirit,  
who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor  
of the earth are crying out.*

*You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.*

## **CHRISTMAS (YES IT IS COMING!!) OUTINGS**

We have two outings for our Christmas celebrations:

**Friday 22 November 2024** - coach trip to Chatsworth House for their Christmas Extravaganza and Christmas Markets. Cost is £64 which includes entry to the house, garden light trail and Christmas market. The decorations in the house have a

spectacular theme running throughout all rooms. This year's theme will be announced in mid September so watch this space!

**Saturday 21 December 2024** - Spirit of Christmas at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. This is a lovely evening of festive carols and readings. Last year's performance was wonderful. Cost £60 includes ticket and transport to and from Church

As usual £10 deposit for each will secure your place. Numbers are restricted so names and deposits to office as soon as possible

### **Do you know anyone Interested in becoming a Catholic**

St George's Maghull are arranging some sessions for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. They have arranged a short series of preparation sessions on the first four Sundays of September. If you have an interest in becoming a Catholic we'd like to invite you to come to the parish centre at 10.15am on each of the four Sundays, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September and then to stay for the 11.30am Mass, which will also be part of your introduction into the Catholic faith and this community. In the first session the group will get to know one another and reflect on the journey that has led each to think about becoming a Catholic. On the second weekend, Fr Lister will lead us in an experience of prayer and a reflection on how we pray. Then Deacon Keith will help us to reflect on who Jesus is and how God speaks to us through the Scriptures and in the fourth session Fr Chris will explore what Catholics believe about Sacraments.

If you know anyone who might be feeling drawn to the Catholic faith, and perhaps might be waiting to be asked, please do invite them to come along

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to one of the clergy, phone the parish office or use the contact link on the homepage of the web site <https://www.stgeorgecatholicmaghull.com/>

## **ADOREMUS 2024 - Updated details**

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress takes place at St Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 14 September 2024. There is still time to book for those who would like to go. A coach 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. To book a place: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events)

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event within the archdiocese. This will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Co-Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle on 21 September 2024. The event itself is free and available to all. There will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all.

The workshops provide an opportunity for developing our own spirituality, and to discern what the Jubilee year might mean for us in our own lives.

Timetable of the day is:

9am – Holy Mass and Exposition

10.15 – Workshop 1 - Care for Creation: Discovering God's beauty through praying for the Earth

11.15 – Workshop 2 - Listening to the still small voice: How do we pay attention to the God who is never not speaking to us

12.15 – Workshop 3 - Discerning, Choosing, Deciding - Input on Ignatian discernment and decision making

13.15 - Workshop 4 - Praying with Carlo Acutis

14.00 Holy Hour, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction

15.15– Workshop 5 - Young Adult Lection Divina: aimed at 18-35 year olds

17.00 Mass & Children's Liturgy (5-11 year olds)

Booking for the event is not required but you need to sign up for the workshops at <https://bit.ly/3M4B87C>.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Gibberd Room for those attending the event but food will not be available so you are welcome to bring a packed lunch.



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in the park

St John's Gardens  
William Brown Street  
L1 1HF

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

please



Join Us!

**Rosary: 1.30pm**

**Holy Mass: 2pm**

Celebrated by **Bishop Tom Neylon**

Archdiocese of Liverpool

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