



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25th August 2024



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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

### 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 Rotonda - 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



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE** - we have a few funerals over the coming weeks:

Thursday 29 August 10.45 - mass for Frank Finegan

Monday 2 September 11am - mass for Vincent Mainey

Tuesday 3 September 11am - mass for Barbara Cavadino

Thursday 5 September 1pm - service for Margaret Cooper



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

### 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)

## SUNDAY THOUGHTS

The experience of Christian faith is not always comfortable. It is not something that we come to, at some point, accept in it's entirety and live with happily ever after. Just as the Israelites struggled with covenant, as a husband and wife need to continually work at a loving marriage, a follower of Christ needs to grapple with his or her faith. And this will take a lifetime. There are many aspects of our faith that we may struggle with and indeed, some that, for a multitude of reasons, we may find almost impossible to accept.

When Peter professed his allegiance to, and faith in Jesus, Jesus didn't demand to know if Peter 'got it'. He didn't demand a signed affidavit certifying that Peter was subscribing to each and every aspect of his teaching. Instead, he was satisfied with Peter's simple and sincere proclamation of faith. When such faith is present, when our hearts are truly open to God, the details fade into the background. This is not politics. It's not about toeing the party line. Our faith is the result of our personal relationship with God and subject to the ups and downs of human experience.

There will be times when we, like the disciples who left Jesus, will find it difficult. At times our faith will sustain us, will lift us high and colour our lives. At other times, it will offer no comfort, seem cruel and feel empty. The best we can do is imitate the examples offered to us. Hold fast to our faith, as the Israelites did. Keep the lines of communication open, as husband and wife do. And ultimately, as demonstrated by Simon Peter, stick around, continue to follow Jesus; hang on to the faith we have and pray for it's enrichment.



### **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 25th August</b> <i>Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> Marie Hall
<b>Monday 26th August</b> <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th August</b> <i>St Monica</i>	<b>10.15am</b> Bernard Whiteside
<b>Wednesday 28th August</b> <i>St Augustine</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 29th August</b> <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	<b>10.45am</b> Funeral Mass - Frank Finegan
<b>Friday 30th August</b> <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 31st August</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 1st September</b> <i>Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> Ameila Wales

**PLEASE NOTE WEEKDAY MASS IS NOW AT 10.15 ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**



### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

**Brenda Davenport**



## **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 .

## PENSIONERS GROUP AFTERNOON TEA

The pensioners group are holding an afternoon tea on **Tuesday 3 September**. They invite you to join them at 12.45pm for a 1.15pm start. There will be a raffle, bingo and entertainment. Cost is £12.50 per head. Names and payment to the office if you are interested



## 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 Lydiate		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



## CATHOLIC PIC -

August edition of 'Pic' now available in Piety Stall.

Main feature is the recent ordination of 4 new priests. Please take your free copy



## FOOD BANK

Summer can be a challenging time for families. The school holidays mean that some children who normally have a meal in school are now at home. The cost of living is still high and some families will struggle over the summer break. There is a box at the back of Church. If you can donate any items for the foodbank - it would be greatly appreciated. Chris and Mary do an amazing job making sure the food gets to those most in need.



## 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.

The last of the concerts is:

- Summer Organ Recital: Andrew Sharples, Sunday 25 August, 14.00

All are welcome.



Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool



## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

### For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs. .

*Lord in your mercy...*



During the weekend of the 26th-27th October 2024, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to, St. Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Bishophill – the oldest Church in York.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

**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 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 Chris 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

## **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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