



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4th August 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be a sign to others of the nourishment I've found in the bread of life?

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 15 August is the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day. Mass will be at 12 noon on that day.

There will also be Mass at Our Lady of Walsingham at 9am and St Benet's at 10 am

Holy Rosary have an evening mass at 7pm on Thursday 15th

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed next week and re-open on 12 August.

Mass intentions for this week and week commencing 11 August are in this newsletter

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE - September 2025

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 Pilgrimage will be in September 2025 - dates and price currently 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.



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

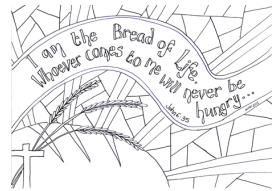
Aid to the Church in Need have organised a Pray & Picnic in the Park event at St John's Gardens, William Brown Street, L1 1HF. This will start with a Rosary, then Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon, followed by Irish Dancing and a Chinese Workshop and Display, to celebrate Liverpool's culture. Anyone 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.

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

It is easy to scoff at the Israelites grumbling to Moses about the hardship they faced in the desert. How ridiculous to say they'd rather be enslaved again! How ungrateful they are to God and to Moses for leading them out of slavery in the first place! But anyone who has truly known what it's like to be hungry day after day with no end in sight can appreciate their cries. When someone has an acute physical need that is not met, reason and reasonableness are lost. Think back to how you felt when you were significantly ill or injured. Pain and chronic agony take over. Nothing else can even be contemplated. This is how it became for this formerly enslaved people wandering in the desert without food or water. Every minute of every day their thoughts were consumed by their misery.

When uncertain of what to believe, it is natural to look for signs. We look for some insight into the truth. In his Gospel, John referred to Jesus' miracles as signs. The crowd in today's Gospel passage saw his sign of the loaves and fish and now ask for a sign 'that we should believe in you' (John 6:30). We may ask ourselves what signs we need to see in order to believe. Perhaps we would be better off asking ourselves what signs we can provide so that others may believe. How can we multiply what we have in order to nourish more people than we can imagine? How can we give life to the world? How can we point the way to the truth by what we do?

We have a huge advantage over both the crowd in the desert and the one in Capernaum. We know the ending. The Israelites make it to the Promised Land. The Bread of Life is the food of our redemption. Today when we are faced with an uncertain future and problems that appear to be unsolvable, let us take comfort in knowing that God continues to watch over us, forever satisfying our hunger and thirst.



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

Masses & Services for the coming week

| DATE | MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES |
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| Sunday 4th August <i>Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am Joe Lovelady |
| Monday 5th August | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 6th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord</i> | 10.15am Pat Carroll |
| Wednesday 7th August | NO MASS |
| Thursday 8th August <i>Memorial of St Dominic</i> | 10.15am Elizabeth Swanson |
| Friday 9th August <i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross</i> | NO MASS |
| Saturday 10th August <i>Feast of St Lawrence</i> | NO MASS |
| Sunday 11th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am Michael McDermott 11.45am Baptism - Penelope London |

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



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Tom Deegan



Masses & Services for week commencing 11 August

| DATE | MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES |
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| Sunday 11th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am Michael McDermott |
| Monday 12th August | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 13th August | 10.15am Eileen Dobbs |
| Wednesday 14th August <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i> | NO MASS |
| Thursday 15th August <i>Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 12.00 pm Perpetual Mass List |
| Friday 16th August | NO MASS |
| Saturday 17th August | NO MASS |
| Sunday 18th August <i>Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> | 10.30am Betty White |

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|  | <p>SANCTUARY LAMP</p> <p>The Sanctuary Lamp for the week commencing 11 August is for:</p> <p>Herbert & Ellen Taylor</p> |  |
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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

REFLECTION

Statement from Archbishop Malcolm OP following the attacks in Southport



“We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those involved in the Major Incident in Southport.

For those who have been injured, for those who are parents, family, and friends of the injured, for all involved in the emergency services, we pray for God’s blessing, God’s peace, and God’s presence today.

Let us commend all to the loving intercession of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted as we pray for peace, healing, and justice.

My prayers are with you.”

Malcolm McMahan OP, Archbishop of Liverpool

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.

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| 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 |

New Vacancy - Parish and Vocation Administrator

A part-time opportunity is available for an experienced administrator to work in the parish office at St Charles and Thomas More Parish, Aigburth. For more info on this role, and other available roles, please see the careers page: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers



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

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.

- 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 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...



LITHERLAND HISTORY SOCIETY

Next meeting is at 10am on 6th August when Chris Cannon will speak on 'Liverpool during the Two World Wars'. Entrance £2 includes tea and biscuits and all are welcome.

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Meeting at 7pm on Monday 5th August in Parish Hall. Come and join us - all are welcome. The discussions are always interesting and reflective

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

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Some advance notice of upcoming events:



Friday 22 November 2024 - coach trip to Chatsworth House for their Christmas Extravaganza and Christmas Markets

Saturday 21 December 2024 - Spirit of Christmas at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

Watch this space for more details coming soon!!



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.

ADOREMUS 2024

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress takes place at St Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 14 September 2024. 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>

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. Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

At the Metropolitan Cathedral, 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.

In advance of the Jubilee year 2025, this Adoremus event will reflect on the themes of Care for Creation, Food Poverty, Modern Slavery, Managing Debt, Forgiveness and Rest as well as our own personal concerns and prayers. 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:

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| 9am – Holy Mass and Exposition | 13.15 Workshop 4 |
| 10am – Adoration begins | 14.00 Holy Hour, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction |
| 10.15 – Workshop 1 | |
| 11.15 – Workshop 2 | 15.15 Workshop 5 |
| 12.15 – Workshop 3 | 17.00 Mass & Children's Liturgy |

Booking for the event is not required. Tea and coffee will be available in the Gibberd Room for those attending the event. You would be more than welcome to bring your own food, as food will not be available. Information will be provided about workshops over coming weeks.



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PRAY & PICNIC *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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