



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22nd September 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I asked wrongly, whether for material things or status?
Where has that left me?

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 now available from the Parish Office

We have had a few people expressing an interest but need a few more to make the pilgrimage viable. It is a wonderful trip. Assisi is the most beautiful place. These are some images from our last pilgrimage there:



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Does might truly make right? Does power and force trump what is right and just? This is the background of the first reading. The verse before this selection describes the attitude of the lawbreakers, who have been stealing from the needy and indulging in excess: “Let our strength be our norm of justice; for weakness proves itself useless”. Therefore, they defend their attack on the just one. The world often chooses power over justice, strength over weakness. Weakness is seen as a liability. The needy, the poor, and victims of injustice are ignored, for they have no power. Do we realise that true strength comes from humility and righteousness?

St James warns his readers that when we ask wrongly, we do not receive. Obviously, this is the case when we ask God for things selfishly or greedily. But it is also true when we constantly ask for more in every context. Often we receive it (a free upgrade!), but it’s never enough, for before we know it we’re asking for still more. We are never satisfied. Meanwhile, we obsess over what we still don’t have. We can never get it all; getting it all is a fool’s ambition. Even surrounded by all that we have, we will not possess eternal happiness. We’ve asked wrongly

Not even the disciples can avoid the temptation to ask wrongly. They argue among themselves as to which of them is the greatest. This, after hearing Jesus tell them again that he would be put to death and rise in three days. Jesus, the Teacher, teaches them a lesson by embracing a child—one who is powerless, who is last of all—and telling them that their ambition was directed in the wrong direction. Receiving a child like this in Jesus’ name receives God. Isn’t that better than all the material things, or all the status, or all the power, one can receive?

SECOND COLLECTIONS

A retiring collection will be taken after Mass today for Catholic Education.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Irenaeus Centre on 25 September

10.00am - 11.45am. Email

jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 949 1199

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 22nd September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Nyla Davidson
Monday 23rd September	10.00am Stephen McQuade
Tuesday 24th September	10.00am Lynn Tasker
Wednesday 25th September	NO MASS
Thursday 26th September	10.00am Joan Johnson
Friday 27th September	10.00am Special intention (LY)
Saturday 28th September	NO MASS
Sunday 29th September <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Harriet Elsa Mensa

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Peggy Magee



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

REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Parish November Remembrance Mass for our deceased loved ones will take place on Monday 11 November at 7.00pm. Please make every effort to come along as we think of all those we know and love who have gone to their eternal reward

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 or call 0151 949 1199

MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

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.



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| - 24-hour Musicathon, | Friday 27 – Sat 28th Sept |
| - BBC Radio 3 Choral Evening Prayer, | Wed 9 Oct 15.00 |
| - Cologne Cathedral Choir, | Sun 13th Oct, 11.00 |
| - Bruckner and Saint-Saëns, | Sat 19th Oct 19.00 |
| - Advent Sequence, | Sun 1st Dec, 17.00 |
| - Bach and Handel, | Sun 8th Dec 15.00 |
| A Celebration of Christmas, | Sat 14th Dec, 19.00 |

For more information, please call 0151 708 7283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The latest Newman Association Talk will be taking place on 17 October at 7.30pm at St Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby. It is called Why real friends are good for the soul: an exploration of the connection between friendship, spiritual learning and synodality. The talk will be led by Professor John Sullivan and all are welcome to attend.

TOYS

The Irenaeus Centre are collecting new and almost new toys to give to people in need. 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD Tel: 0151 949 1199



FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Application forms are now available from the Parish Office for children who are in Yr 4. Preparation will begin in October - this is last chance to apply.



WHEN YOU PRAY - A clear path to a deeper relationship with God.

Do you ever hear people talk about prayer but feel like you can't relate?

You know prayer is important, but you still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time to pray, or you're unsure what to do when you do pray. Or maybe you feel restless and distracted and don't feel close to God.

You might struggle to trust God and surrender to his will. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your many weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. Ultimately, you worry that what you're doing in prayer isn't "working," because you aren't seeing major changes in your life.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints had similar ones. Even the saints struggled in prayer, had complicated problems, and made mistakes. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. And eventually they were changed.

What God did in countless saints, he wants to do in ordinary people like us.

During this Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Fr Mark will lead this seven-week course on prayer, starting on **Monday, November 4** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please sign up at the parish office.

Inspired by the real example of the saints, we will learn how to pray with the same consistency, trust, peace, and passion that led to deep transformation in their souls. When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God will help you begin your journey of prayer, rejuvenate your prayer life, and strengthen your relationship with God so that you can give God your entire heart.

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.



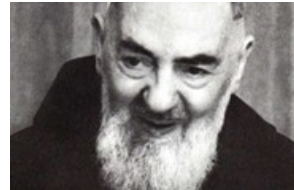
PARISH READERS

A meeting for Parish Readers will take place on Thursday 7 November, 7.00pm in church. Fr Marks asks that all Readers come along so that we can prepare for the implementation of the new Lectionary.



FEAST OF THE WEEK

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)



He was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY
Nyla Peggy Davidson
Baptised Sunday 22 September 2024



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...



TIME OUT TUESDAYS

8 October 10:30AM - 4PM

Wanting time for yourself? Time to stop and reflect? Time to step aside for a while from the daily round of life? Then why not join The Sisters of Our Lady and the Cenacle on a Tuesday to get away for a few hours to stop and ponder the important things of life? No need to book, just come along and maybe bring a friend. Suggested offering for the day is £10, bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. For further information contact Sr Winnie 0151 722 2271.

Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane,
Wavertree, L15 6TW

Vintage & Collectables Roadshow -

Wednesday 25 September 10:30-4

*St Mark's Parish Hall, Penmann Cres,
Halewood, Liverpool, L26 0UG*

Come meet the expert vintage valuers at the Vintage & Collectables Roadshow to sell your items in the comfort of a face-to-face setting. The experts at the event will buy your old, vintage and antique items. Not sure what items they accept, or perhaps have something special? Simply take a picture of your items and send it to them via WhatsApp 07575 049 555 and they will come back to you and tell you if it's something they are interested in buying. Items they do not buy include glassware, ceramics, porcelain, china (unless Crown Derby) or stamps. Everyone is welcome, free parking is available.

COME AND SEE DAY AT IRENAEUS - 12 OCTOBER

Mary McClure will need the next 'Come and See' day. Bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £10. Contact

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

DONATIONS PLEASE? Our Christmas events are fast approaching. Any donations to help with bingo etc would be gratefully appreciated - fancy goods, bottles, chocolates etc . Thank you!



Pause for Hope - Sunday 22 September 3.00pm

The Metropolitan Cathedral will host a special Pause for Hope service on Sunday 22 September, dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. The event is open to all, with no tickets required. Catherine Jones, Chair of North West Cancer Research, will be the main speaker, and music will be provided by Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. The service will be led by Rev Canon Bill Addy, Rev David Goodwin, and Bishop Tom Williams. This ecumenical and reflective gathering includes hymns, prayers, and the lighting of candles to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pray for a future free from the disease.



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The Jubilee Icon

The official Jubilee 2025 icon for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, commissioned by CAFOD from Ethiopia, was unveiled at Adoremus on Saturday 14 September, where it was blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Ethiopia was chosen because of the strong tradition of iconography within the country and to demonstrate that this is a global Jubilee – not just something that is happening in England and Wales.

Tigray, the region in northern Ethiopia where the artist lives, is experiencing armed conflict, which has forced hundreds of thousands of people to leave their homes. Increasing droughts, irregular rains and poor soil mean many families are struggling to get enough to eat.

This is particularly relevant given the Jubilee Year's focus on those struggling with poverty. The challenges of painting an icon in this situation inspire us to reflect on the Jubilee text and this icon in a new light.

The scriptural basis of the icon

The icon interprets Jesus' teaching of healing and liberation in the Synagogue in Luke 4:16-21, which refers to Isaiah 61:1-2. This passage is particularly relevant to the Jubilee given its emphasis on bringing good news to those who are poor, and liberty to those who are captive or oppressed.

In this passage, Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah as follows:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4:18-19'





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