



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 29th September 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way am I like the one who stores up treasure? In what way am I like the one whose wages are withheld? What can I do from my position to properly reflect the lessons Jesus taught?

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

Little did Moses realise that his plea that concludes today's first reading - "Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!" - would eventually come to pass. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon all the apostles. From that point on, the Holy Spirit came down upon all who were baptised and even those who wished to be baptised. The Holy Spirit was bestowed on each one of us when we ourselves were baptised, be it as babies, children, or adults. At times like this, may we be reminded that we have the power to perform mighty deeds in God's name, for we have the Spirit within us.

Again and again in his letter, James commands Christians to put faith into action. Today we hear an explicit warning: "Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts" (James 5:4). For us to store up treasure for ourselves while those who do the work that allows us to have such treasure is sinful. Let us imitate the generosity of the Father, as we have seen in so many of Jesus' parables, working toward a world where everyone from migrant workers who literally harvest our nation's fields to those who cannot seem to break out of the cycle of poverty are compensated with a just wage.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples pause when they accuse a stranger of appropriating their ministry. He turns the tables on them, absolving anyone who does good in his name while condemning them if they have something in themselves that causes them to sin. Do not judge others' motivations; look at your own. Then cut away those things that lead you to sin.

WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there will be NO Mass on Friday morning.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 29th September <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Harriet Elsa Mensa
Monday 30th September <i>Memorial of St Jerome</i>	10.00am Robin Bond
Tuesday 1st October <i>Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	10.00am Stephen McQuade
Wednesday 2nd October <i>Memorial of The Guardian Angels</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 3rd October	10.00am John & Magdalen Rimmer
Friday 4th October <i>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</i>	NO MASS
Saturday 5th October	NO MASS
Sunday 6th October <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Bronte Rae Brehany

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Our Lady & St Rita



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.

PEACE WALK INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE, WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER

You are invited to join Pax Christi, Liverpool, in a Walk for peace, gathering at Lime St Station (Platform 9) at 11.50am before proceeding to the Cenotaph and Peace Garden, and stopping at places where we will pray, and pass on the message of the power and value of nonviolent peace making.

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.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

- 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.

Experience Handel's Messiah as you've never heard it before! St Faith's Church Crosby, L22 4QQ – Sunday 27th October at 6:30pm

We are thrilled to invite you all to what will be an extra special performance of Messiah, using Sir Eugene Goossens' monumental orchestration, played by Crosby Symphony Orchestra.

With an orchestra of 80 and a choir of over 150 singers, this performance will be made extra special by the fact that this is the first time **ever** that this orchestration will be performed live in the UK!

Tickets are likely to sell out quickly so get yours now using the link below! VIP tickets are also available.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/messiah-tickets-1000624523887>

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 Mark asks that all Readers come along so that we can prepare for the implementation of the new Lectionary.



DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

The DSC met with the Deanery Clergy on Monday 23rd September.

At the meeting Jill Williams and Alan Stokes offered to be chairs alongside our Dean. The main discussion was looking towards the future and how best we can carry out the mission of Our Lord in this part of the Diocese. We agreed to seek help in a facilitated process that will enable us to look at how we can work together and best use our resources. We were asked to send a question or comment to the ASC (Archdiocesan Synodal Council) – we want to suggest that the Diocese look at the possibility of creating one parish out of all the Deanery parishes so we can better work together.

THANK YOU! - to everyone who donated groceries for last week's Harvest Celebration. We had an amazing response which was greatly appreciated when Chris and Mary delivered the numerous bags!



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY
Harriet Elsa Mensa
Baptised Sunday 29 September 2024



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people. . .

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

CAFOD HARVEST FAST

The very first Family Fast Day was held on Friday 11th March 1960, when volunteer members of the National Board of Catholic Women raised £6,673.00 for a Dominican mother and baby clinic. Volunteers helped to found CAFOD and remain at the heart of their work

This year's CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October. The idea is that we give up a meal on this day and give the money to CAFOD. CAFOD Harvest Fast is an optional retiring collection, so if you would like to make a donation, please take a CAFOD envelope, place your donation inside, and bring it back to church next week.



COME AND SEE DAY AT IRENAEUS - 12 OCTOBER

Mary McClure will lead 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!



ANIMATE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Applications forms for the Archdiocesan Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025 will go online on the 7th October. If you know a young person who is interested, please apply online at liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk
The dates for the pilgrimage is July 23rd- August 1st. For ages 15 -22 (or in year 10). For more info Tel 01744 740461
email_admin@animateyouth.co.uk

SHRINE OF ST JUDE

Do you have a special devotion to St Jude? Did you know England has a National Shrine to St Jude in Kent? Special weekend events are taking place at the Shrine to mark the feast of St Jude with Mass and anointing. For more information, please see the poster at the back of church or visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk

FEAST OF THE WEEK

The Holy Guardian Angels

The doctrine that every individual soul has a guardian angel has never been defined by the Church and so is not an article of faith, but is the “mind of the Church”, as expressed particularly by St Jerome and St Basil. It is present in both the Old and New Testaments. As Jesus says, See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always gaze on the face of my Father in heaven. Thus even little children have guardian angels, and these angels remain in the presence of God even as they fulfil their mission on earth.



Anciently, all angels were celebrated together on the feast of St Michael. A separate feast of the Guardian Angels began in Valencia in 1411. At the reform of the Breviary in the 16th century it was included among the local feasts, and it was raised to the status of a feast in the General Calendar in 1608, placed on the first free day after the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

One of the benefits of this feast is that it reminds us that God cares for us each, individually. We all know this in theory, but it is easy – in times of depression or temptation – to convince ourselves that we are too small to matter, for good or ill. Let us use this feast to remind ourselves that each of us has an angel of our very own looking after us; and also to pray to God for our own Guardian Angel. What a bore and a burden to them some of us are. May we one day be a cause of rejoicing for them also.

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





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