



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8th September 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I avoid hypocrisy and embrace the spirit of God's commands?
Am I merely fulfilling my Sunday obligation or am I putting God's word into action?

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



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.

WELCOME BACK FR MARK!

Today we welcome Fr Mark back from his well deserved break. Come and join us for a 'cuppa' and a cake in the Parish Hall after mass for a 'catch up'



WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday masses return to 'normal' this week - 10.00am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Can you imagine what it's like when you know things are going on around you but you don't know what it's all about because you're deaf?

Can you visualise what it's like wanting to join in all the fun but you can't because you have a speech impediment and it takes you too long to try and get out what you want to say?



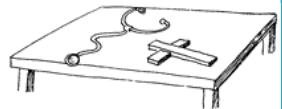
These were the problems of the man whom Jesus meets in today's gospel. But it wasn't just about being deaf and dumb; Jesus 'unblocked' his ears and tongue as a sign that God can open us out to things unheard and unspoken. There are lots of things that stare us in the face but we still don't grasp them.

Can you imagine not realising that God was behind creation, as if all the intricacies of the human body simply came together by chance with no intelligent design at its roots? Someone once said that this is tantamount to a whirlwind blowing through a scrap yard and a Rolls Royce being the end result!

Can you imagine going through life and just existing alongside other people without ever experiencing what friendship is? Or thinking that great leaders, inventors or artists reflected their own good qualities without any reference to something greater than themselves? Can you begin to think of what a dry and empty existence you would have if you just lived for today because you believed there is no tomorrow?

There's much more to life than our ears can hear or our tongues can speak about. And it is this that Jesus wanted the deaf and dumb man to experience. It was not simply a physical cure. Jesus was not just a doctor; he was a healer. He let the man 'be opened' to what he could not hear or speak about: to the infinite, to the true meaning of life, to the deeper joys of existence, to what matters, to a faith that he was not alone, to a trust that he would never be abandoned, to a hope that no despair can crush.

Yes, the deaf and dumb man was cured physically. But after his encounter with Jesus he could hear and speak of things that the crowd was unaware of. They watched a cure. But he went through a healing.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 8th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Finley Thomas Baker
Monday 9th September	10.00am John & Debbie Vondy
Tuesday 10th September <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	10.00am Maureen White
Wednesday 11th September	NO MASS
Thursday 12th September	10.00am Betty Scott
Friday 13th September	10.00am Alec Barr
Saturday 14th September <i>Exhaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	NO MASS
Sunday 15th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism—Piper June Long

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Kathleen, Jack & John Bracken



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

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

St Joseph's Prayer Centre are holding a retreat - '12 Step Spirituality' from 13th-15th September. For more details see website - 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 **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.

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. 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” SEPTEMBER DRAW

1st	£20	No. 165	S McQuade
2nd	£15	No. 68	I Roche
3rd	£10	No. 1	J Birrell
4th	£10	No. 23	A Hunt



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

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Application forms are now available from the Parish Office for children who are in Yr 4. Preparation will begin in October.



REFLECTION

St Mother Teresa's feast day is on September 5. There is a meditation that is attributed to her called 'I Thirst for You'. At a time when we're finishing our holidays, saying goodbye to Summer and moving into a new part of the year, this meditation is a wonderful reminder of how much Jesus loves us and how much he wants us to call to him. For the full meditation, please visit: <https://catholic-link.org/quotes/i-thirst-letter-written-mother-teresa-quote/>

'I THIRST FOR YOU. Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you.

I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you. So precious are you to Me that ***I THIRST FOR YOU.*** Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation and give you peace even in your trials.

I THIRST FOR YOU. You must never doubt My mercy, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you, and that I accept you no matter what you have done.

I THIRST FOR YOU.

If you feel of little value before the eyes of the world, it doesn't matter. There is no one that interests me in the whole world than you.

I THIRST FOR YOU.

Open up to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give me your life. I will prove to you how important you are for My Heart.

Don't you realize that My Father already has a perfect plan to transform your life, beginning from this moment? Trust in Me. Ask Me every day to enter and take charge of your life and I will. I promise you before My Father in Heaven that I will work miracles in your life. Why would I do this?

*Because ***I THIRST FOR YOU...***'*

HOME MISSION SUNDAY This annual day of prayer takes places next Sunday. Home Mission Sunday provides us with the opportunity to focus on spreading the Gospel in our local areas. At the same time, the second collection for this Sunday supports the work of the Home Mission Office. Contributing to this collection is one way to play your part in our vision to help the local Church make the Joy of the Gospel a reality across England and Wales. Please give generously next week.

WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS

11 & 25 September - 'Songs we remember'

25 September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

For more details email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call

0151 949 1199



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.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Vincent Ronnie Ross

Baptised Saturday 7 September 2024

Finley Thomas Baker

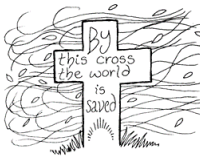
Baptised Sunday 8 September 2024



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

FEAST OF THE WEEK - Exhaltation of the Holy Cross



Generation after generation passes. And in the midst of this passing, the Cross of Christ remains. Through the Cross, God continuously proclaims to the world the infinite love which no created evil is able to overcome. Yes, the Cross remains, so that in it the world, indeed every human person, may find the way of salvation. For it is by this Cross that the world is saved!
(Pope St John Paul II)

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...



EDUCATION DAY - SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Today 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. Please give generously to the retiring collection which is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive.

Pause for Hope - Sunday 22 September

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.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

CATHOLIC 'PIC'

September edition of the 'Pic' is available in the piety stall free of charge.

Main item is on this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage. Make

sure you take a copy!



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, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 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/>

ARCHDIOCESE ADOREMUS 2024 - Updated details

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 bring a packed lunch.

Vintage & Collectables Roadshow - Wednesday 25 September 10:30 - 4pm

St Mark's Parish Hall, Penmann Crescent, 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.



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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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