



# Our Lady & The English Martyrs

## Litherland

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15th September 2024



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What cross of mine can I commit to carrying without complaining? Will I accept help when necessary? Whom can I assist in carrying their own cross?

### **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

Sometimes the picture Isaiah paints of a Messiah is quite different from the Jewish tradition. He foresees that rather than marching to Israel in triumph, the Messiah will be reviled and rejected. Why? Because sinful leaders and a sinful people don't want to hear God's commands. But the Messiah would trust in God no matter what he had to endure. In subsequent verses, Isaiah says that the Messiah eventually would be slain for the sins of his people. This is the Messiah we recognise as fulfilled in Jesus. This is the fate Jesus warns his disciples is coming.

This lesson is appropriate today, *Evangelii Gaudium* (the joy of the gospel) Sunday. All the gospel is joy, even when it talks about death and hardship. Over the next six Sundays, we will hear Jesus teaching his disciples—and us—about what it truly means to be a disciple. Recently, we have heard Jesus perform miracles, heal the sick, and face down the scribes and Pharisees. But now he teaches a very difficult lesson. First, he tells them that he will suffer and be killed. Then he tells them that each disciple must take up his or her cross and follow him. They must sacrifice their lives for his sake and for the gospel. Not even Peter, perhaps his closest disciple, can accept all this. Can we?

These expectations were difficult for his disciples then, and they are for us now. How do we answer the question Jesus addresses to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?”. If we acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the One who has become our Saviour, then we are obligated to take up our crosses for his sake, joining them to his cross. We participate in his cross when we carry our crosses, accept help from others in carrying them, and assist others in carrying theirs.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that there is **NO MASS** this Thursday - 19th September

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

A second collection will take place this weekend for Home Mission Sunday and **NEXT WEEKEND** for the Catholic Education Service which should have been last week.

## Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<b>Sunday 15th September</b> <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>11.45am</b> Baptism—Piper June Long
<b>Monday 16th September</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Christopher Smith
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Joan Jones
<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 20th September</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Maureen Wilkinson
<b>Saturday 21st September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd September</b> <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>11.45am</b> Baptism - Nyla Davidson



### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

**Kitty & Tom Murphy**



## **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)

## **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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199

## CONGRATULATIONS CATH!!

Last weekend Fr Mark presented Cath Smartt with the Benemerenti Medal - an award that comes direct from Pope Francis to acknowledge outstanding dedication and commitment to the Church by members of the laity. Cath works tirelessly for our parish and, as Fr Mark, said last week, is the driving force behind a lot of things that just 'happen' as they need to. We had a lovely celebration in the hall afterwards which allowed Cath to stop shaking and catch her breath



after the lovely surprise.

Well done Cathy - this award is truly well deserved. Thank you for all you do for us.



## 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.



## **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

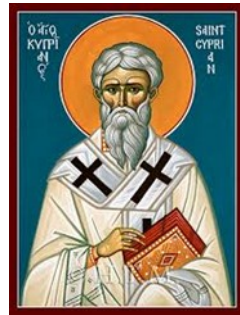
A meeting for Parish Readers will take place on Thursday 7 November, 7.00pm in church.  
Fr Marks asks that all Readers come along so that we can prepare for the implementation of the new Lectionary.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### St Cyprian (210-258)

He was born in Carthage and spent most of his life in the practice of the law. He was converted to Christianity, and was made bishop of Carthage in 249. He steered the church through troubled times, including the persecution of the emperor Decius, when he went into hiding so as to be able to continue looking after the church. In 258 the persecution of the emperor Valerian began. Cyprian was first exiled and then, on the 14th of September, executed, after a trial notable for the calm and courtesy shown by both sides.



Cyprian's many letters and treatises shed much light on a formative period in the Church's history, and are valuable both for their doctrine and for the picture they paint of a group of people in constant peril of their lives but still determined to keep the faith, a good message for us today. His feast is celebrated on Monday.



**WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY**  
**Piper June Long**  
Baptised Sunday 15 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...*



## 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)

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** The Irenaeus Centre is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25 September 10.00-11.45am. For more information, please email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call

## 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.

## 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

## **EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY**

This year, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in our parishes on 15 September 2024. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,*" the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19.

Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, we have chosen the theme 'Growing as missionary disciples'. On this day, we can encourage one another to pray for our parish community, that we would become intentionally missionary in our life and witness.

Please give generously to the retiring collection today

## **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).

## **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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