



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13th October 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Would my face fall if I were the person in the Gospel with many possessions? What can I do to follow Jesus' command?

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE - 8-15 September 2025

Please come and join 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

Today we hear Jesus challenge the man who presses him for more insight after being told that he must observe the commandments. Jesus tells him that if he sells his possessions and gives the proceeds to the poor, he will have treasure in heaven. A few weeks from now, we will hear Jesus say that the greatest commandment is to love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Today we hear him give a lesson on that second part. Anyone who is poor is our neighbour. If you love your neighbour, then you want to help them out, whether they live on the next block or in the third world

We may feel that we've earned our possessions, and in a sense we may be right. Perhaps we've worked hard in our career and have steadily received raises. Perhaps we've scrimped and saved for decades, forgoing luxuries, and have a nice nest egg. Perhaps we've cared for our parents in their old age and inherited their wealth. But is it not our God-given talents, intelligence, strength, and abilities that enable us to do all those things? Perhaps it is wise to regard our possessions as transitory, making them easier to part with. After all, we can't bring any of these things to the kingdom of God, where we will live in perfect happiness even without any possessions.

When Jesus responded to the rich man, he looked to him with love. Do you think the man noticed? It's obvious he heard Jesus' words, for his face fell regarding the "selling your possessions" part. But did he realise that Jesus truly loved him? Did he realise that, out of love, Jesus extended two invitations to him? He heard the first one, but did it disappoint him so much that he missed the second: "then come, follow me"? This, truly, is the more important one. This is the choice Jesus invites us to make today: will we follow our belongings, our bank accounts, our wealth? Or will we sacrifice those to follow him?

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Preparation for the 2025 First Communion celebrations begins this week. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.

CATHOLIC PIC

The October edition is now available from the parish shop.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 13th October <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Clay Michael Jones
Monday 14th October	10.00am Crosbie family
Tuesday 15th October <i>Memorial of St Teresa of Avila</i>	10.00am Brian Callahan
Wednesday 16th October	NO MASS
Thursday 17th October <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	11.30am Funeral Mass - Cecilia Byrne
Friday 18th October <i>Feast of St Luke , Evangelist</i>	10.00am Fr Tom Forster
Saturday 19th October	NO MASS
Sunday 20th October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Sienna Bentley

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Joe Lovelady



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 :

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

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Envelopes are now available at the back of the church if you wish to include the names of loved ones in this year's Book of Remembrance. Please print the names, add a donation and bring it back to church. The book will go on display from the 1st November.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Luke the Evangelist

He was a Greek doctor who converted to Christianity. He was a companion of the Apostle Paul, and wrote his Gospel in accordance with Paul's teaching. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early history of the Church up to Paul's first stay in Rome. As a Greek, he takes care to explain to Gentile readers Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words.



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

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| - 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

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.

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.



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!



EXCITING NEWS We have something new 'in the 'pipeline' as part of our Christmas celebrations - more details to follow!-

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Creative Christmas Workshop at the Cathedral

Experience the joy of the holiday season by joining our Christmas wreath and table-centre making event. The perfect opportunity to indulge in self-care whilst getting creative! A fun way to spend the day getting into the Christmas spirit whilst learning a new skill under the expert guidance of Muir Simpson. You will impress your family and friends with the wreath and centre-piece you will take home with you. Please bring a packed lunch as well! Refreshments throughout the day will be provided.

Christmas jumpers – optional!! Let's celebrate the season together!

Saturday 7 December 2024 10am – 3.00pm Gibberd Room, Metropolitan Cathedral £45 per person.

For further information on how to book, and to receive the list of ingredients you need to bring on the day please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

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.

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...



SERVICE FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Ecumenical Service for Peace in the Holy Land: Wed 6th Nov 7pm. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hedgefield Rd, Gateacre, L25 2RW.

“Let us pray with one heart and one soul –grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace” Pope Francis

Archbishop McMahon will lead a time of prayer for peace at this time of increased violence, hatred, fear and mistrust in the Holy Land. Canon Mark Madden will preach. Through the Word of God, stillness, reflection, and song we are invited to be united in our cry for peace. All are welcome!

50 Faces of the Holy Land Photographic Exhibition: 31st Oct-12th Nov. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hedgefield Rd, Gateacre, L25 2RW is hosting a photographic and audio exhibition of lives of people in Israel, Gaza and the Occupied Territories. Stories are told by people of all ages, and experiences; we learn what it is to live in a land that is known by so many to be holy. Come and discover the real lives of the people in the region marked with its history, its diversity, its joy and its suffering and light a candle for peace. Open 8.30am-1.30pm each day. All welcome.

‘St Joseph’s Hospice are looking for friendly volunteers to help out in our Netherton and Walton Vale charity shops. You will be making a real difference in your community, by helping us to continue to provide compassionate care to those in need, whilst also making new friends and gaining experience.



Please pick up an application form instore or contact Siobhan on 0151 932 6028 or email: volunteering@stjhospice.org.uk

CHRISTMAS OUTINGS

Can those people who are joining us for our to Christmas outings please pay the balance due before the end of this month cost is - Chatsworth £64 and Spirit of Christmas £60.

CAN YOU SPONSOR ANNE?

Anne Coleman is walking 50 kilometres over the two weeks commencing 7 October to raise funds for the 'Stride for Gaza: One Year In' appeal. This appeal is to provide medical support and nutrition programmes to Palestinians in Gaza. Sponsor form at the back of Church if you would like to support Anne. Good luck Anne!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform our lives and heal our world. Please support the retiring collection which will be taken next weekend.

ANIMATE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Applications forms for the Archdiocesan Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025 went 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 visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk



You are invited to an evening of
music and song with the

Walton Salvation Army Band and Songsters at

St Philip's Church Orrell Road, Litherland. L21 8NG.

Saturday 2nd November at 7pm

Entry to the concert is free, but there will be a retiring offering towards
the work of the Salvation Army in Walton and their Christmas Hamper
Appeal.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Clay Michael Jones

Baptised Sunday 13 October 2024



PRISONS WEEK

For nearly fifty years now, Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons. Prisons Week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind. Prisons Sunday – the second Sunday in October – marks the beginning of the week of prayer each year, running through until the following Saturday. This year we invite you to remember that he looks at you and loves you, as he looks at them and loves them.

TOYS AND WARM COATS The Irenaeus Centre are collecting new and almost new toys to give to people in need. And are asking for donations of warm coats. 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD Tel: 0151 949 1199



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SERVICE FOR PEACE
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6TH NOV
AT 7 PM**

Our Lady of the
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Led by Archbishop
Malcolm McMahon



Preacher: Canon
Mark Madden



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