



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20th October 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Looking at my life right now, how is Jesus calling me? How can I be of service in my family, my parish, my community?

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

When Jesus asks James and John, “What do you wish me to do for you?” they could have responded some other way. They could have asked him to tell them what they could do for him. They could have asked him how they could prevent him from being put to death (which he had told them about three times now). But instead, they asked him for a prominent place in heaven. Do we sometimes do what Jesus wishes just so that we will be rewarded by someone? Or so we will more likely be rewarded by going to heaven? Or, rather, do we do what Jesus wishes because it’s the right thing for us to do?

World Mission Sunday is a reminder to each one of us that we all participate in the Christian mission by virtue of our baptism. In baptism, we (or our parents on our behalf) promised to follow Christ and to put our faith into practice. There may be no better way to put our faith into practice than by carrying out the mission of the Church. World Mission Sunday is also an opportunity to build solidarity through works and prayer with both missionaries and the people they serve.

Throughout his Gospel, Saint Mark emphasised how difficult it was for the disciples to truly understand Jesus and his mission. Jesus had just told them for the third time that he would be arrested, put to death, then rise on the third day. So what do James and John do? They ask him for a special place in the kingdom. The others get indignant, but is it just because they thought of it first? Therefore, Jesus repeats what he did back at the beginning. “Jesus summoned them,” Mark writes, calling them to discipleship all over again, but this time immediately explaining to them that being a disciple means being the servant of all.

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Welcome to the children and their families at Mass this weekend to begin their preparation for First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers during this special time.



CATHOLIC PIC

The October edition is now available from the parish shop.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 20th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People of the Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.45am Baptism - Sienna Bentley</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 21st October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hilary Barton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.00pm Funeral service - Thomas Joseph Richards</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 22nd October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Jones</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 23rd October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 24th October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alan Egerton</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 25th October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evelyn Bisson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 26th October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 27th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">People of the Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.45am Baptism - Elias & Gabriel Hayden</p>

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Paul II (1920-2005)

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council.



On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches.

In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonised by Pope Francis on 27 April, the Second Sunday of Easter 2014.

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.



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

James and Doreen Hunt



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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| - 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

BRITISH SUMMER TIME British Summer Time ends next weekend, so remember to change your clocks.



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!!

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" OCTOBER DRAW

1st	£20	No. 153	P Roche
2nd	£15	No. 15	M Vondy
3rd	£10	No. 46	I Oakes
4th	£10	No. 58	A Lundon



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



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY
Sienna Victoria Bentley
Baptised Sunday 20 October 2024



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

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's specific charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world.

Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection after Mass today, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need.

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.

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

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

That call is renewed now as last Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

Act Now! Contact Peter Dowd MP

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

www.righttolife.org.uk

Pray

We are a praying Christian community and, as Bishop Sherrington says, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. “The Catholic Church accompanies those suffering and nearing the end of their lives with hope and affection, but also reminds them that their life is precious until the very last breath,” he says. “In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity.

“Let us also pray for our politicians and our country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions. I also urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide.

Cardinal Nichols wrote an excellent Pastoral Letter last weekend and Fr Mark has made copies, which can be found at the back of the church. The letter is short but important and you are encouraged to take a copy, read it and pass it on. It is also on the Parish website

More information can be found on the Bishops’ Conference website:

www.cbcew.org.uk

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Our Lady of the
Assumption Church,
Hedgefield Rd,
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Led by Archbishop
Malcolm McMahon



Preacher: Canon
Mark Madden



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