



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 6th October 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What will I do this week to defend those who are vulnerable or care for those who are unable to care for themselves?

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

Once again, the religious authorities put Jesus to the test by asking him a thorny question, this time about divorce. Rather than giving a simple yes or no, Jesus attempts to change their perspective. God blesses a marital union by making the husband and wife a new creation, “one flesh”. They then go on to create new life themselves. (It’s no accident that Jesus follows this lesson by welcoming children.) Marriages, Jesus is saying, are holy. Holy not because they are perfect, but because they are blessed by God.

Unfortunately, some turn out to be difficult or even broken, but God’s grace is always present. Let us make the effort to see that glimmer of grace even in failing marriages.

Jesus spent his ministry reaching out to those who were on the margins of society: tax collectors and prostitutes, widows and beggars, those with afflictions and those with disabilities. At the end of today’s Gospel, he reaches out to another group that has no power, no authority, and no standing in that society: children. Sometimes we imagine this scene as peaceful and serene, but anyone with young children can easily imagine the scene completely differently. No doubt many of the children didn’t understand why they were being dragged to see this unfamiliar man. Some were likely whining, or crying, or even screaming. That would explain why the disciples wanted to send them all away. But Jesus insisted on embracing them just as he did lepers, blessing them just as he did the poor and hungry. May we learn from what he taught his disciples that day..

To that end, we are reminded this Sunday that we are called to respect and care for all human life, for we are all members or potential members of the one body of Christ. We witnessed Jesus’ care for the vulnerable in his ministry, from those with terrible diseases and those possessed by demons to Samaritans and little children, none of whom were welcomed by those around him. Jesus could sympathise with them, for he himself was made lowly so that he could suffer and die for us. Today we defend the lives of the vulnerable and care for those who are least able to do so themselves

CATHOLIC PIC

The October edition is now available from the parish shop.



Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 6th October <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Bronte Rae Brehany
Monday 7th October <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.00am John Fairclough
Tuesday 8th October	10.00am Alan Egerton
Wednesday 9th October <i>Feast of St John Henry Newman</i>	NO MASS
Thursday 10th October	10.00am Michelle McMullen
Friday 11th October	10.00am Cecilia Byrne
Saturday 12th October	NO MASS
Sunday 13th October <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Clay Michael Jones

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

Cecilia Byrne



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

DAY OF PRAYER

Monday 7 October is the first anniversary of the war in Israel and Gaza and now we sadly see in Lebanon. His Beatitude, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has called for a day of prayer, fasting and penance to take place on the day, this has now been endorsed by Pope Francis. Monday is also the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Mass on Monday will be for peace, and we will keep in our hearts all those affected by this terrible situation. The words of the psalm remind us, "For the peace of Jerusalem, pray."

Also to unite with the day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Holy Land, the archbishop has decided to pray the Holy Rosary at 4.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel and then celebrate the usual 5.00pm Mass at the Cathedral this coming Monday 7 October

You can read the Patriarch's letter on the parish website

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.



FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - next meeting is this Monday - 7th October at 7pm in Parish Hall

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.

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 jenny@irenaeus.co.uk



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY
Bronte Rae Brehany
Baptised Sunday 6 October 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...



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.

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

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.

There are still a few tickets left if anyone wants to join us.

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.

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

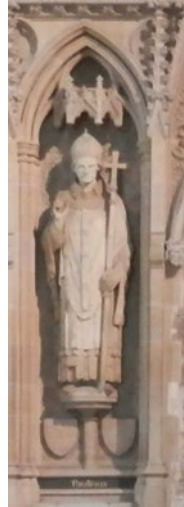
FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Paulinus (-644)

Paulinus was a monk from Rome sent to England by St Gregory the Great in 601. We have an idea of his appearance. St Bede describes him as 'tall, with a slight stoop, black hair, a thin face, a slender aquiline nose, at once venerable and awe-inspiring in appearance'. Though he worked for nearly twenty-five years in Kent, almost nothing is known about this period of his life save that he was greatly respected. In 625 he played a large part in the conversion of Northumberland which by then had become the most powerful of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, stretching from the Humber to the Firth of Forth, and from the North Sea to the Pennines. He accompanied Ethelburga (sister of the King of Kent) when she went north to marry the pagan King Edwin of Northumbria. On Easter Sunday 627 Edwin was baptised along with 'all the nobility and a large number of humbler folk' in a wooden chapel in York.

From this time onwards, Paulinus was able to make a series of missionary journeys over the whole region, converting and baptising huge numbers of people. He ministered as far south as Lincoln, where he built a stone church. The success of his ministry was given recognition when he was appointed Archbishop of York by Pope Honorius I in 632.

Almost at the same time, his work was cut short by the death of King Edwin while fighting the pagan leader, Cadwallon. Paulinus was persuaded to take the widowed Queen Ethelburga and her children, by sea, to safety in her native Kent. He himself spent the remaining twelve years of his life as Bishop of Rochester. He died there in 644.



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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Led by Archbishop
Malcolm McMahon



Preacher: Canon
Mark Madden



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