



Our Lady & The English Martyrs

Litherland

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

Sunday 24th November 2024



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I live according to the truth, the truth to which Jesus has testified?

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE - 8-15 September 2025

Places are still available for the Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Assisi, Monday 8 September - Monday 15 September 2025. Fr Mark and the Pilgrimage Company have now finalised the last remaining details of the flights:

Monday 8 September

10:15 am depart Manchester on Ryanair

13:55 pm arrive Rome

Monday 15 September

21:30 pm depart Rome on Ryanair

23:30 pm arrive Manchester

The timing of the flights is excellent, as it gives us more time in Rome on our arrival day and a full day before we depart for home. The cost of the flight is between £310 £340, depending on the time of booking. Ryanair will not accept a group booking, so the Pilgrimage Company must book each seat individually, which they have started to do.

If anyone one is interested in booking, you need to take a booking form from the parish office as soon a possible, complete it and bring it back to guarantee the current cost of the flight.



SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Jesus tells Pilate that if his kingdom belonged to this world, his people would fight to prevent his persecution. Because his kingdom is not of this world, he does not have followers fighting to save him. His only weapon in his fight against this terrible injustice is truth. Jesus came to testify to the truth. As his disciples, we belong to the truth, so we are called to listen for his voice, seek the truth, and fight against injustice. In so doing, we can be, as the author of Hebrews wrote, made into a kingdom by Christ Jesus.

We know that Pilate refused to accept the truth, but a few hours earlier another weak man also failed to face the truth. That man was Saint Peter. Peter's fear of what might happen to him won out over his love of Jesus, his loyalty, and the truth. Pilate's desire for power prevented him from accepting the truth, but fear also made him ignore the pursuit of truth and justice. He feared that the mob could lead to his downfall with his superiors. We talk of speaking truth to power as if that would change minds, but it does not always succeed. Peter eventually faced the truth, weeping in remorse, but Pilate chose to ignore it to the end.

Embracing the truth no matter where it leads us can be challenging. What truths has Jesus taught us? He calls us, not to personal glory or power, but to serve others. He tells us to sell all we have and give it to the poor, then follow him. He instructs us to deny ourselves and take up our cross. He claims that the kingdom comes to the poor in spirit. Jesus has testified to the truth and it is revolutionary.

COME AND SEE DAY: 'THE WONDER OF MUSIC',

Saturday 7 December, 10.00am-16.00pm, the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road

Long-time friend of Irenaeus, Jo Boyce of CJM to lead the next 'Come & See' day on 'the wonder of music'. Everyone welcome. Suggested donation of £10. Attendees asked to bring a packed lunch. For further details contact: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or tel. 0151 949 1199.

Masses & Services for the coming week

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES
Sunday 24th November <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>	10.30am People of the Parish 11.45am Baptism - Penelope Daly
Monday 25th November	10.00am David Holdsworth
Tuesday 26th November	10.00am Mary Hoban
Wednesday 27th November	NO MASS
Thursday 28th November	10.00am Mary Walsh
Friday 29th November	10.00am Ronnie Gilmour
Saturday 30th November <i>Feast of St Andrew</i>	NO MASS
Sunday 1st December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10.30am People of the Parish

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024

The 2024 theme for World Youth Sunday in England and Wales is, 'Let Your Kingdom Come' and this is celebrated today.

This year's celebration is particularly meaningful as it aligns with the ongoing Year of Prayer, a time of preparation for the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025: 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

The theme 'Let Your Kingdom Come' resonates deeply with the mission of young people in the Catholic Church today. It is a call to action, inviting them to be active participants in building God's Kingdom on earth. It challenges them to reflect on how they can embody Christ's love, justice, and peace in their daily lives and be instruments of God's will in a world that desperately needs hope and renewal.



A retiring collection will be taken after Mass to help youth ministry.



WE WELCOME WITH GREAT JOY

Penelope Daly

Baptised Sunday 24 November 2024



PAX CHRISTI

**ADVENT SERVICE FOR PEACE,
Sunday 8 December, 16.00pm,
St Teresa's Church, Utting Avenue
East, Norris Green, Liverpool, L11
3BW**

'Light in Dark Times' an Ecumenical Advent Service for Peace and Justice in our city, our country and our world. All are welcome.

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, Tel: 0151 949 1199



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is for:

The McNamara family



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.



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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 |
| - A Ceremony of Carols | Sun 15th Dec 15.00 |

For more information, please call 0151 708 7283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

Could you be a Deacon? Diaconate Information Evenings - Thursday 5 December

The Archbishop will be hosting two Diaconate Information Evenings during the next few months: on Thursday 5th December at Bishop Eton in Liverpool and on Thursday 23rd January at St John's in Wigan. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm.

The evenings are open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information email Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPICE "200 CLUB" NOVEMBER DRAW

1st	£20	No. 12	M Lovelady
2nd	£15	No. 188	M Harewood
3rd	£10	No. 24	C Lovelady
4th	£10	No. 109	J Wishart



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

A Celebration of Christmas - Saturday 14 December, 7pm

The Cathedral will be hosting a festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and special guests performing beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites. Tickets are £10 each, or £18 for a family, and can be purchased here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>



NSPCC Carols By Candlelight - Tuesday 3 December 7-8.30pm

The NSPCC Carols By Candlelight will return once more to the beautiful surroundings of Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral, to celebrate the festive season on Tuesday 3rd December. The event is kindly sponsored by Home Bargains and has an array of fantastic performers from across Merseyside, including the talented PopVox, Cantemus At Calday, Wirral Schools' Concert Band and the Merchant Taylors' School Choir. Cost is £12 for adults, children go free. Book via liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events

"We want to answer every call to our Childline service here in Liverpool and reach every child who needs us. We're constantly inspired by the courage and resilience of our children and young people in Merseyside and across the UK.

By joining us for Carols By Candlelight in Liverpool on 3rd December you can help us be here for more children this Christmas and beyond."

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

Saturday 30th November 1-4pm Christmas Fayre and entertainment

Please come and join us next weekend!

The **Irish Guards Choir** will entertain us with some festive tunes. They will perform twice during the afternoon so come and join in the 'sing-a-long' .



We are also making that a Christmas Fayre with stalls, tombolas, lucky dips etc etc.

Charge for entry is £3 which will include refreshments. We need people to come to make this an enjoyable afternoon

Tuesday 10th December 7pm Christmas Bingo and Raffle

It wouldn't be Christmas without our Bingo! Always popular and good fun. Tickets for Bingo and raffle now on sale

We look forward to your support. It is always lovely to spend some time together as a Parish. Especially at such a special time of year. So please come along!

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life-changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church.

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Just one world

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy...



NEW MISSALS

Two new missals will be on sale to coincide with the introduction of the new Lectionary.

The Parish Mass Book. £7

Completely updated and re-set according to the new Lectionary. 6 volumes for the complete set, each volume used every 6 months. This will be used free of charge in church. Sunday readings and the Order of Mass included.

Sunday Missal. £18.99

The official New ESV Lectionary Readings for every Sunday in Years A, B & C and Order of Mass

The Sunday Missal provides the Order of Mass, along with the full text of each Sunday's scripture readings for the 3-year liturgical cycle.

Short introductions to every Mass help you prepare for Mass.

Extended reflections to each season of the church year.

A choice of elegant bindings, complete with four marker ribbons to match the colours of the liturgical seasons.

-- Stations of the Cross (for Lent) and Stations of the Resurrection (for Easter)

-- An introduction to praying the Rosary

-- A Pentecost Novena (nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit)

-- A simple Morning and Night Prayer to memorise

-- A guide to Confession and an examination of conscience

-- Traditional prayers to Our Lady

-- An introduction to the Sacraments

-- And much more!

The Parish Mass Book is now available in the parish shop. The Sunday Missal will be available in the coming days.



SUNDAY
24 NOV, 2024



START AT
5:00PM-6:00PM
SOCIAL TIL 7PM



WHERE AT
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOWE
HOUSE, NORTH RD, WA10 2BE

YOUTH SUNDAY 2024

BUILDING THE KINGDOM THROUGH... A TIME OF PRAYER WITH...

PARISHES

Bishop Tom Neylon on the role of young people in the life of our parishes.



SCHOOLS

Our school chaplains offer an insight into Catholic life of schools.

RETREATS

Animate will talk about their work of outreach and youth ministry.



ACTION

What is the Faith in Action Award and what does it offer to young people and adults.



LOURDES

Lourdes staff members and young people offer their thoughts on how the pilgrimage has affected them on their faith journey.



Who is invited? **EVERYONE.**

Parishioner, Teacher, Lourdes Pilgrim, Young Person, Chaplain, Youth Worker, FIA Participant. **YOU!**

Why this evening?

This year's theme for Youth Sunday is 'Your Kingdom Come', which links with Jubilee Year 2025: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. These themes encourage us to think about what our Archdiocese 'Kingdom' is and what it can become in the future, whilst remembering and thanking all those who have been a pilgrim of hope through the years.

What is the evening?

We wanted to bring people together for an evening of thanksgiving and celebration. It is a chance to be led in prayer, to reflect and to be thankful. It is also a chance to think about how our young people may find hope because of the actions and service of others.

There will be a social time after the thanksgiving service to allow all people from all walks of life to spend time with each other and celebrate the role of young people in the Church. Please if you are free, come along.



LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool - Sunday 8 December

The LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass will be at 2.00pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome.

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.

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 **There are also some postcards available at the back of Church. Just enter your details and pop it in the post. The vote is at the end of this month so act now!**

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’ Pastoral Letter can be found at the back of the church. It is also on the Parish website. More information can be found on the Bishops’ Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk

PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS MEAL - 3 December at 12.45pm

The pensioners club would like to invite you to their Christmas meal in the Parish Hall on 3 December. Cost is £25 per head. Names and payment to the office or pop in and speak to pensioners on Tuesday afternoon from 1pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE &
IRISH GUARDS CHOIR

*Come and join us on
Saturday 30th
November 1-4pm*



*For some lovely festive
entertainment and stalls galore!*

*Entrance £3 - tickets at back of
Church*

