

*Newsletter for the Parishes of  
English Martyrs, St Catherine of Siena & All Saints And St Lewis*

*Solemnity of Christ the King*

*26th November 2017*

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WHAT SORT OF KING IS THIS?

From a very young age, children tend to hear a lot about royalty. Popular fairytales, many of them around for hundreds of years, tell tales of beautiful princesses, brave princes, and noble, wise, old kings and queens. They transport children into a world of extravagant palaces and riches beyond anything they could imagine. Modern children's stories and cartoons continue the fascination, but many now turn the traditional stereotypes on their head. Princesses no longer wait around to be rescued, but take their fate into their own hands. Princes don't necessarily want to be brave or to become the next king.

In the time of Jesus kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that King Herod was capable of brutal acts. There were expectations too about the great Messianic King who would lead a rebellion and establish his kingdom on earth.

The king that Jesus talks about turns these images upside down. He is a fair judge, a shepherd who looks after his flock, inviting all who act with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is also in solidarity with the 'least' of his people. Who ever heard of a king who knows what it's like to be in need of food, clothing or company? But Jesus is a different sort of royalty. His kingdom is not based on power or riches, but charity, compassion and forgiveness.

Triona Doherty

## NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

The Feast of Chris the King is also Youth Sunday.

A time to remember the important work done by  
Animate Youth Ministries which is the Youth Service  
here in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

A second collection is taken at all Masses today in support of their  
work across the Archdiocese in schools, colleges and parishes and  
during the annual Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Youth Sunday is also an important opportunity to remember the good  
work done in Catholic schools and colleges across the Archdiocese and to  
celebrate the contribution Catholic education makes to the nation.

Today the Archbishop has written to all parishes asking that  
the following message be included in parish newsletters...

### ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their  
children to them?

Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making  
a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which  
prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend.

The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates  
against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the  
Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place  
instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to  
discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new  
faith-based schools.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government  
and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

## SUNDAY CAFÉ...

Refreshments served...  
after 10 am Mass at All Saints in the Benedict Room  
after 11.30 am Mass at English Martyrs in the Parish Hall.

## HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

We are making the Grave Pots on Monday 27th from 9.30 am and would be grateful for volunteers to help...

Please bring secateurs if you can and we would also be pleased to have some greenery - conifer and small-leaved evergreens are best. Thank you.

## WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME FOR ST CATHERINE & ALL SAINTS AND ST LEWIS CHURCH

*The catch-up for Session 3 will take place at All Saints Church  
on Monday 27th November at 5.45 pm.*

## TUESDAY CAFÉ...

runs in the Parish Hall at English Martyrs each Tuesday morning, after the morning service from 10.00 until 12.30 pm.

## AFTERNOON CLUB

The next meeting of the Afternoon Club at All Saints Church is this Tuesday 28th November at 2.00 pm

## 'THE LORD IS MY SAVIOUR' A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Scripture morning led by Father Chris Thomas,  
Thursday 30th November, at 10.30 am  
at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, L22 1RD  
For details Tel 0151 949 1199, or [www.irenaeus.co.uk](http://www.irenaeus.co.uk)

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ALL SAINTS

All Saints Christmas Fayre is this coming Saturday 2nd December  
at the Parish Club.

**Please come along and support this event!!**

Offers of home-made cakes would be very welcome  
both for the Cake Stall and for Refreshments.

We need volunteers on the day from 10am to help set out the tables, and  
again after the Fayre (approximately 4pm ) to clear away.

Any other help will be gratefully accepted!

Raffle tickets are on sale at All Saints and St Lewis Churches  
after Masses this weekend.

**BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS TOO!**

Our Special Christmas Puddings are on sale now at All Saints and  
St Lewis and also at the Fayre.

Don't miss out!

## ADVENT YOUTH ALIVE

### A MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BY YOUNG PEOPLE

The next Youth Alive will take place on Sunday 3rd December  
at 6.30 pm at St Francis Xavier Church, Salisbury Street,  
Liverpool L3 8DR

Youth Alive began as a youth Mass planned by and for young people,  
which takes place in various churches around the Archdiocese four times  
a year, one of which is Advent.

Youth Alive is a great place for those who want to share their faith with  
other like-minded young people. During the Mass they can read, join the  
Offertory Procession, sing with the choir or be part of the music group,  
and there is an opportunity to socialise afterwards and make new friends.

## ADVENT SEQUENCE AT THE CATHEDRAL

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent at 5.00 pm,  
the Advent Sequence takes place at the Cathedral.

This service is a stunning sequence of words and seasonal music  
which provides the framework for a devotional ceremony  
to start the season of Advent... a mixture of hope, expectation & wonder.

There is no charge for attending this service and all are welcome.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served  
in the Gibberd Room following the service.

## WIGAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DIRECT

Could you be one of tomorrow's outstanding teachers?

Open evenings at St Patrick's Catholic Primary Sch, Hardybutts Lane,  
Wigan, WN1 3RZ between 4-6 pm on Tuesday 5th December.

## THE STONECROSS GROUP...

....will meet on 6th December at 12.30 pm for lunch at a new venue...  
"The Queen Anne" in Golborne... It is necessary to book a place for lunch  
and there are only 2 remaining spaces.

## LEAF SWEEP...

Thank you to all who took part in the leaf sweep at St Lewis!  
It has made such a big difference that we no longer feel the need  
for the second day which was due to take place on the 9th December...

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ENGLISH MARTYRS

English Martyrs will be holding a Christmas Fayre  
on Sunday 10th December, starting at approx 12.30pm  
(immediately after 11.30am Mass) in the Parish Hall.

Everyone welcome, and any donations would be greatly appreciated.

## THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

*For those candidates who have completed all 3 Sessions,  
will take place at All Saints on Monday 11th December at 6.00 pm  
and at St Lewis on Wednesday 13th December at 6.00 pm*

*Fr Ron will have the sign up sheets after Mass.*

## PRE-CHRISTMAS MEAL

There will be a Christmas Dinner, open to all, at All Saints Club  
on 12th December at 12.30 pm

There will be a 3-course meal with tea/coffee and a hot mince pie,  
followed by afternoon entertainment by Billy Scott.

The cost is £18 and a deposit of £5 is required,  
with the final payment on the day.

Please contact the Parish Office or 07746 551209 to book a place.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Advent Reconciliation Service for the parishes  
will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00 pm  
at All Saints Church.

## APF/MISSIO BOXES

Could parishioners from All Saints Church whose APF boxes need to be  
emptied please bring them to church and give them to Deacon Derek.

Would Parishioners of St Lewis whose boxes are no longer being  
emptied please ring Josie (01925 763018) to arrange for collection.

## ST LEWIS READERS

Would readers at St Lewis Church please collect their copy  
of the new rota, which is now available in the church porch.

The greatest evil is that in our own hearts, but God is greater than our hearts. When we sin against our brother or sister we sin against God.

Charles de Foucauld spoke of seeing Jesus in every person: 'Above all see Jesus in every person and consequently treat each one as an equal and as a brother or sister, but also with great humility, respect and selfless generosity.' The other person is the brother or sister for whom Jesus died (1 Cor 8:11f).

John O'Brien OFM, With Thee Tender is the Night

***Please remember in your prayers...***

*the sick of our community,  
those who have died recently,  
including*

*Joan Whitworth, Raymond Clarke &  
Francis Smith*

*all whose anniversaries occur at this time*

*and all who are remembered on our Pious Lists  
during this month of prayer for the Holy Souls.*



***The Sanctuary Lamp at  
All Saints Church***

***Pauline Smith***

***Services this Week***

*There are no  
Masses at St Lewis*

***Children's Liturgy  
of the Word***

*11.30 am Mass  
at English Martyrs*

***Sacrament of  
Reconciliation***

*After Mass on*

*Monday at  
English Martyrs*

*All Saints on  
Saturday between  
4.15-4.45 pm*

***Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament***

*Friday  
All Saints  
After Mass till  
10.30 am*

# *Mass Times and Intentions*

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King*

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>5.00 pm</i>  | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i> | <i>John Dawson</i>                 |
| <i>8.30 am</i>  | <i>St Lewis</i>        | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Pious List</i>                  |
| <i>10:00 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i> | <i>McHugh and Sweeney Families</i> |
| <i>11.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Mass</i> | <i>People of the Parish</i>        |

*Monday 27th November*

|                 |                        |   |                     |
|-----------------|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>9.30 am</i>  | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Mass</i>                               | <i>Tom Williams</i> |
| <i>11.15 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Funeral Service for Joan Whitworth</i> |                     |
| <i>7.00 pm</i>  | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i>                               | <i>Pious List</i>   |

*Tuesday 28th November*

|                |                        |  |                                |
|----------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i> |                                |
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i>                            | <i>Nora, Moira &amp; James</i> |

*Wednesday 29th November*

|                |                        |                                      |                   |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Service of Word and Communion</i> |                   |
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i>                          | <i>Pious List</i> |

*Thursday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle*

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|----------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Pious List</i>    |
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Eileen Hudson</i> |

*Friday 1st December*

|                |                        |                                      |                   |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Service of Word and Communion</i> |                   |
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i>                          | <i>Pious List</i> |

*Saturday 2nd December*

|                |                        |             |                   |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>9.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Pious List</i> |
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*First Sunday of Advent Day of Special Prayer for Migrants*

|                 |                        |             |                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>5.00 pm</i>  | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Debbie</i>                    |
| <i>8.30 am</i>  | <i>St Lewis</i>        | <i>Mass</i> | <i>People of the Parish</i>      |
| <i>10.00 am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>      | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Edward &amp; Annie Hoarty</i> |
| <i>11.30 am</i> | <i>English Martyrs</i> | <i>Mass</i> | <i>Eric Shepherd</i>             |