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40 Martyrs

Fifty years ago on 25th October Pope Paul VI presided at Mass at St Peters in Rome to celebrate the Canonisation of Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. They were a group of lay and religious and secular, men and women who were representative of a wider number of people executed between 1535 -1679 for continuing to practise their Catholic Faith at a time when it was forbidden for a priest to be in England, to harbour a priest or allow the celebration of Mass in a home. Most were subjected to violent deaths by being hung, drawn and quartered. The first martyrs were monks from the Carthusian Charterhouse in London - which was a centre of great religious influence in the city of London. Henry VIII wanted their support for his marriage to Anne Boleyn and his breaking of legal ties with the Pope in the Act of Supremacy. Because they refused to give that support the Priors were executed and in fact over a period of three years the whole monastic community were imprisoned, tortured and killed. Those first martyrs were John Houghton, Robert Lawrence and Richard Reynolds.

Amongst the group of 40 are three Saints who were born and ministered within our Diocesan area in the first half of the 17th Century. They were John Almond, Edmund Arrowsmith and Ambrose Barlow. Ambrose Barlow was from the greater Manchester area around Leigh- relatives of his lived at Wardley Hall and they recovered the skull of St Ambrose after it had been put on display following his execution. The Hall is now the residence of the Bishop of Salford. St Edmund Arrowsmith was from Haydock, he was a relative of the Gerard Family who were a landowning farming family who remained staunchly catholic.

It was the Gerard family who gave the land for the building of St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith Church in Ashton where they retain a relic of the hand of the martyr. St John Almond was from Allerton. He was a dedicated priest and a learned and skilled orator. His final words at the gibbet in Lancaster were 'To use this life well is the pathway through death to everlasting life.'

We now jointly celebrate the wider feast of those martyrs who were canonised or beatified, 284 in total, on the 4th May, however on this 50th Anniversary Year of Canonisation we are keeping the Feast of the 40 Saints this Sunday. Pope Paul VI in his homily also referred to the Anglican martyrs who were executed during the short reign of Queen Mary and described the Canonisation as an occasion for 'advancing an ecumenism worthy of the name by witnessing to safeguarding real values which lead to peace and the prosperity of human society.' The Pope concluded his homily that day with these words "Faced with the choice of remaining steadfast in their faith and of dying for it, or of saving their lives by denying that faith, without a moment's hesitation and with a truly supernatural strength they stood for God and joyfully confronted martyrdom. At the same time such was the greatness of their spirit that many of them died with prayers on their lips for the country they loved so much, for the king or queen, and not least for those directly responsible for their capture, their sufferings and their cruel deaths. May our thanksgiving go up to God who, in His providential goodness, saw fit to raise up these martyrs."

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: **25 October 2020**

Sunday 25 October
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
 This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

Monday 26 October
12noon Mass

Tuesday 27 October
12noon Mass

Wednesday 28 October
Saints Simon and Jude
12noon Mass

Thursday 29 October
12noon Mass

Friday 30 October
12noon Mass

Saturday 31 October
10.00am Mass
4.00pm Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Monday - Friday:
 Following the 12noon Mass.
Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Confessions will take place in the St Columba Chapel.

Crypt
 Crypt Chapel

SS -
 55 Seel St,
 Missionaries of
 Charity

RLUH -
 Royal Liverpool
 University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Ella Harrison (RIP), John O'Rourke, Paul Finnian, Brian Bickerstaff, Cornelius and Anna (Thanksgiving), Matthew Scotland (RIP), Paul Cole (Get Well Soon).

PASTORAL FORMATION UPDATE

Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download). Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

We are looking forward to supporting families in preparing their children to receive the great gifts of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and now invite you to register your interest. If your child is in Year 4 (or above) at school and is wanting to celebrate these two Sacraments in 2021, please contact Fr Peter before Monday 16th November. You can either email p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk or telephone Cathedral House on 0151 709 9222.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL AND LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES STUDENTS

Join the Liverpool Catholic Society today by visiting liverpoolguild.org (UoL) or jmsu.co.uk and just search 'Catholic Society'. We're a group of students with common values, growing in faith together as a close community. Expect exciting zoom socials this term! Join us for Mass at St Philip Neri Church, Catharine Street: Sunday-6pm; Tuesday-5:30pm; Wednesday-12:30pm. We can't wait to meet you!

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a very busy half term that we have just finished here at school but one that has gone very quickly indeed. It was so lovely to see children running excitedly in to school that first day back and this is something they have continued to do since. Many of our children are still in their home country and have not returned to us yet because of their domestic restrictions but the staff and children hope to see them all return soon and we all miss them.

POLITE NOTICE

While we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

For your information, and to support people at home who are still shielding, we will be livestreaming and recording the Mass at 11.00am. The recording will be shown live on Facebook and Youtube, and a copy of the recording will be available on

these platforms. Please note the camera will be directed away from people receiving Holy Communion. Should you wish not to be filmed, please speak to Cathedral Security, or one of the Stewards who will direct you to a seat in the West Gallery.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We pray for all who are in positions of leadership, both in the world and in the Church ... that a commitment to listening might be at the heart of all they do.

We pray for all who feel themselves abandoned by our society ... may they find hope and support from within our communities.

We pray for those for whom the darkening nights threaten increased anxiety and depression ... may they be able to reach out to Christ who is our light.

MEETING FOR YOUNG

ADULTS "WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED....."

Finding it difficult to meet people of a like-mind and faith during lockdown? You are not the only one! Join Fr Peter for a time of reflection and discussion on Wednesday 28th October, 8pm via Zoom.

To register your interest email Fr Peter p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones writes, 'It was a great supportive boost to meet up online with other Synod members this week – the task we have as an Archdiocese is a challenge for each one of us and although there is a lot of information to digest, I do hope you will take the time to access the proposals and read them – copies are on the synod website: synod2020.co.uk or contact your synod member. Parishes will be letting you know how to feed back in the coming weeks. An opportunity to spend time in prayer together, led from St Wilfrid's, is a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour starting on Tuesday at 7pm, weekly for 9 weeks. It is on zoom BUT you can join on your landline or mobile – by calling an access number and keying in the Meeting ID. You will be able to be part of the prayer in real time with others. Details are given in the events information. *"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."* Maya Angelou. Keep safe, God Bless, Helen.'

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEK

Why not try learning to cook something new that you have always wanted to do but never got round to. Let us know about it! Find out about healthy eating and cooking tips.

Last week's collection: **£478.23**

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Golden Book of Remembrance

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