

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) 26th June 2016

| DAY | FEAST | TIMES | MASS INTENTION |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Sat 25th Sun 26th | Vigil | 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | Parishioners Tony Foran (bd) Ordination Anniversary (Fr James) |
| Mon 27th | Requiem | 10.00 am 7.00 pm | Veronica Morgan Brendan Halpin (A) |
| Tue 28th | | 7.00 pm | Norma Davitt (RIP) |
| Wed 29th | St Peter & St Paul Holyday of Obligation | 10.00 am 7.00 pm | Irene Mannion (RIP) Frances Roose (RIP) |
| Thu 30th | | No Mass | |
| Fri 1st | Church open for private prayer | No Mass | |
| Sat 2nd Sun 3rd | Vigil 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | Arthur Jacks (ld) Parishioners Frank & Girlie Gunning (RIP) |



Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:62

Confessions:

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm
 Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

PLEASE PRAY for all who are sick and housebound or in hospital, for all those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Campbell, Winifred Genin, Ann Lindsay, Thomas Steven Bennett, Josephine Murphy, Teresa Doris Butterworth, Ernest Raymond Mulhearn, Lynda Kuiper, Kathleen Anne Murphy, Thomas Costello, Cecilia Young, Maurice O'Connor, Arthur Norris, Joan Yoh, Monica Doyle.

LATELY DEAD: Fr Kevin Mulhearn, Veronica Morgan, Olive Molyneux, Albertina De Souza, Dorothy Darwin, Ken Foy

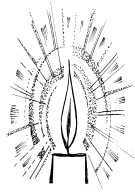
The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is on Wednesday 29th June. This is a Holyday of Obligation and Masses are at 10am and 7pm.

To Our Young Children

There are some prayer books and story books in a box at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Fr James' Anniversary** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Vocations**.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE AND THE MARIAN CANDLE can be requested for many reasons. A dedication to a member of your family, young or old, living or dead. For a friend who is in need of prayer. An anniversary, or for yourself for a private intention. Choose a particular week throughout the year, put the name and date on an envelope together with a donation and give it to Fr James or bring it to the parish office.

MARRIAGE ENQUIRERS

For all enquirers about weddings please see Fr. Preston after one of the weekend Masses. Wedding bookings and preparation cannot be arranged by email. If you are getting married at St. Charles and St. Thomas More, or abroad, six months notice is required for the necessary paperwork to be completed.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on wanting your child to receive the gift of Baptism. Please see Fr James after Mass to discuss it. A date can be arranged, for a Sunday, after completion of a three-week course.

Courses are held in:

January for baptisms in **Feb, March and April**

April for baptisms in **May, June and July**

July for baptisms in **Aug Sept and Oct**

October for baptisms in **Nov, Dec and Jan.**

MUSIC ON 3 JULY

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 18/19 June

Plate: £426.85 Envelopes: £649.83 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1445.18

Tea Money: £ 18.13

Day for Life: £242.72

Thank you for
your generosity

MASS ATTENDANCE 18/19 June

6.00pm: 141 9.30am: 161 11.00am:189

BENEDICTION

At 2.30pm today there will be an out-door procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction followed by afternoon tea in the Presbytery Garden. Refreshments will be served by the Lourdes Youth Group. Please make every effort to attend to support the young people.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Alexa Krista Jones** who will be baptised today. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

If your child is going into year 4 in September they are eligible to begin the Preparation Programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for more details.

QUIZ PROCEEDS

From a long letter from PAPHYRUS to the parish of St Charles and St Thomas More. "Thank you for your kind gift of £212 in memory of Sophie Armstrong ... Your generous support allows us to keep services like HOPELineUK running. This national service receives hundreds of calls, texts and emails each month from young people struggling to cope and those worried about them." (HOPELineUK 0800 068 4141)

SOUP & A ROLL

Please note; there will be no soup & a roll served during July and August.



IF SOMEONE IS ILL

If you, or someone you know of, becomes ill, goes into hospital, or is no longer able to get to Mass, please contact the parish office 0151 727 2493.

Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.

From the Lourdes Youth Group...

As a thank-you for your generosity with our Lourdes fund-raising we will be serving refreshments after Benediction this afternoon. Please come along for a cuppa and cake.

LOURDES DEPARTURE MASS AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The Lourdes Youth Group invite you, your family and friends to celebrate our Departure Mass on Tuesday 12 July at 7 pm. It will be an opportunity for you to pass on your prayer intentions to the youth who will take them to Lourdes.

PARISH DAY OUT

Llandudno Saturday 16th July 2016

We have arranged a Parish Day Out to Llandudno. Departing St Charles at 9.30 am returning from Llandudno at 4 pm arriving back in time for 6pm Mass.

Adults £10, children £5 paid in advance and not refundable. Please contact the Parish office to reserve your seat.

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

I Thirst for You

Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love and His peace.

"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

The Holy Hour made in the presence of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, is a devotion in which we call to mind the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. During this hour we seek through prayer and meditation to draw closer to the Lord who 'thirsts' for our love and calls us to spend time before Him in prayer and adoration. Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta, who will be Canonised this Holy Year by Pope Francis on 5th September, 2016, wrote the following reflection after spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

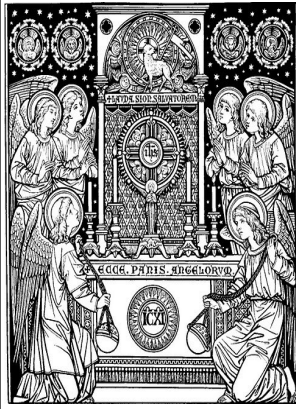
'No matter how far you may wander, no matter how often you forget Me, no matter how many crosses you may bear in this life; there is one thing I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change, I THIRST FOR YOU - just as you are. You don't need to change to believe in My love, for it will be your belief in My love that will change you. You forget Me, and yet I am seeking you every moment of the day - standing at the door of your heart and knocking. Do you find this hard to believe? Then look at the cross, look at my heart that was pierced for you. Have you not understood my cross? Then listen again to the words I spoke there - for they tell you clearly why I endured all this for you...

Whenever you do open the door of your heart, whenever you come close enough, you will hear me say to you again and again, not in mere human words but in spirit; "No matter what you have done, I love you for your own sake, come to me with your misery and your sins, with your troubles and needs, and with all your longing to be loved. I stand at the door of your heart and knock. Open to me, for I THIRST FOR YOU..."

'Just think, God is thirsting for you and me to come forward to satiate His thirst. Just think of that! (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Quarante' Ore offers us a wonderful gift and opportunity during this *Year of Mercy* to spend some quiet time in adoration before the Lord who 'thirsts for us.' We have so much to thank God for and we also need to *listen* to what He wishes to say to each of us. **You are all invited to come along on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th June.**





QUARANT'ORE

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION BEFORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday 26 June

- 11.00am** Holy Mass
12.30pm The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
2.30pm **Outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.**
7.00pm The Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the Tabernacle

Monday 27 June

- 8.30 am** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
10.00am **Requiem Mass**
11.00am The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
12noon Holy Rosary
7.00pm Holy Mass
9.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

Tuesday 28 June

- 9.00am** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
12noon Holy Rosary
7.00pm Holy Mass
9.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

Wednesday 29 June (Feast of SS Peter & Paul)

- 9.00am** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
10.00am Holy Mass
12noon Holy Rosary
7.00pm Holy Mass
9.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

WATCHING

Please sign up for any times you are able to attend to ensure that there are always people present at all times during the exposition. (List at the back of Church)

PIETY SHOP

We have a selection of cards, rosary beads, medals and prayer books available for sale in the Piety Shop.

PARISH BINGO every Friday evening at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meet on Mondays 6.00pm until 7.30pm in St Charles Meeting Room for children in years 4-7. For more information please phone the Parish Office.



**St Charles and St Thomas More
Parish Pilgrimage to Rome
& Assisi**

**Led by Fr James Preston
Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017**

For further information and booking form contact:

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Gill Didino - Tangney Tours, Pilgrim House, Station Court Borough Green, Kent TN15 8AF.

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