

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 8th July 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th Sun 8th	Vigil Neo catechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm (Hall) 9.30 am 11.00 am	Irene Carter & Liz Harris (A) Parishioners Michelle Threlfall (RIP) John Dillon (RIP)
Mon 9th	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	7.00 pm	Helena de Ybarrondo
Tues 10th		9.30 am	Peter Jones (Id)
Wed 11th	St Benedict	12.00 noon	Richard Woolfrey (A)
Thu 12th	St John Jones	12.00 noon	The Britt Family
Fri 13th	St Henry	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 14th Sun 15th	Vigil Neo catechumenal Community 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 6.00 pm (Hall) 9.30 am 11.00 am	George Dobson (RIP) Parishioners Michael D'Arcy (RIP) Mary Grogan (Id)



A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house

Mark 6:4

Confessions:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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: Irene Carter, Liz Harris, Catherine Murray, David Graham, Anne Doyle, Teresa Jones, Winifred Riskevitch, Mary Fearon, John Murray, Esther Glynn, Richard Woolfrey, Fr Harnett.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Baby Maddie, Marie Dalton, Nora Lloyd, Pauline Latimer.

LATELY DEAD: Patricia Dixon, John Kearney, Rita Oakley.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

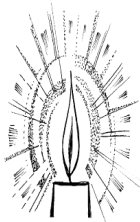
Adoremus Holy Hour Next Thursday 12th July at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church.

Thought for the Week: The value of life does not depend on the place we occupy, it depends on the way we occupy that space. (St Thérèse of Lisieux)

TEA AND COFFEE will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.



The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Rev Deacon Paul McNicholl** the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Linda Pettitt (SI)** and the **Sacred Heart Candle** is lit for **Helen Fazackerley**.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Iona Hough** who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



MESSY CHURCH APPEAL



Stocks are running low in the Messy Cupboard. Before we use our valuable reserves to buy new supplies we thought we would ask if anyone had any ready mixed poster paint and/or Hama Beads and boards which are taking up space and gathering dust in your home - if so, we would be very happy to take them off your hands and make very good use of them.

If you have any of the above, please can you either bring along to Messy Church, drop off with Natalie at playgroup or call me to arrange collection.

**This month's Messy Church will be
Saturday 21st July,**

our last before the Summer Break. There will be lots of crafts & games and ice cream to celebrate our last event of this school year. We hope you can join us, come along and help or get messy!

For more information about Messy Church, getting involved or coming along or to donate call/text Nickie on 07545613590. Many Thanks the Messy Team.

MUSIC ON 15 JULY

9.30am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 30 June/1 July

Plate: £ 504.39 Envelopes: £ 640.00 S/O: £429

Total: £1573.39

Tea Money: £14.80

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 30 June/1 July

5.00pm: 152 9.30am: 216 11.00am: 176

Total: 544

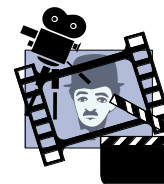
FILM NIGHT

Monday 9th July at 7.30 pm

in the Parish Hall.

"Nine Lives"

Starring Kevin Spacy, Jennifer Garner and Christopher Walken.



Tom's workaholic lifestyle has disconnected him from his family, particularly his beautiful wife Lara and his adoring daughter Rebecca. En route to his daughter's Birthday party, Tom has a terrible accident. When he regains consciousness he discovers that somehow, he has become trapped inside the body of the cat.

Entrance will be by donation, so please be your usual generous selves. There will be a glass of wine - but feel free to bring your own bottle as well, and with nibbles and raffles it will be a great night for everyone. Please let us know if you are coming as places are limited.

Call the Parish Office on 727 2493.

THANK YOU

My grateful thanks to all who sent good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts to mark the 30th anniversary of my ordination. Also thank you for your continued prayers and support. I really appreciate it.

Paul McNicholl.

Summer Fair

Saturday & Sunday, 11/12 August

after all Masses in the Parish Hall



**Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.
Admission: adults 50p, children free.**

If anyone has any unwanted gifts, bottles (home bake on the day) not toys or bric-a-brac, please put them in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

SUMMER RAFFLE

1ST Prize - £50

2nd Prize - Small Hamper

3rd Prize - Bottle of Whisky

Tickets on sale after all Masses £1.00 a strip.

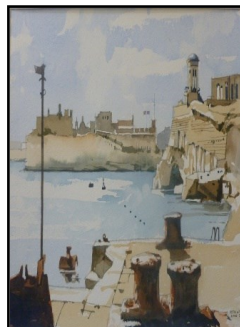
Picture sale to support Assin Foso and Lourdes groups

Ossie Jones has kindly donated 12 pictures to be sold to raise funds for the Lourdes and Ghana groups. The paintings will be on display in the church hall after 9.30 and 11.00 masses on 8th July. There will be forms and envelopes available for you to make your bids. The pictures have a reserve price of £30 but if you wish to make a higher bid that would be much appreciated. The pictures will be sold to the person who makes the highest bid. If more than one person bids the same amount then we will draw the bids from a hat.

Successful bidders will be notified as soon as possible and arrangements made to get the painting to you and once the paintings have been sold bid papers will be destroyed.

Both groups would like to thank Ossie for his on-going support providing the pictures and thanks to parishioners for your support.

Here are 4 examples of the paintings, you can view the full set in the Hall.



Hello to All Parish Group Members

At last week's parish meeting, Father James asked if I would coordinate a regular gathering of the Parish Groups. To make this happen we need a member of each group to be nominated/volunteer to attend. Once I have the names of the volunteers I will arrange the first meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to increase communication between the groups, Father James and the congregation. We hope there will be many benefits of these meetings and not least they will:-

1. Increase the understanding of each group, their needs and purpose
2. Avoid clashes in the scheduling of events, increase awareness and attendance of events
3. Allow the sharing of ideas, resources and knowledge

This is not a Parish Committee, the goals are solely as detailed above. We plan to meet with Father James starting in early September and then, every 6-8 weeks.

I would be very grateful if within your group you could make your nomination by 31st July so I can begin to plan the first meeting. As convenient for you either email, text, call me or grab me at Mass with your group's nomination.

Email: nickiesmith@me.com or 07545613590.

Justice and Peace Group St Charles and St Thomas More working towards a *LiveSimply* Parish:



Are you ready to join us on our walk? The next **Walk to Church is on Sunday 15th July**

9.30 am Mass Meeting Points:

9.10am: Aigburth Rd/Jericho Lane 9.00am: Elmswood Road/Sefton Park

11.00 am Mass Meeting Point:

10.35 am: Aigburth Rd/Colebrook Rd

After each Mass on weekend 14th/15th July we are asking parishioners to sign the **Cafod Share the Journey** Campaign Cards. These urge the Prime Minister and all world leaders at the UN Assembly, in September 2018 to finalise 2 Agreements about refugees and migrants. The Agreements will offer hope and protection to people forced to flee their homes.

We are delighted to be making good progress with our *LiveSimply* project and now we will follow through on the Pledges you, the parishioners, made last year.

Pizza and Prayers Youth Group

would like to thank the parish for their amazing generosity in supporting the summer raffle over the past two weekends. We raised over £450 which will send one young person from the parish to Lourdes! Thanks to the parish for all of its support in prayers, goodwill and donations over the past year. We will pray for you in Lourdes.

PARISH MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2018 AT 7.30 PM

Chairperson – Nickie Smith

Apologies received from Pat Beveridge

1. Introduction from Nickie Smith

2. Opening Prayer – Fr James Preston

3. Update on Group Activities by Representatives – All present reported on the activities of the last year. All groups are very active and would welcome new members/volunteers. The need for additional members/volunteers is a common theme.

In particular:

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

- New members for each in past year.
- However, there is a problem with getting volunteer Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion out to homes and nursing homes. Paul Mc has issued emails requesting assistance but gets very little response.
- Need volunteers / possible in teams / does not need to be Sundays.
- Fr James will call a meeting of Ministers to discuss further.

Music Group

- There will be another Carol Service this year.
- Jeremy is to meet with music group from St Wilfrids.
- An organist has been secured for Saturday evening Mass for September when James Finnegan leaves us for Rome.
- Always welcome new members.

Justice and Peace Group – very active

- Cafod migrant and refugee campaigns
- Live Simple Campaign – walk to Church / 3 starting points / next date 15 July.
- Recycling – meeting with Rep for Liverpool City Council and visit to Gillmoss recycling centre arranged.
- Nickie suggested that Messy Church can be involved with recycling crafts.
- Resettlement Programme – Following the call from Pope Francis, the wider parish of Aigburth is looking to resettle Jordanian family. Financial aid needed as well as practical. £10K needed.

Baptism Preparation team – Following a direct approach from Fr James the team has increased from 3 to 10. Prepare children up to the age of 7 for baptism during 3 meetings.

Assin Foso Group – aim to raise £13K to support the Parish in Assin Foso, Ghana. Aiming to finish the Parish Hall as the use of this will be able to generate funds.

- £1,600 pa from Lucky Numbers
- £300 raised from gold collection – Gold for Ghana
- Steve Binns talk - £275 raised.
- Film Nights - £450 raised
- Painting by Ossie Jones to be sold in near future
- Race Night planned
- Coast to Coast cycle by Tony Wardale planned

Thursday Tea Club – has really taken off. Approx 12 attendees and 4 facilitators.

SVP – 2 new members recruited – they are great assets. NOT JUST MEN!

Cleaners – 4 cleaners all over 70! Need new members. Request that meeting room be hoovered after each use!

Pizza & Prayers – 22/23 members meet once a month. 14 going to Lourdes this year. Another retreat planned for this year.

Social group – A non profit -making enterprise.

- Social at Mount Carmel – not very well attended.
- Irish Night at St Anthony's – just about broke even. Booked for next year.
- Fewer events carried out recently due to the increased activities of other groups – Lourdes etc.

Finance Group – Mary Crawford, as Chairperson spoke.

- On Feb 17 group met with Fr Kirwin of the Archdiocese.
- Sale proceeds from St Thomas More cleared historic Parish debt.
- Currently no debt and Parish broke even in 17/18.
- However, due to building work required and recently completed by the Diocese on Presbytery, there may be a deficit this year.
- We must look to increase income and Gift Aid, and Standing Order payment schemes will be reviewed.
- There will be some financial dividend from the further development of the land where the club was.

4. Other Matters – Fr James

- Reviewing Missalettes with a view to reducing paper
- Home Visits – Struggling to cover. Will be looking to set up Parish Visitors to help with this.
- Neo-catechumenal Way – This is a lay movement.
 - * There are a group of 18 members who meet in the Parish on a Wednesday and celebrate Saturday Mass.
 - * The members attend other Masses and all Parishioners are welcome to attend the Saturday Mass.
 - * The members also engage in Evangelisation.
- Short of Sacristans especially at all Masses – a request will go in the newsletter.
- Delegate required for the 2019 Diocesan Gathering ahead of the 2020 Synod.
- Ordination of Thomas Clarke
 - * Saturday, 13 July 2019 at 11:00am at St Charles and St Thomas More
 - * A reception will be held at St Edwards College and transport arranged.
 - * Thomas will celebrate Mass on Sunday, 14 July with refreshments afterwards, hopefully in the garden.
 - * A planning group will be required.
- Future Meetings
 - * These meetings are held with a view to informing and integrating groups within the Parish.
 - * Each group to elect a representative to meet with Fr James regularly. Each group to advise Val of their representative. Nickie to liaise with the groups not represented tonight.

5. AOB - None

6. Final Blessing by Rev Thomas Clarke.