

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 16th July 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th Sun 16th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Betty Webster (A) Parishioners Dolly Powell (bd)
Mon 17th		10.00 am	Retired and sick clergy
Tue 18th	<b>Leavers' Mass for Year 6</b>	10.00 am	Maura Leslie(RIP)
Wed 19th		12 noon	Anne Brunning (A)
Thu 20th		12 noon	Richard Woolfrey (A)
Fri 21st		No Mass 12 noon	Church open for private prayer <b>Funeral Service: Sylvia Walsh</b>
Sat 22nd Sun 23rd	<b>Vigil</b> <b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Deceased Members of D'Arcy Family Maurice and Norma Davitt (A)



*Some seed fell into  
rich soil,*

*And produced its crop*

*Psalm 64*

## Confessions:

Tue. **No Confessions**

Sat. 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm

**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:

Marie Donoghue, Betty Webster, Rose Daniels, Maurice and Norma Davitt, Arthur Leahy, Philip Lafferty, John Greep, Josephine Brown, Leonard Williams, Catherine Connor, Catherine Murray, Tommy & Eileen Giblin, Richard Woolfrey, Anne Brunning.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Baby Teddy Love, Russell Grindley, Rene Farrell, Paula Williams.

**LATELY DEAD:** Sylvia Walsh, Alan Thelwell, May Nolan, Barbara Colbenson, Jim McEnroe, Maura Umas, Brendan O'Halloran, Irene Stockton

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in this section of the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Frank Angell** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Bina Mulhearn (Intentions)**.



**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.

### Baptism Preparation Course

Today we continue to remember in our prayers all those families whose children will be Baptised over the next few months.

### 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 23 JULY

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



### OFFERTORY 8/9 July

Plate: £416.53 Envelopes: £ 657.29 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1442.32**

**Sea Sunday: £52.50**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 8/9 JULY

5.00pm: 156 9.30am: 179 11.00am: 187

**Total: 522**

# Summer Fair

A big thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare the Summer Fair. These Fairs are currently the only fund raising activity that takes place throughout the year and they are an enormous help in defraying the cost of the ongoing maintenance of our Church building. The amount raised on Sunday was **£ 992.53**.

Many thanks, **Fr James**.

### PARISH RAFFLE

Winning numbers are in the porch. All winners have been notified.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

Due to my Vocations commitments and the work I do promoting Vocations in schools throughout the Archdiocese I need to make changes in the weekday Mass schedule and also confessions. These changes will take place from the week **commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**.

**The new Mass times are as follows:**

Monday 7.00 pm Tuesday 9.30 am

Wednesday 12 noon Thursday 12 noon.

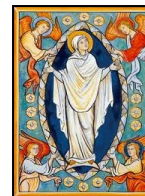
**Confessions will now be on:**

Monday at 6.30pm

Thursday at 11.30am

Sunday at 8.45 - 9.15am.

**Holyday of Obligation – the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**



**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm


**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August:** Mass at 9.30am

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Angel Roldan Martin** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



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

**Justice and Peace Group**  **St Charles and St Thomas More**

**This weekend we invite you to Speak Up and Sign Cards** to our government on the plight of the poor in the light of the continued effect of Climate Change.

**Postponed until a later date.**

**HEATING SYSTEM**

The Archdiocese Surveyor has recently informed me that the Church heating system needs to be replaced. The current boiler is **over 40 years old** and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find spare parts for the boiler. The cost to replace it will be **£14,400.00**. Hopefully we will be able to have this replaced before the end of this year. The money raised at the Summer Fair will go towards the cost of the boiler. This is a good start to the fundraising we need to do to replace it. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Fr James**

**Next Wednesday Archbishop McMahon will celebrate the midday Mass and will be joined by the twelve men who are currently in formation for the Priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers.**

**PRAYER INTENTION BOOK**

A book is placed near St. Anthony's statue in which to write your prayer requests which will be offered to God at the week-end Masses.

**Little Church** will take a break during the school holidays, starting next week for the 11:00am Mass and the following week for the 9:30am Mass. Many thanks to all those who prepare and deliver the simplified liturgy for our younger parishioners.

**CUPPA AND CHAT**

We are now closed for the Summer holidays.

Thanks to all who have attended and to those who help in any way.

See you in September!



**Thought for the Week:**

*Persevere in your prayer requests to God. They become an exercise in pure faith.*

**Nugent Charity Shop** on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to our Charity Shop and these can be dropped off at 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday. We can collect donations on Thursday mornings. To arrange a collection please contact the manager at the shop - Jeannette on [jeannette.burnett@nugentcare.org](mailto:jeannette.burnett@nugentcare.org) or 0151 737 2951

**GIFT AID**

If you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your contribution whether through envelopes or Standing Order. To do so, please contact the parish office. For every £1.00 given the parish can claim back 25p extra which is a great boost to our annual income. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**The Parish Finance Group.**

**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.

**THE ART OF DYING WELL prayer cards.**

**The Art of Dying Well** is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org).

**Save the Date – future planned events**

**Friday 29th September** - Parish Social Evening

**Friday 22nd December** - *Spirit of Christmas* at the Liverpool Philharmonic. Block of 42 seats booked at £30 per person.

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Parish audit has been successful. However, it is necessary that all DBS holders are required to update their DBS every three years. Meanwhile, all volunteers must not undertake any role within the Parish community before they are in receipt of their DBS. Thank you.

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

## 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.

## PIETY SHOP

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

## WANTED: USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, cut out from envelopes with a wide border please, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.



## 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.

## SOME MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you co-ordinate any type of group within our parish? Please send details to Martin, Barbara or Val and we will include them in this column. All meetings take place in the hall unless otherwise stated.

**MESSY CHURCH** Third Saturday of every month, 11 am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

**CUPPA AND CHAT** each Monday 10.30am - 12 noon. Young and old are invited, bring your toddler or baby along if you wish.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a member's home and on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring 727 2195 to check date and venue.

**PENSIONERS CLUB** Mondays at 2pm.

**PIZZA & PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP** meets once a month on a Sunday from 6:30 - 8 pm. Open to young people in High school. See notices for dates.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** for children in Years 4-6 meets on Monday evenings 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

**PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

**BINGO** Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Thursdays 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

**TEA AND COFFEE** is served on Sunday after each Mass. Proceeds to Lourdes Youth Fund.

**SOUP AND A ROLL** is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** meets monthly to plan and organise social activities within the parish community. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** Council 9 welcomes Catholic men to come and meet us and find out more about what we do. If you are interested please ring Aidan Carney on 0151 427 7126.

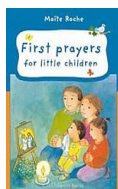
**BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM** aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35)** meets on the third Wednesday of every month for Mass and a Meal.

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS.** There is a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass. These are available at the back of church before Mass.

## 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.



## CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.