

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) 17th July 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 16th Sun 17th	<b>Vigil</b>	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Norma & Maurice Davitt (A) Brendan Reilly (RIP) Parishioners
Mon 18th		10.00 am	<b>Requiem: Theresa Jones</b>
Tue 19th		7.00 pm	Elizabeth & Anastasia Farrell (A)
Wed 20th	St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	12.00 noon	Noreen Douglas (A)
Thu 21st	St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	12.00 noon	Nora O'Hare (RIP)
Fri 22nd	St Mary Magdalene Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 23rd	<b>Nuptial Mass</b>	1.00 pm	Martin McCawley & Colette Ingham
Sun 24th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John McNeil (Wed. Anniversary) Parishioners Florence Egbuchiri (Thanksgiving)



**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:** Rose Daniels, Norma Davitt, Arthur Leahy, Philip Lafferty, John Green, Josephine Brown, Leonard Williams, Catherine Connor, Elizabeth & Anastasia Farrell, Noreen Douglas, Irene Carter

**SICK:** Frances Parry

**LATELY DEAD:** Theresa Jones, Elizabeth Harris, Peter Edwards.

**PIETY SHOP**

We have a selection of cards, rosary beads, medals and prayer books available for sale in the Piety Shop. Open before and after all weekend Masses.

**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.



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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Michael & Bernadette Cain** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Fiona & Augusto**.



**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.



### PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP

This group will start in September and will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

### PARISH CAR PARK

The former Parish Club site is now open as a car park for parishioners to use during Mass times. Please make every effort to use this car park rather than parking on Aigburth Road as we have had complaints from the Council about people parking on the pavement.



### Congratulations to Martin

**McCawley** and **Colette Ingham** who will be married here on Saturday at 1 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.



### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Blake Leo Bowden** who will be baptised today. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



### 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.**

9.30 am ORGAN  
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



### OFFERTORY 9/10 July

Plate: £533.33 Envelopes: £630.35 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1532.18**

**Apostleship of the Sea: £326.04**

**Tea Money & Twiddle muffs: £100**

Thank you for  
your generosity

### MASS ATTENDANCE 9/10 July

6.00pm: 137 9.30am: 158 11.00am: 185



### 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:

Fr James Preston - Tel 0151 727 2493 or

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

[www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com) Tel: 01732 88 66 66 Email: [gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:gill@tangney-tours.com)

### 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.

### SOUP & A ROLL

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



## Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

### The Reality of Sin

The culture in which we live today stresses independence and human freedom so much so, that the sense of sin is weakened and many people find it difficult to acknowledge the reality or seriousness of sin, its consequences and subsequently any kind of guilt or remorse. Perhaps we have convinced ourselves that nothing is actually sinful anymore?

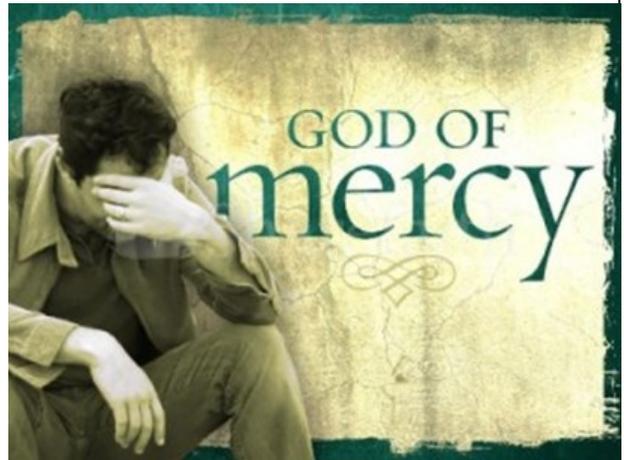
Sin can be described in many ways; it is when our thoughts, words and actions rebel and move away from what is right in God's eyes. What is common to all sin is that it slowly takes us out of the life and purposes of God; in short the heart abandons God. The term '**Original Sin**'

refers to a tendency in all humans to choose what is wrong. It is known by its fruit: evil thoughts and actions; greed and selfishness; sexual immorality; words that injure and crush others; hatred and revenge; and knowingly neglecting to do what is right. Sin hurts and destroys life, both our own and other people's.

In the garden of Eden (Gen 3:1-14), Adam and Eve rejected God's commandments at the urging of Satan, sinning by eating the forbidden fruit. When confronted by God, neither Adam nor Eve repent of their sin or show contrition; instead Adam blames Eve and Eve blames Satan for their Original Sin. The harmony of creation is broken and Adam and Eve bear the consequences of their unrepented sin (Gen 3:15- 24). The firstborn of Eve, Cain, sins by killing his brother Abel, is unrepentant and bears the consequences of his sin. (Gen 4:18-14). Subsequently this lack of repentance becomes Man's scourge.

It would seem that many receive the message of Divine Mercy as tantamount to a denial of the reality of sin, as though sin no longer matters. But just the contrary is the case. To speak of God's Mercy is to be intensely aware of sin and its peculiar form of destructiveness. Or to shift to one of the Pope's favourite metaphors, it is to be acutely conscious that *'one is wounded so severely that one requires, not minor treatment, but the emergency and radical attention provided in a hospital on the edge of a battlefield.'*

When Pope Francis was asked, in a famous interview two years ago, to describe himself, he responded, "a sinner." Then he added, "who has been looked upon by the face of mercy." That's getting the relationship right! Remember as well that the teenaged Jorge Mario Bergoglio [Pope Francis] came to a deep and life-changing relationship to Christ precisely through a particularly intense experience in the confessional. As many have indicated, Papa Francesco speaks of the devil more frequently than any of his predecessors of recent memory, and he doesn't reduce the dark power to a vague abstraction or a harmless symbol. He understands Satan to be a real and very dangerous person. Pope Francis is known to go to confession every two weeks. Last week we were given leaflets in our newsletter to help us prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us not be too proud, or blind to the fact that we also need to avail ourselves of the grace of this important Sacrament and like Pope Francis, be looked upon by *the face of mercy!*



**Can you help?** There are two tea bars in the **Women's Hospital** which raise funds to support mothers and their babies. Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep them running? For more information phone Jacqui on 727-5961.

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

#### **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.

## WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

Following the very successful "Ways of Praying" evenings last April, it's good to be able to let you know in plenty of time that the Cenacle Prayer Guides will be offering a Week of Accompanied Prayer here next October. Strictly speaking, it isn't a week at all! You would meet with your Prayer Guide on a Monday and a Thursday for about half an hour at a time to suit you for three weeks. The Opening and Closing Meetings for everyone taking part will be on October 2nd and 23rd at 3.00pm in the Meeting Room. The Mondays and Thursdays will be between those two dates. These Weeks are a bit like being on a retreat but you don't have to go away to a retreat house. They are often called Retreats In Daily Life. Everyone is invited to take part. It can be a time of learning about, and trying out, different ways of praying, or it may be a time to find some stillness in your busy life, or it may be a time to reflect with God on some of the events of your life, or a time of saying "thank you" for all the blessings you have received. It is different for everyone – a tailor-made retreat. It doesn't matter where you are in your life – you just need to come as you are.

Members of the Team will come to speak at the Masses on September 3rd and 4th, and will be available to speak to if you have any questions. They will also be giving out application forms to be returned to the Parish Office by September 10th/11th so that the right number of Guides and rooms can be organised. Hopefully it will also be possible to visit anyone who is house-bound in their own homes.

This is a great opportunity so please think and pray about taking part.

## 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** Last 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.

**YOUTH GROUP** every Sunday from 6:30 pm to 8.00 pm. Open to young people in Year 9 and above.

**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.**

This group will start in September 2016 and will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon 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.