

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) 7th August 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 6th Sun 7th	<b>Vigil</b>	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Syd Marsh (RIP) Peter Plummer (A) Parishioners
Mon 8th	St Dominic	10.00 am	Mary Doyle (A)
Tue 9th	St Teresa Benedicta of the cross	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed 10th	St Laurence	12.00 noon	Mamie Ennis (A)
Thu 11th	St Clare	<b>No Mass</b>	
Fri 12th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 13th	<b>Wedding Service</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Richard Jones & Claire Woodhead
Sat 13th Sun 14th	<b>Vigil Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Kathleen Halpin (A) Parishioners Betty Baylis (RIP)



*Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Mt 24:42,44*

## 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:** Mary Elizabeth Wall, Mary Concepta Graham, Patrick Langan, Mary Agnes Haigh, Mamie Ennis, Pat Hanna, Peter Plummer, Teresa Rooney, Kitty Glover, Larry Gray, Mary Smyth, Eileen Bernadette Lamb, John Charles Alpine, Mary Fitzgerald, William Patrick Kehoe, Teresa Mary Crowley, Joseph Moynes, Jim Jones, Mary Simister, Sr Barbara Holmes, Josephine Mallon, Pam Walsh, Mary Doyle, Harry Moorhouse, Madge Craven, Kathleen Halpin.

**LATELY DEAD:** Frances (Queenie) Parry

## 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.



## 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.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Patrick Langan** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Mamie Ennis**.



**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 14 AUGUST

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



### OFFERTORY 30/31 July

Plate: £419.99 Envelopes: £673.44 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1461.93**

**Tea Money £26.80**

Thank you for  
your generosity

### MASS ATTENDANCE 30/31 July

6.00pm: 118 9.30am: 186 11.00am: 180

### 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.



### 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.



### 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)

**Congratulations** to **Richard Jones** and **Claire Woodhead** who will be married here on Saturday 13 August. Please keep them in your prayers.



### CUPPA AND A CHAT.

We will be taking a break over the Summer holiday period. We re-open on Monday, 12th September. Many thanks to all the team for their help over the last year.

**Margaret**

## Bereavement Care Team

The **Parish Bereavement Care Team** aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement.

We are aware that bereavement is a very personal and family time and we are not here to intrude on anyone's privacy. But there are times when help is needed after a death; before or after the funeral, even months or years after the death of a loved one. The team aims to help families by providing:

- **An information pack** to help with planning the Funeral Mass or Service;
- **Rosary** with the family before the funeral (by liaison with the Parish SVP Group);
- **A welcoming presence** at the funeral;
- **Visiting** for those who need ongoing support and feel the need to talk about their loved ones who have died;
- **A Special Mass** is celebrated in November for all parishioners who have died;
- **A Book of Remembrance** is kept at the back of church and pages turned each day;
- **A framed Memorial List** is displayed at the back of church and shows the names of parishioners who have died in the current month. Information on how to have a name included is given at the bottom of the List.

### Please contact the Parish Office if:

- *you wish to have the name of a deceased member of your family entered into the Book of Remembrance;*
- *you or any member of your family are struggling to cope with a bereavement and have need of support;*
- *you would like to learn more about the work of the*

### SOME ADVICE FROM CRUSE:

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies and work to enhance society's care of bereaved people.

"We all come into contact with bereaved people during the course of our working lives - be it clients, customers or colleagues - and even the most confident person can find it hard to know what to say. People who have been bereaved may want to talk about the person who has died. One of the most helpful things you can do is simply listen, and give them the time and setting to express their grief as they choose. Offering specific practical help - not vague general offers - can also be very helpful. Here are some other suggestions which may help you and them.

#### DO

- Offer your condolences
- Be there for the person who is grieving; pick up the phone, write a letter or email, call by or arrange to visit.
- Recognise that everyone grieves in their own way; there is no 'normal' way.
- Encourage the person to talk.
- Listen to them.
- Create an environment in which the bereaved person can be themselves and show their feelings, rather than have to put on a front.
- Be aware that grief can take a long time.
- Contact the person on special dates such as anniversaries and birthdays.
- Offer practical help.

*team with a view to joining.*

## USEFUL RESOURCES

**LISTENING EAR.** An ecumenical organisation based at the St Nicholas Centre, Halewood providing a free and confidential listening and counselling service for over 18's. They also help 6 – 17yr olds - but there is a waiting list.

Tel: 0151 488 6648. Email: [enquires@listening.ear.co.uk](mailto:enquires@listening.ear.co.uk)

**CRUSE.** To enable anyone bereaved to understand their grief and cope with their loss. Daytime helpline: 0844 477 9400.

[www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk](http://www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk). Email: [helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk)

**GRIEF NET.** An Internet community of persons dealing with grief, death, and major loss. [www.griefnet.org](http://www.griefnet.org)

**LIVERPOOL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE.** Tel: 0151 236 3932

Email: [liverpoolbereavement@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:liverpoolbereavement@tiscali.co.uk)

**ALDER CENTRE.** For those affected by the death of a child

Child Death Helpline: 0800 282 986 Local: 0151 252 5391

**CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK.** Support for bereaved children or those caring or concerned for a bereaved child. Runcorn Centre: Tel: 01928 577164.

[www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org)

**SANDS.** For those who experience stillbirth. Tel: 020 7436 5881 Local: 07594 580092. Email: [helpline@uk-sands.org](mailto:helpline@uk-sands.org)

**SURVIVORS OF BEREAVEMENT BY SUICIDE.**

Helpline: 0844 561 6855. [www.uk-sobs.org.uk](http://www.uk-sobs.org.uk)

**SUPPORT AFTER MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER**

Helpline: 0845 872 3440 [www.samm.org.uk](http://www.samm.org.uk)

Email: [samm.national@gmail.com](mailto:samm.national@gmail.com)

Local: 0151 207 6767(24 hours) [www.samm-merseyside.org.uk](http://www.samm-merseyside.org.uk)

**PAPYRUS .** Prevention of Young Suicide. Helpline: 0800 068 4141.

#### DON'T

- Don't avoid someone who has been bereaved or ignore the situation.
- Don't use clichés: 'I know just how you feel', or 'You'll get over it'.
- Don't tell them it's time to move on, or that they should be over it by now.
- Don't assume you know how the person is feeling - every bereavement is unique.
- Don't say anything that may minimise or undermine the loss, such as 'we all have to go sometime' or 'she had a good innings'.
- Don't say anything to make light of bereavement, such as 'time will heal'; 'pull yourself together'; 'it must be a great relief for you'."



## Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

### Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta

It is the desire of Pope Francis to have Mother Teresa's canonization on the 4<sup>th</sup> September of this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, particularly during the Jubilee celebration for workers and volunteers of mercy. The whole pontificate of Pope Francis is marked by his attention and love for the last, the least and the lost, for the marginalized, for those at the peripheries of human existence – the poorest of the poor. How fitting, then, to have Mother Teresa to be, we could even say, the saint of this Jubilee!

As we approach the canonization of Mother Teresa, we may be encouraged by her example and message of God's tender and merciful love to put "love into living action" as she did, to do "ordinary things with extraordinary love." We may not be called to do exactly what Mother Teresa did, but we can do what God entrusts uniquely to each one of us. Mother Teresa understood this so well: "As I often say to people who tell me they would like to serve the poor as I do. What I can do, you cannot; what you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God."



Even in her lifetime, Mother Teresa was an icon of God's tender mercy, radiating the light of God's love to so many through the works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. From heaven she continues to fulfil her mission as she "lights the light of those in darkness on earth." With her canonization, the Church presents her as a model and intercessor of those who, like her, "long to light the fire of love and peace throughout the world." She can be taken as a patron saint especially for those who are most in need of God's mercy.

**Let Us Pray:** Lord Jesus, merciful Face of the Father, you came to give us the Good News of the Father's mercy and tenderness. We thank you for the gift of our dearest Mother, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, who will be canonized in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. You chose her to be your presence, your love and compassion to the broken hearted, the unwanted, the abandoned and the dying. She responded wholeheartedly to your cry, 'I Thirst,' by the holiness of her life and humble works of love to the poorest of the poor.

### **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.