

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 1st Sunday of Lent (B) - 18th February 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 17th Sun 18th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 6.15 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Billy and Anne Poole (A) IN HALL - Neocatechumenal Community Holy Souls Charles Jones (A) Parishioners
Mon 19th		11.00 am 7.00 pm	<b>Funeral Service: Marnie Williams</b> Mary Darcy (RIP)
Tues 20th		7.30 am	Bernard Campbell (A)
Wed 21st	St Peter Damian	8.15 (School)	Kathleen Roberts (A)
Thu 22nd	<b>Chair of St Peter</b>	12 noon	<b>Requiem: Winifred Myles</b>
Fri 23rd	St Polycarp Stations of the Cross	10.00 am 7.30 pm	Kathleen Watts (RIP)
Sat 24th Sun 25th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	5.00 pm 6.15 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Little Family IN HALL - Neocatechumenal Community Parishioners Dorothy Kean (Id) Therese Cusack (Id)



God spoke to Noah and his sons, "See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you. Genesis 9:8

Every Tuesday in Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am. After Mass there will be tea and toast served in the Hall. Why not come to Mass before work or college?

**Confessions:**

Mon 6.30 - 6.45pm  
 Sat 4.30 - 4.45 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:** Alma McVey, William Poole, Jean Atkinson, Celia Stephenson, Charles Kelly, Linda O'Hara, Florence Farrell, Anne Rowlands, Andrew Gerrard, Elizabeth Garnett, Paul Saunders, Thomas Neary, Lorne Forster, Christopher Scattergood, Billy & Anne Poole, Charles Jones, Bernard Campbell, Kathleen Roberts.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, John Sunners.

**LATELY DEAD:** Jimmy Knott, Arlene Willis, Paul Bingham, Marnie Anne Williams, Winifred Myles.

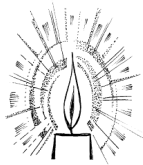


to any visitors and new parishioners.

**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 **Maurice Davitt (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Charles Kelly (A)**.



### Choir to celebrate Easter

Rehearsals have started but there is still time to join. Come along Wednesday evenings 7-8pm.



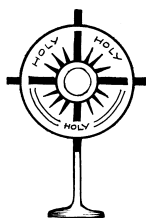
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night during Lent there will be Mass at 7.00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm. These will be led by different parish groups.

### PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray and fast for world peace on Friday 23 February from 7.30am until 7.30pm. On the 23rd the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed to allow us to gather together in prayer before the Lord.

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS WILL BE AT 10 AM.**



### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Blair Francis Robertson** who will be baptised. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



### MUSIC ON 25 February

9.30am MUSIC GROUP  
11.00am ORGAN



### OFFERTORY 10/11 February

Plate: £453.39 Envelopes: £ 572.76 S/O: £426.25  
**Total: £1452.40**

Lourdes Tea Money: £20.55

Boiler Fund: £5

Ghana (cribs/cardigans): £40

Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS ATTENDANCE 10/11 February

5.00pm: 160 9.30am: 150 11.00am: 177  
**Total: 487**

### RESURRECTION CANDLES

During Easter there will be the opportunity to burn a candle in memory of a loved one. The candles will be lit on Holy Saturday Night during the Easter Vigil and will be left lit in church for 7 days. Each candle will have the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated written on it.



If you would like a candle to burn in memory of one of your loved ones, please place £5 in an envelope write 'Memorial Candle' together with their name on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.

### SUNDAY MINIBUS USERS

There will be NO BUS PICK UP on Sunday 25th February. This because the Pizza and Prayers Youth Group, are using the bus on 23 - 25th to go to Keswick. Most people have been informed verbally, but if you know anyone who relies on this service, please check with them that they are aware of the change. Thank You.



### Justice & Peace Group



Lenten reflections start on Tuesday 20th February at 7.00 pm: **Christ on the High Altar of the World.**

**Oscar Romero Mass** here at St Charles at 11.00 am on **Sunday 18th March** Steve and Anne Atherton will speak on El Salvador.

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is on Friday 23rd

**February.** Collection envelopes will be distributed after Masses this weekend for return on Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th Feb.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

will be making a collection after all Masses this week-end.



### Thought for the Week:

The goal is not to bring your enemy to his knees but to his senses by prayer.

## The Pizza and Prayers Youth Group

will be doing a sponsored walk for the Lourdes pilgrimage fund 24 February in Keswick. Thank you so much for supporting this sponsored walk! Our parish is sending 16 young people to Lourdes this year. The young people appreciate your prayers and support!

### Pizza and Prayers Youth Group

*Presents a*

#### Lourdes Family Fundraiser

Friday 2 March 2018, 7pm

St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall

Queens Drive L18

£5 entry

Quiz, Bingo, Raffle, Face Painting, Open Mic and  
Disco

Tickets available after all Masses from the Youth  
Group.

Any donations for raffle prizes would be much  
appreciated, bottles of wine, boxes of  
chocolates, sweets etc. These can be handed  
into the parish office.



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of Liverpool

## Annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to  
join him in celebrating the **Annual Marriage and  
Family Life Mass** at the Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King

**Sunday 11th March, 2018 at 11.00 am**

All are welcome to attend (the Mass will include  
a special blessing for those celebrating significant  
anniversaries)

Refreshments will be served  
afterwards in the Gibberd Room.



## Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020.

We thank you Father  
for the love you have shown us  
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
Keep us grateful each day  
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,  
so now send us out  
to share what we have received  
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church  
that you are calling us to be:  
a community that listens, that trusts,  
that lives with courage  
and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts  
be a source of healing, of new life  
and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith  
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

## Afternoon Tea

We will break for half term this week.



Programme of activities for the next  
few weeks:

22nd February	Tai Chi
1st March	South Africa PowerPoint
8th March	My favourite poem
15th March	Moscow PowerPoint
22nd March	Children's Voices of the Second World War
29 March	<b>EASTER BREAK</b>

All are welcome – Thursdays 1.30-3pm in the  
Parish Hall.

## PIETY SHOP

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

If anyone can help on a Saturday night or Sunday  
morning please contact the Parish Office.

## LENTEN HOUSE MASSES

During the Season of Lent, I would like to offer the opportunity for families and individuals to host house Masses in their homes. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, we could gather in a different home and celebrate Mass with hymns followed by a time of fellowship. These Masses prove a great opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbours, especially the lapsed. It is a great way of sanctifying the season and hopefully help build a community in different neighbourhoods across the parish. Please ring the office if you wish to host a Mass in your home.

Fr James.

## A New Year Resolution

In November 2017 Pope Francis remarked, "And when we go to Mass, maybe we come five minutes before and we start to chit-chat with those beside us. However it is not time to talk, it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for dialogue. It is time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! Remember what I said... the Mass is not a show, but a place where we go to meet with the Lord and silence prepares us and accompanies us. Stay silent together with Jesus. And from the mysterious silence of God comes his Word that resounds in our heart. Jesus himself teaches us how it is really possible to "stay with the Father and demonstrate it with his prayer."

*There have been some comments that our Church is far too noisy before Mass. We could do well to follow the recommendation of the Holy Father and have some very quiet time before Mass to speak to God, and then to everyone else afterwards.*

## SAFEGUARDING

Just to remind all volunteers who were DBS checked in 2015, or before, they will need to renew their certificates during 2018. Thanks in anticipation for your co-operation.

## 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.

# EASTER FAIR

Saturday/Sunday,  
3/4 March  
after all Masses.

Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.

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.



## EASTER RAFFLE

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Marks and Spencer £30 Gift Voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Wine Hamper

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Chocolate Hamper.

Tickets on sale - £1.00 per strip.



# CEILIDH

Sat 17 March 2017, 7.30 PM

St Anthony of Padua, Queens Drive

Tickets £7.50 Buffet Included

Dancing to Gerry Jones Country Dance Band

This event is strictly entry by **TICKET ONLY** and tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets for sale on the night.

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office or after Mass from members of the Social Committee.

