

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 1st Sunday of Lent (A) - 5th March 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th Sun 5th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Pat, Andre & Jean Louis Janssis Kathleen Winter (bd)
Mon 6th		10.00 am	Stephen Harndon (bd)
Tue 7th	SS Perpetua & Felicity	7.00 pm	Mary Toohey (RIP)
Wed 8th	St John of God	12.00 noon	<b>Requiem: Christopher Scattergood.</b>
Thu 9th	St Frances of Rome	7.30 am 12.00 noon	Winifred Wang (RIP) John Meade (Id)
Fri 10th		9.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Church open for private prayer Marie & Vincent Regan (Wedd. Anniv.) Stations of the Cross
Sat 11th Sun 12th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent (A)</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Rosie Rooney (RIP) Helen & Peter Kane (A) Parishioners



*Be off, Satan! For scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

**Matthew 4:10**

## Confessions:

Tue. 6.15pm—6.45pm  
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:** Sheila Turnbull, Gail Jones, Jean Owens, Catherine Lundstrom, Helena McNamara, Elizabeth Shearon, John Costello, Margaret Worswick, Alan Taylor, May Gray, Marie Mulhearn, Francis Hilliard, Helen & Peter Kane

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid

**LATELY DEAD:** Christopher Scattergood, Janet McNicholl, Sally McAndrew, David George Parry.

## Masses to be Celebrated in Schools this week

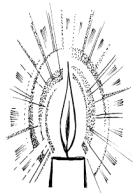
Tue 7th	9am	St Edward's	Betty Bruton (RIP)
Wed 8th	8.15am	St Charles	Sr Christine Warrington (Id)
Thu 9th	9am	Bellerive	Angela Hyland (RIP)

## 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.

Please contact the Parish Office.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Norah Mary Toohey (RIP)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for a **Special Intention (DM)**



### 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.



### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.

Rachel Buckley will be speaking at all Masses this week-end on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need.

### LENTEN HOUSE VISITS

During Lent, I would like to begin to make time to visit parishioners in their homes. I have set aside **Wednesday evenings from 5pm till 8.30pm** commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like me to visit your home, please contact the parish office during the next few weeks. I look forward to meeting you during Lent.

*Fr James*

### MUSIC ON 12 MARCH

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



### OFFERTORY 25/26 February

Plate: £362.08 Envelopes: £739.36 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1469.94**

Tea money (Lourdes): £31.00

Soup money (Ghana): £29.95

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 25/26 February

5.00pm: 161 9.30am: 157 11.00am: 173

Total: 491

### SPRING FAIR

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30am in St Charles Parish Hall. Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle. Admission adults 50p, children free.

If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BOOKS or BRIC-A-BRAC) and would like to donate them to the Fair, please put them in the box at the back of the church or bring them to the parish office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Thank you.



**EASTER RAFFLE** tickets on sale after all Masses today. Proceeds to Church Funds.

- 1st Prize: Hamper
- 2nd Prize: £20
- 3rd Prize: Cuddly Toy (Flipper)
- 4th Prize: Box biscuits

### Pastoral Area Lenten Confession.

On Saturday 11 March at St Charles, Aigburth and on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at St Francis, Garston there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests of the Pastoral Area will be available from 12 noon until 5pm to hear Confession. Throughout the afternoon the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer.

11 March: St Charles		1 April: St Francis	
12-1pm	Fr Fleetwood	12-1pm	
1-2 pm	Fr Southworth	1-2 pm	Fr Southworth
2-3 pm	Fr Prescott	2-3pm	
3-4 pm	Fr Kendall	3-4pm	Fr Fleetwood
4-5pm	Fr Preston	4-5 pm	Fr Kendall



**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 Tel: 01732 88 66 66 Email: gill@tangney-tours.com

**ONLY FIVE PLACES LEFT!**

### PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

**PIETY SHOP** open before and after all week-end Masses. We now have a selection of St Patrick's Day cards and Mother's Day cards on sale.

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

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



## IRISH NIGHT

**Fri 17 March 2017, 7.30 PM**

Heath Hall, Heath Road

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.**

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

*Here are some very important dates for your diary from our local Justice and Peace group and we would very much appreciate your continued support for these various activities.*

1. This year, **CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday 10 March**, and focuses on the work our partners are doing in Zambia. The story of success: Florence, 41, received training from our partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary who provided Florence with training in fish farming, giving her tools and some starter fish. Florence dug a pond, tended to her fish and then began selling them at market. Thanks to your support and Florence's determination, something as small as the size of your thumb - a tiny tilapia fish - became something amazing: a future for her children.

**J&P members will give out Fast Day Envelopes after each Mass this week-end for your use. Please return them with your details and Gift Aided, where possible, next weekend.**

2. The Archdiocese of Liverpool and Cafod have prepared a series of **2017 Lent Reflections with Laudato Si**. This parish is encouraging individual parishioners and the various parish groups to take part.

**A big thank you to all who turned up for the meeting after Mass on 19th** and so willingly agreed to act as leads for the sessions. This has made division of labour so easy. Present: Barbara Mylotte, Ursula Roberts, Mel Connell, Chris Baker, Julie Young, Pippa Dawson, Angela Howarth, Ita McDonnell, Mary Reid and Hannah Hookes. Also thanks to Margaret Thelwell who had already volunteered to lead Session 3.

### **Here's the schedule of delivery:**

7th March:	Session 1 - Challenging Assumptions.	Hannah Hookes and J&P.
14th March:	Session 2 - Transformation.	Angela Howarth.
21st March:	Session 3 - Conversion to Solidarity.	Margaret Thelwell.
28th March:	Session 4 - Opening Our Eyes.	Mel Connell and Messy Church.
4th April:	Session 5 - Keeping Faith in Times of Disaster.	Pippa Dawson and J&P.

3. Please note: **37<sup>th</sup> Blessed Oscar Romero Centenary Mass:**

**Sunday 19th March 2017 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 11am.**

4. Syrian Refugee Programme "Welcoming" others means welcoming God in person!" - Pope Francis. Find out more about COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP. **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12.30: LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive L17 1AA**

See Posters in Hall for items 3 and 4.

**Knights of St Columba Council 9  
EARLY ST. PATRICK'S CHARITY IRISH  
SOCIAL EVENING**

at Out Lady of Mount Carmel Club  
High Park St  
Liverpool L8 8DX  
on Saturday 11th March 2017 at 8.30pm.  
**Featuring Michael Coyne, Bingo, Raffle.**

Tickets £5 from Pat Mc Gann 07825236064 or from the club or pay at the door.  
If you have got a raffle prize it would be appreciated.

**URGENTLY NEEDED** Volunteers to help serve the tea and coffee after the 11am Mass on Sundays. If you can help please ring the Parish Office.

**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).

**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.

**CAR PARK**

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

**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.

**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.