

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 20th August 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th Sun 20th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	James Pringle Alan Thelwell (ld) Parishioners
Mon 21st	St Pius X	7.00 pm	Liz Harris (bd)
Tue 22nd	Our Lady, Mother & Queen	9.30 am	Eileen Heaney (ld)
Wed 23rd		No Mass	
Thu 24th	Requiem St Bartholomew, apostle	12 noon	Bridie Reynolds
Fri 25th		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 26th Sun 27th	Vigil 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Allerston (A) Maureen & Joe Smith (A) Parishioners



Jesus answered her, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted" And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Matthew 15:28

Confessions:

Mon 6.30 pm
 Thur 11.30 am
 Sun 8.45 - 9.15 am

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.



SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Rene Farrell, Paula Williams, Dave Richter.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Ellen Cook, Patricia Coyne, William Prince, Agatha Lilian Cubbin, Brigid Connolly, Joseph Parry, Bernard Whelan, Mary Kate O'Donnell, Bridget O'Connor, Josephine Veronica Rafferty, Bridget Rice, Marjorie Morrison, Joan McLoughlin, Francis Albert Place, Mary Allerston, Maureen & Joe Smith.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

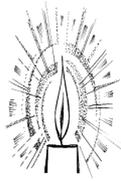
You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in this section of the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested. Please contact the Parish Office.

LATELY DEAD: Joan Lobban, Mary Connell, Bridie Reynolds, Alex Zimak



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Bridie Reynolds** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for a **Special Intention**



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.

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 27 AUGUST

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 12/13 August

Plate: £328.82 Envelopes: £725.73 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1465.80

Lourdes Tea Money: £20.45

Donation towards boiler: £100.00

Donation Friends of Assin Foso: £100.00

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 12/13 August

5.00pm: 140 9.30am: 165 11.00am: 187

Total: 492

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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



GIFT AID—Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

CALLED BEYOND

This is a new initiative developed by the **National Office for Vocations**. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to celebrate the call of Christ in our lives.

This Pastoral Area has been

chosen to launch a pilot

scheme which will take

place in October of this

year. It will explore the vocation of all of us from

youth, young adults, married people as well as those

called to religious life and the priesthood.



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.

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.

Thought for the Week:

Any worry, anxiety or problem - hold it out to God for His touch.

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

Thank you to all those who have given donations. Up to now we have received £2592.52, this amount includes the Summer Fair, but we still have a long way to go to reach our target.

Lucky Number Club – Assin Foso

The Assin Foso group is starting a lucky number club to fund-raise for the parish and school in Ghana. The cost is £2.50 a month (paid by direct debit) with a chance of winning one of 3 cash prizes. **Alternatively, you can pay by cheque either £30 for the full year or £15 for 6 months.** Please attach your cheque to the form. We are hoping to start the monthly draws in October. To sign up & be allocated a number please collect a form from the back of church. Forms should be returned to the Parish office where they will be stored securely.

If you need any more information please ask a member of the committee (Julie Devine, Tony Wardale, Sean Morgan, Jacinta Hartman, Angelina Boateng, Jim Doyle and Susan Murray) or contact us at assinfoso@gmail.com

Thank you for your on-going support

Would you like to learn more about our Catholic Faith?

Was the last time you studied your faith at school? It is important that we continue on a path of life-long learning so that we are spiritually renewed in life's journey. A group of Catholic lay people are coming on **Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** (starting on **25th September**) for six weeks of Catechesis and Prayer for adults. This course is suitable for Catholics, enquirers and anyone interested in the faith. (The format of the evening does not involve group discussion—talks will be given).

Fr James



FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 22nd August at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall.

“The Girl on the Train”

Starring Emily Blunt and Justin Theroux

A recent divorcee (Emily Blunt) becomes entangled in a mystery involving her former husband and his new family in this adaptation directed by Tate Taylor.

Entrance will be by donation, so please be your usual generous selves. There will be a glass of wine - but feel free to bring your own bottle as well, and with nibbles and raffles it will be a great night for everyone. Please let us know if you are coming as places are limited.

Proceeds to Ghana.

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

Energy Saver Club

One of our parishioners, Andrew Boateng, is able to give advice on how to reduce your home energy costs. Andrew has kindly offered to donate any commission made to the **Friends of Assin Foso Parish and School (Ghana)**. There is more information on the notice board at the back of church or you can contact Andrew on 07504 45079 or Andrew.boateng@my.com

(Please note: this is a different number from that published previously)

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 or 0151 737 2951

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.

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

The 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 10th September will include a celebration in Thanksgiving for all the children who have been Baptised during the last eighteen months and will be followed with light refreshments in the Parish Hall.



PIETY SHOP

We have a selection of cards, rosary beads and prayer books available for sale in the Piety Shop. If anyone can help on a Saturday night please contact 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.

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.

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.