

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 28th August 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 27th Sun 28th	Vigil	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Allerston (A) Vincent Roberts (A) Parishioners
Mon 29th	Passion of St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Tue 30th	St Edmund Arrowsmith	7.00 pm	Pam Walsh (A)
Wed 31st	St Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne	12.00 noon	Fr James' Intentions
Thu 1st	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward	12.00 noon	Marjorie Morrison (A)
Fri 2nd	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 3rd Sun 4th	Nuptial Mass Vigil 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Jennifer Hughes and Niall Vose Ed Harris (RIP) Mrs Atherton (A) Parishioners



When you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher."

Luke 14:10

Confessions:

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm
 Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

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: Francis Place, Matthew Murphy, Mary Allerston, Frances Banks, Cecily Danahy, Colette McKenna, Eveline McKeown, Vincent Roberts, Nonnie Dunn, Terence Pettitt, Winifred O'Hare, John Creighton, Bernard Mangan, Francis Burns, Isobel Vance McNulty, John Brown, Samuel Barry, Pam Walsh, Marjorie Morrison, Mrs Atherton

LATELY DEAD: Bella Hanson

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

Congratulations to Jennifer

Margaret Ann Hughes and Niall Joseph Vose who will be married here on Saturday 3rd September. Please keep them in your prayers.



TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

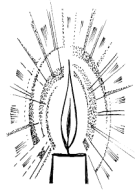
There are some prayer books and story books in a box at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Canon Thomas Naughton** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Tommy McAndrew**.



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 4 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 20/21 August

Plate: £389.83 Envelopes: £595.63 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1353.96

Thank you for your generosity

MASS ATTENDANCE 20/21 August

6.00pm: 130 9.30am: 124 11.00am: 136

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.



YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

I would like to invite all the young adults (18-35) in our parish to join me for Mass and a meal on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church stcharles@church.org.uk.

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics

will start in September 2016. We welcome Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. **For information or to book a place please contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195.** General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044 m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

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.

The First Holy Communion Programme

begins on Sunday 4th September. If you haven't already registered please see Fr James A.S.A.P.

CUPPA AND A CHAT.

We re-open on Monday, 12th September. Many thanks to all the team for their help over the last year.

Margaret

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.



**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

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Parish Youth Group meet every Monday during term time, commencing Monday 12th September at 6.00pm until 7.30pm in St Charles Meeting Room for children in years 4-7. For more information please phone the Parish Office.

Dear TODDLERS



We are starting a new group just for you!

From 21 September we will meet every Wednesday morning in term-time from 9.30 – 11.30am.

We will play with toys and games, sing songs, listen to stories and enjoy a drink and snack together.

Great fun!!!

You will need to bring a parent or adult carer with you. Please ask your adult to put your name on the list at the back of church.

We look forward to seeing you.

Becca, Hannah and Margaret

PIZZA AND PRAYERS YOUTH CLUB will be meeting on September the 18th 6.30pm-8pm. All secondary age school children below the age of 18 are welcome. For further information contact Netti or Eleanor via Val in the Parish Office.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL — VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with, and hear from, priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 3 September** at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Poor in our Midst

'Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for and forgotten by everybody; I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat'.
Mother Teresa.



'There are hungry people everywhere,' she insisted. *'But poverty is not just being without food; it is the absence of love. I can tell you there is more warmth in Calcutta, where people are willing to share what there is, than in many places where they have everything.'* Mother Teresa made it very clear that that the poverty experienced in this country and the West was the most troubling to her of all.

In the news this week our attention was drawn to the charitable organisation called **'The Silver Line'** founded by Esther Rantzen in November 2013. The Helpline's one millionth call came this week with over 1600 calls in one day, beating the previous record set on New Year's Day 2016; they are currently struggling to keep up with the demands for their service. Loneliness is now becoming an increasing epidemic! Sadly, there are so many people in our society today who live alone and hunger for someone to talk to, someone who cares enough to be willing to pick up the telephone and offer them a few small words of interest, comfort and concern. These people do not live in far and distant lands; they are our friends, neighbours, brothers or sisters, aunties or uncles, elderly parents and even members of our own parish community.

Something as simple as wishing someone a peaceful and restful night's sleep is a very small thing we can do yet it can have a great impact on another person's life and sense of wellbeing. Unless you have lived alone yourself, it may be difficult to imagine how it feels not to hear the warmth and compassion of a human voice on the other side of the telephone line for days or weeks at a time. Perhaps we could perform this simple **'Work of Mercy'** ourselves this coming week. Ditch the text messages and emails, put them in **'Room 101'**; pick up the phone and speak to someone you know who lives alone. Let us hope and pray that we never forget just how beautiful the sound of the human voice really is. Loneliness is the one epidemic we can all do something about!

MOTHER TERESA

Life, Spirituality and Message.

Exhibition from 27 Aug – 11 Sept at St Patricks Church, Park Place Liverpool 8. See notice in porch.

Nugent Care 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. Thank you.

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS (TOOT) 2016

At the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane L15 6WT

Sep 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th

These days are for anyone involved in ministry or the service of others. With time for silence and personal reflection they help to re-charge our energies.

Days begin at 10am, with coffee, and end about 4pm. Please bring your own food, tea and coffee provided. Offering for the day is £10 per person.

For further information contact Sr Winnie Morley, 0151 722 2271, winniecenacle@mail.com.