

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 3rd September 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Diana Scanlon (Enright) (bd) Michael Joseph Gill (A)
Mon 4th	Feast of St Cuthbert	7.00 pm	Bridie Reynolds (ld)
Tue 5th		9.30 am	Retired and sick clergy
Wed 6th		12 noon	Special Int. (Fr Jonathan)
Thu 7th		12 noon	Requiem: Catherine Dempsey
Fri 8th	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 9th Sun 10th	Wedding Service Vigil 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00 pm 5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Michael Digney & Joanne Brown Parishioners Charles Jones (A) Dolly Powell (A)



"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

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.



ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Joseph Gill, Winifred O'Hare, John Creighton, Bernard Mangan, Francis Burns, Isobel McNulty, John Brown, Samuel Barry, Annie Cray, Peter Ward, Doreen Farrell, Susan Clifton, George Robbins, Sarah Clark, Florence Burchall, Alice Williams, Ann Williams, John Grant, Charles Ryan, Gladys Crane, Charles Jones, Dolly Powell, Sarah & Tony Patterson, Elizabeth Ann Scott.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Rio Dinnell Alexandria, Joe McNicholas.

LATELY DEAD: Rebecca Hammond, Amelio Montauti, John Gratton, Catherine Coverdale, Catherine Dempsey, Chris McNally, Cathy Edwards.



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 **Norah Mary Toohey** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Caroline and Tristan Smith**



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.

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.

This weekend we say farewell to Stephen Mannings, as due to work commitments at the Anglican Cathedral he is no longer able to play the organ on a Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning. Stephen has been playing the organ for over 10 years at St Charles and also played for many years at St Thomas More. I would like to thank him for his commitment to our Parish Community over the years and wish him every blessing for the future.

MUSIC ON 10 SEPT

9.30am ORGAN
11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 26/27 August

Plate: £380.26 Envelopes: £659.26 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1450.77

Lourdes Tea Money: £19.00

Private donations / box towards boiler: £216.70

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 26/27 August

5.00pm: 151 9.30am: 119 11.00am: 168

Total: 438

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Tristan Smith** and **Caroline Preston** who were married here on Saturday and to **Michael Digney** and **Joanne Brown** who will be married next Saturday at 2.00 pm.



We wish them all the best for their future together and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Parish Social

Friday 29 September, 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall

High Park Street

Admission: £5.00 (Includes buffet)

Live music, raffle & bingo

Tickets on sale after Masses or from the Parish Office

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

The 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 10 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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

The Enrolment Mass for all those making their First Holy Communion next year will be on Sunday 10th September during the 11am Mass.

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.

More information will be given in due course.

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 continuing generosity.

Fr James

Thank you to all those who have given donations. Up to now we have received £2819.22, 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 (payable to St Charles) 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

The Knights of St Columba Council 9

will be undertaking their annual sponsored walk on Sunday the 24th September. Over the past two years they have raised over twenty thousand pounds for two children's cancer charities. This year they will be supporting Nugent Crisis Fund who support the homeless and disadvantaged members of our city. The brothers of Council 9 will distribute collection envelopes at the week-end Masses on the 16/17 September 2017 and collect the envelopes on the week-end of the 30 September/1 October 2017. Thank you for your support.



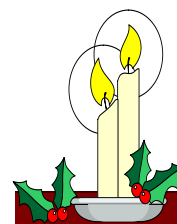
Thought for the Week:

Be the first to give encouragement, the last to criticize.

'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' CONCERT AT THE LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC

A wonderful evening of Christmas music by the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, Orchestra and Youth Choir conducted by Ian Tracey and hosted by Classic FM's John Suchet. This year's guest star is Mexican tenor Jesús León.

We have a block booking for **Friday 22nd December, 7.30 pm**. Tickets are £30 which is a discount of £5 per head. These are being held for us until **31st October**. If you would like to go please give your name and payment to Val at the Parish Office. Tickets will be allocated on a strictly 'first come first served' basis.



The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics

will start in September 2017. The course is for those who are separated, those who are currently going through a divorce, or those who are already divorced, whether recently or at any time in the past. The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential.

To book a place on the Aintree course: Contact Maureen O'Brien 07967 753 371.

To book a place on the South Liverpool course: Contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195

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

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.

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.

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.