

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 4th September 2016

| DAY                  | FEAST   | TIMES                          | MASS INTENTION  |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Sat 3rd<br>Sun 4th   | <b>Vigil</b>  | 6.00 pm<br>9.30 am<br>11.00 am | Ed Harris (RIP)<br>Mrs Atherton (A)<br>Parishioners         |
| Mon 5th              |   | 10.00am                        | Rose Binsale (RIP)  |
| Tue 6th              |   | 7.00 pm                        | Wedding (B&LT)  |
| Wed 7th              |   | 12.00 noon                     | Cis Clarke (A)  |
| Thu 8th              |   | 12.00 noon                     | Stanley Fearn (bd)  |
| Fri 9th              | Church open for private prayer                      | No Mass                        |   |
| Sat 10th<br>Sun 11th | <b>Vigil</b><br><b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | 6.00 pm<br>9.30 am<br>11.00 am | Mary Anne Weston (bd)<br>Charles Jones (bd)<br>Parishioners |



*None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.*

*Luke 14:33*

**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:** John Brown, Samuel Barry, Peter Ward, Doreen Farrell, Susan Clifton, George Robbins, Sarah Clark, Florence Burchall, Alice Williams, Ann Williams, John Grant, Charles Ryan, Gladys Crane, Daniel Byrne, Dolly Powell, Veronica Mason, Mrs Atherton, Cis Clarke,

**LATELY DEAD:** John Sankey, Oliver Keenan, Valerie Rooney, Jack Conway

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

**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.

**TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN**

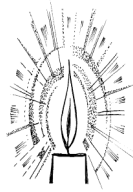
There are some prayer books and story books in a box at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



**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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Mary Raeburn** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Nora Lloyd**.



**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 11 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



### OFFERTORY 27/28 August

Plate: £449.80 Envelopes: £707.68 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1525.98**

**Tea Money: £27.23**

**Thank you for your generosity**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 27/28 August

6.00pm: 141 9.30am: 161 11.00am: 135

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church [stcharles@church.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk)

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Samuel Steven** and **William Finbar Squires** who will be baptised today. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.



**PIZZA AND PRAYERS YOUTH CLUB** will be meeting on 18th September 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.

### JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Parish Youth Group meet every Monday during term time, commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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**



**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

# Parish Dinner Dance

*Friday 18th November 2016*

*at Liverpool Cricket Club*

*7.00 for 7.30 pm*

*Ticket Price: £25*

*Dress Code: Black tie (optional)*



We have booked the very popular Gerry Jones Band who played for our St Patrick's Night Ceilidh earlier in the year. Tickets are now available from the Parish Office. There is a limit on numbers, so tickets will be issued strictly on a 'first come first served' basis with payment required in advance.

## 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.

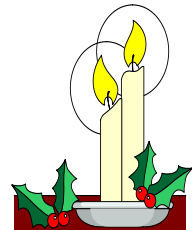
We look forward to seeing you.

*Becca, Hannah and Margaret*

## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT THE LIVERPOOL PHIL**

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 Latvian accordionist Ksenija Sidorova.

We have reserved a block of 36 seats for **Thursday 22nd December, 7.30 pm**. Tickets £28 per person. 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. No transport will be provided, but if you have a car and space for extra passengers please let Val know.



## **WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER**

Following the very successful "Ways of Praying" evenings last April, it is 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

### Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The process of documenting the life and virtues of a holy man or woman cannot begin until 5 years after death. This waiting period ensures that the person has an enduring reputation for sanctity among the faithful. It can be waived by the Supreme Pontiff, and has been done on two occasions. Pope John Paul II waived 3 years of the waiting period in the case of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope Benedict XVI waived all five years in the case of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II. Scarcely two years after the death of Mother Teresa in September 1997, the Archbishop of Calcutta at the time, Monsignor Henry D'Souza, requested that Pope John Paul II dispense with the five-year waiting period required before beginning the process of beatification and canonization. It is providential that the approved miracle that occurred in Santos, Brazil in 2008 through the intercession of Blessed Teresa, was brought to the attention of the Postulation only in late 2013 and received approval in December 2015. Thus Mother Teresa's canonization becomes a major event of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



Earlier in 2002, the Holy Father recognized the healing of an Indian woman as the miracle needed to beatify Mother Teresa of Calcutta. That healing occurred on the first anniversary of Mother Teresa's death. It involved a non-Christian woman in India who had a huge abdominal tumour and woke up to find the tumour had gone. Members of the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by Mother Teresa in 1950, prayed for their founder's intercession to help the sick woman. Members of the Missionaries of Charity said in a statement after Mother Teresa's beatification was announced, 'Since her death, people have sought her help and have experienced God's love for them through her prayers. Every day, pilgrims from India and around the world come to pray at her tomb, and many more follow her example of humble service of love to the most needy, beginning in their own families.' Mother Teresa always insisted that 'charity begins at home'.

The canonization Mass on Sept. 4 will begin at 10am and will be celebrated by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state, in St. Peter's Square, followed by the Angelus at noon. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims are expected, probably from both India and Albania, where Mother Teresa was born, Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu, in 1910 as well as state leaders. As usual, after a canonization, her relics will be venerated at the Basilica of St. John Lateran from 4pm to 6:30pm, and then again from 7am until 6:30pm on Sept. 6.

*Let us pray for all Missionaries of Charity and those who dedicate their lives to serving the poorest of the poor. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta pray for us, our families and loved ones. Amen.*

### **MOTHER TERESA**

#### **Life, Spirituality and Message.**

Exhibition from 27 Aug – 11Sept 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](mailto:winniecenacle@mail.com).