

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Newsletter items to mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 13 September**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 10th September 2017



"If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother."

Matthew 18 : 15-16

Confessions:

Mon 6.30 pm
 Thur 11.30 am
 Sun 8.45 - 9.15 am

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th Sun 10th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Charles Jones (bd) Dolly Powell (A)
Mon 11th		7.00 pm	Joan Axworthy (RIP)
Tue 12th	Holy Name of Mary	9.30 am	Pam Walsh (A)
Wed 13th	St John Chrysostom	12 noon	Cis Clare (A)
Thu 14th	Exhaltation of the Holy Cross Healing Mass	12 noon	Special Int. (Nora & Leo Forsey)
Fri 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows	No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 16th Sun 17th	Vigil 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Chris McBride (A) Tony & Sarah Patterson (A) Parishioners

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: Dolly Powell, Gladys Crane, Daniel Byrne, Veronica Mason, Catherine Doyle, Nancy Gidney, Margaret Morris, Joseph Hart, James Cullen, Mathijs Franken, Mary Osborn, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Henney, Patricia Charles, Edith Davidson-Lund, Pam Walsh, Cis Clare, Chris McBride, Tony & Sarah Patterson (A),

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

LATELY DEAD: Dorothy McKane, Dennis Maher, David Handley

Catholic Education Service

There will be a collection after all Masses today.

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish Hall after the Healing Mass on Thursday 14th September. All welcome.



Mass of welcome for new pupils at St Charles Primary School on Tuesday 12th September at 9.30am.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vera Mason (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Bridie Reynolds (Id)**.



CONFIRMATION

If you are 13 years old and wish to be confirmed in 2018 please contact the Parish Office.



A date for your diary!

Feast of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday 31st October: Vigil Mass at 7pm (Solemn Sung Mass with incense)

Wednesday 1st November at 10am (The children from school will join us for Mass)

Young Adults 31st October

Mass (Vigil for All Saints) in Church at 7pm. Followed by a short talk and meal in the Presbytery.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **James Robert and Matthew Francis Morrison** who will be baptised. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Michael Digney and Joanne Brown** who were married here on Saturday.



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

MUSIC ON 17 SEPT

9.30am ORGAN
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 2/3 September

Plate: £559.48 Envelopes: £728.44 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1699.17

Lourdes Tea Money: £15.30

In Memory of Amelio Montauti (Boiler) £50

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 2/3 September

5.00pm: 147 9.30am: 149 11.00am: 182

Total: 478

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

CALLED BEYOND

This Pastoral Area has been chosen to launch a pilot scheme which 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.

8 October – 15 October, 2017

A week of events will be held to celebrate the different ways in which we go beyond the call of duty in our lives. Choose the event that suits you best.

Sunday 8 Oct: *Opening Mass.*

Monday 9 Oct: *Meet the Married Couples.* 7.30 – 9.00pm at Kevin and Isabelle's home.

Tuesday 10 Oct: *Wine with Father and Deacon.* 7.30 – 9.00pm in St Charles Meeting Room.

Wednesday 11 Oct: *Tea and Cake with Sister.* 7.30 – 9.00pm meet Sr Mary at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road.

Thursday 12 Oct: *Young Adult Choices.* 7.30 – 9.00pm with Sr Mary Ann in St Charles Meeting Room.

Friday 13 Oct: *Youth Event.* 5pm – 6.30pm Animate at Bellerive FCJ Catholic College.

Sunday 15 Oct: *Closing Mass.*

Save the dates!
More details nearer
the time.

 National Office
for Vocation
Helping people hear God's call

St Wilfrid's 11th 'Living Christ' Retreat

We ran our first Parish Retreat in 2013. We have gradually extended it to include other parishioners in our Liverpool South Pastoral Area. Now, we cordially invite parishioners from St Charles and St Thomas More Parish to join us in October this year.

Friday & Saturday 6/7 October 2017

Venue: Holy Trinity School, Banks Road, Garston

The Retreat lasts from 7.15pm to 9.30pm on the Friday and continues from 9.15am to 5.00pm on the Saturday. Time to reflect on: Where have you met Jesus in the past? How have you responded to him? How would you like to respond in the future? Lay parishioners lead the reflections.

The heart of the Retreat lies in Gospel stories, but there will be plenty of time for sharing personal memories, group discussions, communal prayer and private prayer.

Maximum of 28 participants. No transport? No problem! Invitations at the back of Church.

For further information, please telephone Sue Faulkner on 0151 – 427 6518 or Stella or Maurus O'Donnell on 0151 427 3386.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE



Open Evening for Year 6 pupils

(for Year 7 intake in 2018)

will take place on

Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 6.30pm

Woolton Hill Road, Liverpool, L25 6EG

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.



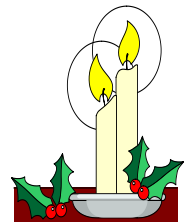
Thought for the Week:

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

'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.



NEW INFORMATION

Lucky Number Club – Assin Foso

The Lucky Number Club to support the parish and school in Assin Foso will be starting soon with the first draw on 22nd October. It is £2.50 a month for each number and the prizes will be £60, £40 £25 and the winning numbers will be published in the newsletter. You can pay for your numbers in a range of ways including by standing order or by cheque for the full year £30 or 6 months £15. Forms are available at the back of church and should be returned to the parish office. Please get your forms in soon to be entered for the October draw.

Thank you for your on-going support and good luck.

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

Justice and Peace Group St Charles and St Thomas More

The Creation Time from CAFOD and the Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Commission, publication is available to download from the reference below. It gives individuals and groups within the parish the opportunity to reflect on the Gospel readings for Creation Time in the light of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si for September and first week of October*':

[http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/userfiles/files/Justice and Peace/Creation%20Time%202017%20\(web%20version\).pdf](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/userfiles/files/Justice%20and%20Peace/Creation%20Time%202017%20(web%20version).pdf)

Live Simply Tip of the week:

Make sure to go for a walk in Sefton Park and enjoy the wildlife!



PIZZA AND PRAYERS meet again in the Parish Hall on Sunday 24th September 6.30 – 8pm. New members welcome. If you are thinking of going to Lourdes this summer or if you would like to join a group of young people please come along.

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.



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.