

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 11th September 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 10th Sun 11th	Vigil	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Anne Weston (bd) Charles Jones (bd) Parishioners
Mon 12th	Most Holy Name of Mary	10.00 am	Mary O'Leary (sick)
Tue 13th	St John Chrysostom	7.00 pm	Alice McLoughlin (A)
Wed 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	12.00 noon	Special Int (Sr Cordis)
Thu 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows	12.00 noon	Sophie Armstrong (RIP)
Fri 16th	SS Cornelius and Cyprian Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 17th Sun 18th	Vigil 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Alice & Jack Marsh (RIP) Parishioners Nancy Sheridan (A)



There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

Luke 15:7

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: Daniel Byrne, Dolly Powell, Veronica Mason, Catherine Doyle, Nancy Gidney, Margaret Morris, Joseph Hart, James Cullen, Mathijs Franken, Mary Orsborn, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Henney, Patricia Charles, Edith Davidson-Lund, Ian Hill, Alice McLoughlin, Nancy Sheridan.

LATELY DEAD: Annie Cray, Betty Bruton

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE. There will be a collection after all Masses today.

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.

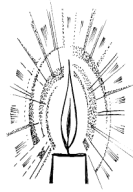


IF SOMEONE IS ILL

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.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Sarah & Tony Patterson (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Joe Ryan (bd)**.



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 18 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 3/4 September

Plate: £448.48 Envelopes: £590.18 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1407.16

Lourdes Tea Money: £21.50

Thank you for your generosity

MASS ATTENDANCE 3/4/ September

6.00pm: 121 9.30am: 145 11.00am: 181

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Enrolment Mass for all those making their First Holy Communion next year will be on Sunday 25th September during the 11am Mass.

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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Daniel Thomas Byrne** who will be baptised today. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



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.

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 a 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.

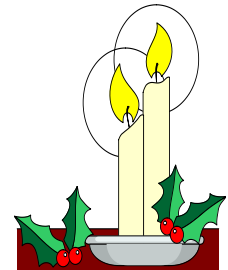
We look forward to seeing you.

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 an extra passenger please let Val know.



Knights of St. Columba Sponsored Walk 2016

Council 9 of the Knights of St. Columba will be undertaking their annual 'Steve Dooley' sponsored walk for charity on Sunday 25th September. The walk this year is for 'CHICS' (Children's Cancer Support Group) - website www.chics.org.uk. It provides support for parents of children with cancer in Cheshire, Wirral, Lancashire, North Wales, the Isle of Man and Merseyside. This is the area covered by the regional children's cancer treatment centre based at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Last year our sponsored walk raised £10,000 for Zoe's Place, it would be great if we could get near that target again this year. Sponsorship envelopes will be given out at all Masses on the 17th and 18th September and collected in at all Masses on 1st and 2nd October. The Knights know you will be as generous as possible.

If you are feeling fit and would like to take part in the walk, it starts at The Pumhouse at Albert Dock at 2pm on Sunday 25th September and finishes at Liverpool Cricket Club on Aigburth Road, where refreshments will be available.

Thank you, KSC Council 9

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

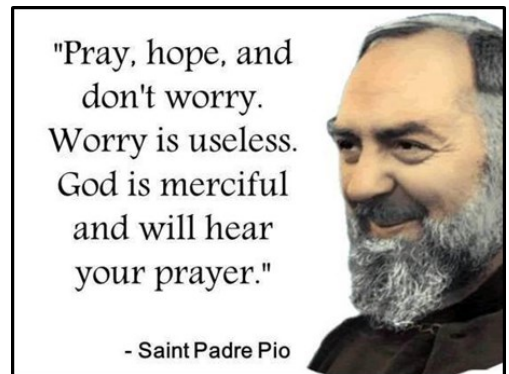
Francesco Forgione was born on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, a farming town in the southern Italian region of Campania. He died in 1968 at the age of 81. On January 22, 1903 he took the Franciscan habit and the name of Fra (Friar) Pio.

An Italian Capuchin friar and mystic, Padre Pio was credited with thousands of miraculous cures during his lifetime, and is still venerated as a miracle-worker. For many years the Vatican opposed the following and fame which grew up around Padre Pio, but then later changed its attitude, granting him the highest honour possible after his death; full sainthood.

He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002, and his feast day falls on 23rd September. Saint Pio is revered for having borne the **stigmata**; permanent wounds on his hands and feet like those Christ suffered at the crucifixion. He lived for decades with these painful, bleeding wounds. Saint Pio had a very special charism as a confessor that few priests have, that is the ability to '**read hearts**'. This facet of mystical knowledge is a supernatural gift from God whereby a confessor is able to read into the heart and conscience of an individual to then be able to guide and direct the person towards a greater union with God. Over the centuries, this gift of '**reading into hearts**' has often been given to priests so that they may better guide penitents in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saint Pio's charism enabled him to know when someone was being dishonest in confession, or simply had forgotten a serious sin, perhaps through lack of an adequate examination of conscience. In such cases, he was able to tell the penitent exactly what they did and when, as well as any relevant circumstances. This drew many hundreds a day to him, moved by the grace of sincere repentance and the knowledge that Padre Pio could guide them, with the wisdom of God, in their spiritual lives.

In the mid-1960s, Padre Pio's health began to deteriorate, but he continued to celebrate daily Mass and hear fifty confessions each day. By July of 1968, he was almost bedridden. On the fiftieth anniversary of his stigmata (September 20, 1968), Padre Pio celebrated Mass, attended the public recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. On the next day, he was too tired to celebrate Mass or hear confessions. In the early morning hours of September 23, Padre Pio called his superior and asked to make his last confession. He then renewed his vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. At 2:30am, Padre Pio died in his cell. As he foretold, Saint Pio lived with intense suffering as he shared in the Passion of Christ, but died in peace with the stigmata healed.

Let us pray for the grace to prepare well for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by always making a sincere and honest examination of conscience and confession. Saint Pio pray for us.



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

Women in Mid-life - A relaxing retreat. Come along to an interesting and inspiring day.

"Many women get to mid-life feeling exhausted, dissatisfied and stuck. If this is your experience why not come to Tabor Retreat Centre on Saturday 24th September. This day will help you make sense of what is happening in your life. It will also offer you some hope for the future. To book a place call Tabor on 01772 717122. And why not bring a friend. Two places for £20.

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.

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.