

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Newsletter items to mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 20 September**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 17th September 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 16th Sun 17th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Chris McBride (A) Tony & Sarah Patterson (A) Parishioners
Mon 18th		7.00 pm	Tom Woolfrey (A)
Tue 19th		9.30 am	Nancy Sheridan (A)
Wed 20th		12 noon	Ken McCormack (A)
Thu 21st	St Matthew, apostle, evangelist	12 noon	Jack Furlong (A)
Fri 22nd		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 23rd Sun 24th	Vigil 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	George Corcoran (A) Parishioners Aidan Kirwan (A)



And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Matthew 18 : 27

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: Ian Daniel Hill, Sheila Woolley, Thomas Charles Woolfrey, Joan McKeown, Ann Marie Sheridan, Thomas William Prescott, John Joseph Buckley, David James Mangan, John Thomas Giblin, Dcn Bill Strype, Kathleen Mary Henderson, Margaret McCarthy, George Irvin Scott, John Bernard Furlong, George Fearon, Maureen Elizabeth Marsden.

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

LATELY DEAD: Kevin Bell, Marie Yates, Sheila Pinder, Kenny Thomas, Stella Diji

Parish Rooms

The Parish Rooms are available for Parish Groups to use for regular meetings. Please ring the office to check availability, as there are several groups who meet on a weekly basis.

Weekly: Monday Afternoon Pensioners Tuesday Evening SVP, Wednesday Morning Toddlers, Thursday Afternoon Tea and Coffee, Thursday Evening- Mothers Prayers, Friday Evening Bingo

Monthly: First Thursday – Soup and a roll, Third Saturday morning Messy Church, Fourth Tuesday Evening Justice and Peace.

Please note all Sacramental Activities and functions take precedence but we do try are best to be flexible.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Special Intention Bina Mulhearn** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Chris McBride (A)**



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 **Grace Harper Kirwan** who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Paul Hibbert and Anna Ryan** who will be married here on Saturday 23 September.



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

MUSIC ON 24 SEPT

9.30am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 9/10 September

Plate: £561.45 Envelopes: £617.92 S/O: £411.25

Total: £1590.62

Lourdes Tea Money: £14.00

Catholic Education Service: £15.00

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 9/10 September

5.00pm: 156 9.30am: 146 11.00am: 227

Total: 529

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.

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.

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.



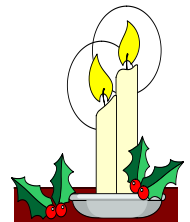
Thought for the Week:

Circle me, O God. Keep hope within, despair without.

'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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted 5 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th October 2017. £699.00 per person sharing.

Price includes flight with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening.

All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. We will also visit Ballintubber Abbey, Westport, Foxford Woollen Mills.

Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £60. Groups and Individual bookings welcome.

Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

CUPPA AND CHAT is changing to **AFTERNOON TEA (or coffee!)**

We will meet on **THURSDAYS 1.30 – 3.00** starting this Thursday, 21st September. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 23rd September

11-1pm

in the Church Hall.

'Dear All Messy Church is back after the summer break and our theme for this month is Our Beautiful World. We hope you can join us for lots of crafts, messiness and songs. As always there will be lunch and Messy Church is free to attend. Hope to see you 23rd September 11-1pm in the Church Hall. All our welcome to get messy or to help out.

For more info follow our Facebook page or call Nickie on 07545613590



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.

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 7th October** at St. Charles' Presbytery, [224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool](http://www.224AigburthRoadLiverpool.com).

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

WANTED: USED STAMPS



There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, cut out from envelopes with a wide border please, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

THE ART OF DYING WELL prayer cards.

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. www.artofdyingwell.org.

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.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

A book is placed near St. Anthony's statue in which to write your prayer requests which will be offered to God at the week-end Masses.