

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 18th September 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 17th Sun 18th	Vigil	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Alice & Jack Marsh (RIP) Parishioners Nancy Sheridan (A)
Mon 19th	St Theodore of Canterbury	10.00 am	Frances Ellison (RIP)
Tue 20th	SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	7.00 pm	Thomas Woolfrey (A)
Wed 21st	St Matthew, Apostle	12.00 noon	Thanksgiving for prayers (RR)
Thu 22nd		12.00 noon	Sarah & Tony Patterson (A)
Fri 23rd	St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 24th Sun 25th	Wedding Service Vigil 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2.00 pm 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Michael Grant & Jennifer Butler George Corcoran (A) Parishioners Aidan Kirwan (A)



You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

Luke 16:13

Confessions:

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Tea and coffee will

be served after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Youth Fund.

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 Hill, Nancy Sheridan, Thomas Woolfrey, Joan McKeown, Tom Prescott, John Buckley, David Mangan, John Giblin, Dcn Bill Strype, Kath Henderson, Peggy McCarthy, George Scott, John Furlong, George Fearon, Maureen Marsden, Patricia Dallas, Aidan Kirwan, Jackie Ashton, George Corcoran, Sarah & Tony Patterson, Doreen Farrell.

LATELY DEAD: Canon Kevin Mullen, Winnie Daly, Angela Hyland.

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

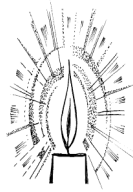
There are some prayer books and story books in a box at the back of church for you to use while you are at Mass. Hope you enjoy them.



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 **Fr Michael Williams (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Mary Ryan (A)**



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 25 SEPTEMBER

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 10/11 September

Plate: £933.09 Envelopes: £749.78 S/O: £368.50

Total: £2051.37

Lourdes Tea Money: £27.42

Education Service: £145.57 Thank you.

MASS ATTENDANCE 10/11 September

6.00pm: 131 9.30am: 169 11.00am: 155

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

PIZZA AND PRAYERS YOUTH CLUB will be meeting today, Sunday 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.

Congratulations to Michael James

Grant and Jennifer Sian Butler who will be married here on Saturday 24th September. Please keep them in your prayers.



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.

HOME MISSIONS There will be a collection after all Masses today for Home Missions.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Parish Youth Group meet every Monday during term time, 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.

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



**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.

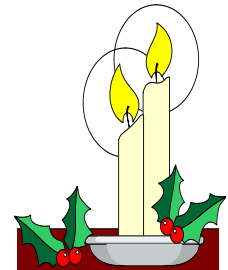
We look forward to seeing you.

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.



Knights of St. Columba Sponsored Walk 2016

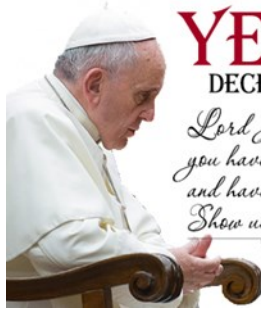
Council 9 of the Knights of St. Columba will be undertaking their annual 'Steve Dooley' sponsored walk for charity on Sunday 25th September. The walk this year is for 'CHICS' (Children's Cancer Support Group) - website www.chics.org.uk. It provides support for parents of children with cancer in Cheshire, 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 Pumphouse 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



YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.*

There are now approximately two months remaining of this 'Holy Year', so perhaps this is an ideal time to remind ourselves what this year is about and what it means for each one of us. In the Old Testament times (Lev 25: 8) a Jubilee Year, celebrated every 50 years, was a time for special honour of God, shown by a change in our way of life. In this year, debts, failings and penalties were forgiven, slaves were given their freedom, and the land left in peace. Drawing on this tradition, the Church declares every 25 years an 'Ordinary' Jubilee to prompt reconciliation and forgiveness. But, as has happened this time, the Pope may, on his own initiative, declare an '**Extraordinary**' Jubilee, to highlight an important aspect of the Roman Catholic Faith. This year we are called to focus on 'God's Mercy'. A Jubilee marks a break in the passage of time: it marks a year with a difference, in which each one of us is invited to do something for others and for God. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

This is the invitation sent out by Pope Francis:

'Mercy – this is the best thing we can feel. It changes the world. It makes it a little less cold and a little more just. It is important that each one of us lives it and carries it in all walks of life. Forward! Now is the time of mercy.' Traditionally, the beginning of the Jubilee was marked by the opening of a Holy Door by the Pope in Rome. To make this Jubilee accessible to all, Pope Francis requested there also to be a Holy Door in the different dioceses and Shrines throughout the world. During the 'Year of Mercy', Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the notion of a Holy Door, *'a door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.'* By passing through the Holy Door, receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, and praying for the Pope's intentions, pilgrims may gain a plenary indulgence, the full remission of sins. Pilgrims are welcome to the Door of Mercy throughout the Year of Mercy at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Two other Jubilee churches: Holy Cross & St Helen in St Helens and St Mary's in Leyland are also open to pilgrims. At the Cathedral, the East side door has been designated as the 'Holy Door' for pilgrims. The Holy Door is clearly marked out as the pilgrim entrance for the Holy Year. Within the Cathedral there are '**Stations of Mercy**', with leaflets for prayer and reflection and of course, at specific times, opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We too have a 'Door of Mercy' here at St Charles and St Thomas More with weekly confessions on Tues: 6.15pm - 6.45pm; and Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm.

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.

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.

'Hello Everyone

Our next **L17 Messy Church** event will celebrate Harvest time. There will be lots of crafts and messiness to be enjoyed by all plus our child centred liturgy about the Bread of Life. All of this will be followed by one of Brenda's fabulous lunches which we will share together. We hope you can make it, L17 Messy Church is for the whole community to enjoy, it is free and lots of fun. Your donations are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you 24th September 11-1pm in the Church Hall.

For more information, contact Nickie on 07545 613590'