

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 1st October 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 30th Sun 1st	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Marie & Fred Ferguson (A) Parishioners Bob McCappin (bd)
Mon 2nd	Guardian Angels	No Mass	
Tue 3rd		9.30 am	Retired & Sick Clergy
Wed 4th	St Francis of Assisi	12 noon	John Lacy (sick)
Thu 5th		No Mass	
Fri 6th		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 7th Sun 8th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Funeral Vigil (Reception of body) Fr Michael Gaine</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Mary Halpin (A) Parishioners Mary & Joseph O'Toole (Wedding Anniv.)



*John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him.*

*Matthew 31:22*

**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:** Marie & Fred Ferguson, Gerard McDonald, Elizabeth Hosey, Mary Chapman, Kathleen Evans, Paul McDermott, Canon John Short, Katherine O'Neill, Marie Logan, Mary Sexton, John McHale, Stephanie Roberts, Patrick Dolan, David Goodfield, Agnes Hilliard, Margaret Kerr, Mary Lenahan, John Fitzgerald, Henry Kilroe, Dorothy Roberts, Rita McColl, Mary Halpin, Joseph O'Toole.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Rio Dinnell Alexandria, Joe McNicholas, Baby Cali Ledgeway, Paula Reid.

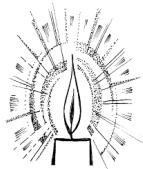
**LATELY DEAD:** James Joseph Walsh, Dennis McNamara, Margaret Brennan, Fr Michael Gaine, Carol Lawler, Bryan Smedley, Joan Walsh, John Wilcott.

### Requiem Mass – Fr Michael Gaine

Fr Michael Gaine died on Sunday 24 September, may he rest in peace. He was a former Parish Priest of Our Lady's Highfield Street and latterly lived at James Nugent Court, Ullet Road. Fr Michael's body will be received into St Charles Church on Sunday 8 October at 5pm and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.

**TEA AND COFFEE** will be served after the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Nora Mary Toohey** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for a **Private Intention.**



## CONFIRMATION

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



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Holly Emma Pethard** who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Today we welcome to our Parish Community the families whose children will be Baptised over the next few months.

### Dates for your diary!

#### Feast of All Saints - Holyday of Obligation

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Vigil Mass at 7pm (Solemn Sung Mass with incense)

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at 10am (The children from school will join us for Mass)

#### Feast of the Faithful Departed

**Thursday 2 November at 7.00 pm** - Mass for deceased parishioners. More details next week.

## MUSIC ON 8 October

9.30am MUSIC GROUP  
11.00am ORGAN



## OFFERTORY 23/24 September

Plate: £544.37 Envelopes: £692.15 S/O: £411.25

**Total: £1647.77**

Lourdes Tea Money: £45.00

Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS ATTENDANCE 23/24 September

5.00pm: 151 9.30am: 161 11.00am: 255

**Total: 567**

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted 5 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## 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.*

 National Office  
for Vocation  
Helping people hear God's call

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**CUPPA AND CHAT**  
 has changed to  
**AFTERNOON TEA (or coffee!)**  
 We meet on **THURSDAYS**  
 1.30 – 3.00.  
 Come and share a cuppa  
 and an activity.  
 All are welcome!



**FIRST CONFESSION**

Please pray for those children who have begun the preparation session for First Confession.



**Young Adults 31<sup>st</sup> October**

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

**The Knights of St Columba  
 Annual Sponsored Walk**

Last Sunday, members, family and friends of Council 9 of The Knights of St. Columba undertook their Annual Sponsored Walk, named after Steve Dooley, one of our former Grand Knights. We were blessed with decent weather as walked along the waterfront from Albert Dock, finishing up at Liverpool Cricket Club, where welcome refreshments were on hand.



As usual, we were joined by lots of parishioners (plus one dog!) from right across the Council 9 area. They had read about the walk in the various parish bulletins, and had decided to join us and it made for a wonderful inter-parish community event! So, if you would like to walk with us next year, you would be most welcome- just put this date in your diary- September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.

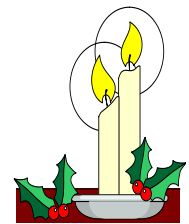
This year's nominated charity is Nugent Crisis Fund, which offers one-off emergency support to a pupil or family from our area who suddenly find themselves in need of help.

**Thought for the Week:** Don't wait for the Last Judgement. It takes place every day.

**'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?**

**Monday and Wednesday evenings  
 7.30 - 8.30 pm  
 until 1st November**

This course is suitable for Catholics, enquirers and anyone interested in the faith.

## 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 our best to be flexible.**

World Apostolate of Fatima (England and Wales) **Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco** will be at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017. See Poster in Porch.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> October** at St. Charles' Presbytery, [224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool](#).

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, on telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

## The Parish Prayer Group

will meet as usual on Monday 2nd October. All welcome. Details from Frances, 0151 727 2195.



## Justice and Peace Group St Charles and St Thomas More



J&P members will give out: Fast Day (6<sup>th</sup> Oct) **Envelopes and the Power To Be Cards after each Mass this week-end** for your use and return them next week-end. Thanks

**This year Cafod Harvest Fast Day** is to benefit El Salvador: "We plant the seeds that one day will grow". These words are from a prayer that remembers Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador who was brutally murdered because he tried to help the poorest people in his country. And, at harvest, we share God's abundance with our neighbours.

### Petition to the World Bank.

We are calling on **Melanie Robinson**, the UK's representative at the World Bank, to **shift the balance** to support



renewable energy which tackles poverty, so everyone can have the chance to fulfil their God-given potential.

**Please take a card, sign our petition card and**

## Hello Friends

You are invited to the following event:

## JUST DO IT! A TRANSITION LIVERPOOL SYMPOSIUM



**Saturday 14 October 2017 from 9.30 to 16.30**

Quaker Meeting House

22 School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT

You can book your free ticket at

[justdoitliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk](http://justdoitliverpool.eventbrite.co.uk)

and find out further details about the event. Also see the poster on the J&P noticeboard in the meeting room.

## CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.