

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 2nd October 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 1st Sun 2nd	Vigil	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Fred & Marie Ferguson (A) Parishioners Bob McCappin (bd)
Mon 3rd	Requiem	10.00 am	Elizabeth Harris
Tue 4th	St Francis of Assisi	7.00 pm	Juliana Walsh (A)
Wed 5th		12.00 noon	Mary Halpin (A)
Thu 6th	Healing Mass St Bruno	12.00 noon	Frank & Anthony Menzies (A)
Fri 7th	Church open for private prayer Our Lady of the Rosary	No Mass	
Sat 8th Sun 9th	Vigil 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Dan O'Brien (A) Parishioners Dolly Powell (A)



I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

2 Timothy 1:6

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: Kathleen Rita Evans, Paul McDermott, **Canon John Short**, Katherine O'Neill, Marie Therese Logan, Mary Carmel Sexton, John McHale, Stephanie Carol Roberts, Patrick Joseph Dolan, David Goodfield, Mary Agnes Hilliard, Margaret Kerr, Mary Ann Lenehan, John Patrick Fitzgerald, Henry Kilroe, Dorothy Roberts, Rita Frances McColl, Julianna Walsh, Fred Ferguson, Mary Halpin, Dan O'Brien, Frank and Anthony Menzies, Dolly Powell

LATELY DEAD: Elizabeth Harris, William Kelly, Ken McCormack, Sheila Woolley

PIETY SHOP

We now have a selection of Christmas Cards and gifts for sale in the Piety ShoOp.

HOSPICE AFRICA

Dr Anne Merriman will be speaking at the Masses this weekend to update us about her work with Hospice Africa.

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 **Paul Liasides** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Bob McCappin**



THE HARVEST FAST DAY

is on Friday 7th October. The envelopes will be given out next weekend 8/9 October to be returned the following weekend.

Baptism Preparation Course



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

Dear TODDLERS

We 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

MUSIC ON 9 OCTOBER

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 24/25 September

Plate: £583.44 Envelopes: £578.87 S/O: £368.50

Total: £1530.81

Ghana Donation £200.00

Lourdes Tea Money £29.12

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 24/25 September

6.00pm: 117 9.30am: 176 11.00am: 250

Knights of St Columba Council 9 Annual Sponsored Walk 2016

Many thanks to all who participated in, or helped with, our annual walk last Sunday, which this year supports CHICS, the Children's Cancer Support Group, based in Alder Hey. The Knights will be in the various parishes this coming weekend, collecting the donation envelopes. Thanks once again for generously supporting this very worthy cause. We will of course let you know the grand total when all the monies are in.



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.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Parish Youth Group meets every Monday during term time, at 6.00pm until 7.30pm in St Charles Meeting Room for children in years 4–7.

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS (TOOT) 2016

At the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane L15 6WT

Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th

These days are for anyone involved in ministry or the service of others. With time for silence and personal reflection they help to re-charge our energies.

Days begin at 10am, with coffee, and end about 4pm. Please bring your own food, tea and coffee provided. Offering for the day is £10 per person.

For further information contact Sr Winnie Morley, 0151 722 2271, winniecenacle@mail.com.

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

AN INVITATION TO UNDERSTANDING CAFOD

Thursday 6th October, 7.15 tea/coffee for 7.30 pm start, St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall. Please come along to hear from CAFOD Rep, Colette Byrne. Learn more about CAFOD's work, and how we might support it through prayer, fund-raising and campaigns.

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)

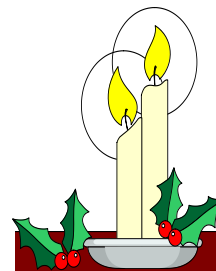
We have booked the very popular Gerry Jones Band who played for our St Patrick's Night Ceilidh earlier in the year. Tickets are now available from the Parish Office. There is a limit on numbers so tickets will be issued strictly on a 'first come first served' basis with payment required in advance.



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.



ASSIN FOSO PARISH GHANA

On **Monday 10 October at 7.45pm** in the Parish Hall a meeting will be held to look at ways we can raise money and provide aid to the School and Parishes that Fr Emmanuel serves in Ghana. Thank you for those who came forward with ideas and suggestions last Sunday. I look forward to hearing more about them.

SOUP & A ROLL

will be served in the Parish meeting room after the 12 noon Healing Mass on Thursday 6th October. Everyone welcome.



Mass for Deceased Parishioners and their Relatives

On Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm, Holy Mass for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed will be offered in a special way. We will remember those who have died in the past two years along with our deceased priests, friends and family members. All are welcome to attend this Mass and are asked to bring along a photograph (in a stand-up frame) to place before the Altar preceding the Mass.

ALL are welcome and please invite bereaved friends and family to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after Mass.



Christmas Fair

Sunday 20th November

10.30am

in St Charles Meeting Rooms. Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle. Admission adults 50p, children free.

If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola (**NO BRIC-A-BRAC**) and would like to donate them to the Fair, then please bring them to the parish office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Thank you.

GUIDED PRAYER TIME

Sunday 2nd October – Sunday 23rd October 2016

There is an opening meeting at 3.30pm today for all those who have signed up for Guided Prayer Time.

Newsletter Deadline

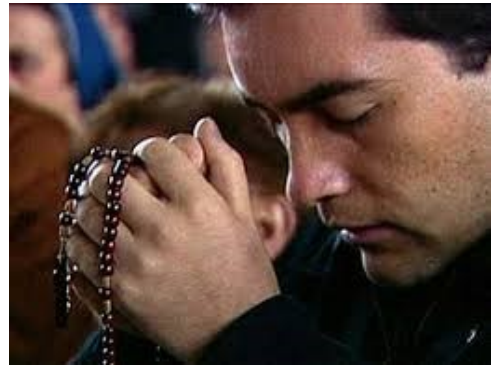
Please note that, due to holidays, the deadline for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter is 8pm

TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

This entire month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary is October 7th. The rosary is a form of combined prayer and meditation that has been around for over 1200 years. The origin of the rosary dates back to the ninth century when Irish monks would recite and chant the 150 Psalms of the Bible as a major part of their worship. People living near the monasteries were drawn towards this beautiful and harmonious devotion, and they became very eager to join in with the monks' prayers. Unfortunately, the people were not able to adapt to this form of prayer because the psalms were very hard to memorize and printed copies of the psalms were not readily available. As a result, it was suggested to the people outside the monastery that they recite a series of 150 'Our Father' prayers in place of the psalms.



As this form of devotion became increasingly popular, people started to devise methods in order to keep track of their prayers. At first, 15 little pebbles were placed inside small leather pouches to keep count. Since this method was rather troublesome, a thin rope having 50 knots on it was used instead (it was used three times for a total of 150 prayers). Eventually, the instrument of choice became the use of string with small pieces of wood. In later years, the Irish monks travelled throughout Europe and brought this form of devotion with them. In some areas, both clergy and lay people began to recite the 'Angelic Salutation', the first part of what we now know as the 'Hail Mary', as part of this devotion. The popularity of this prayer led to the adoption of 50 Angelic Salutations being said for each piece of wood or knot on the prayer string. During the 13th century, Medieval theologians began to interpret the 150 psalms as veiled mysteries about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They began to write a series of Psalters, or praises, in honour of Jesus for each interpretation of the psalms. In addition, 150 Psalters honouring Mary were also composed. In order to fit the existing prayer string, these Psalters were divided into groups of 50 and were referred to as 'Rosariums'. Although 'Rosarium' refers to roses and rose gardens, it was used to signify a collection of prayers which could be compared to a bouquet of roses. As we see today, the rose is a very popular symbol associated with our Blessed Mother Mary and it is a sign that she often uses as she did in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The interpretation of the psalms into written Psalters led to the implementation of special thoughts or meditations being attached to each bead. This innovated version of the rosary was widely spread by Blessed Alan de la Roche of the Dominican Order, as it revived the divinely inspired works that St. Dominic and his Rosary Confraternity had initiated some hundred years earlier. The prayers of the 'Rosarium' were later broken out into sets of 10 and these groupings became known as decades. Each decade of ten "Hail Mary" prayers would be preceded by one 'Our Father'.

Around the year 1700, the thoughts used in the rosary started to become narratives. St. Louis de Montfort composed the most common set of narratives that eventually became used as meditations for each decade of the rosary. These narratives were divided into five Joyful, five Sorrowful, and five Glorious meditations that are referred to as 'mysteries'. Just recently, in 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced another set of five meditations referred to as the 'Luminous Mysteries' or 'Mysteries of Light'. As you can see, the rosary as we know it today is the result of many evolutions dating back several hundred years. Although the manner in which the rosary is recited has changed, the results of praying the rosary are still the same. This 'Holy Year of Mercy' is an ideal opportunity to pray the rosary and meditate upon the story of the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. This is the story of our salvation and God's merciful love for His people. There are many graces to be received from the recitation of the rosary both in our homes and churches.

This [Rosary] prayer is perfect because of the praise it offers, because of the lessons it imparts, because of the graces it obtains and because of the triumphs it achieves. [Pope Benedict XV]

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Isaac Terence Cowdrey** who will be baptised today. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets on the second Monday of October, 10th; please remember that there is a change of venue. All welcome, details from 727 2195.

