

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 15th October 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 14th Sun 15th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Marie Shaw (RIP) Elizabeth Judge (bd)
Mon 16th		7.00 pm	Thanksgiving (KW)
Tue 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30 am	Amelio Montauti (ld)
Wed 18th	St Luke, Evangelist	12 noon	Grateful Thanks to Our Lady (CRH)
Thu 19th		12 noon	Betty Corkill (A)
Fri 20th		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 21st Sun 22nd	<b>Vigil</b> <b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 am 5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Joseph Ennis Kathleen & Terry Langton (A) Parishioners Anita Crawley (A)



*The wedding is ready; but those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

*Matthew 22:8-9*

**Confessions:**

Mon 6.30 pm  
 Thur 11.30 am  
 Sat 9.30 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:** Albert Hall, Margaret Daw, Marie Shaw, Jim Devenney, Charles Bates, Eileen Clare, Betty Corkill, Anna Williams, Anne Riley, Catherine Rowlands, Kathleen & Terry Langton, Anita Crawley,

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Baby Cali Ledgeway, Paula Reid.

**LATELY DEAD:** Linda Joules, Wendy Slemen, Henry Murray.

### NEW: SATURDAY MORNING MASS

From **Saturday 21 October** there will be a morning Mass every Saturday at 10am.  
 NB: This Mass **does not** fulfil your Sunday Obligation



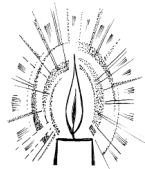
to any visitors and new parishioners.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER UNTIL MONDAY 30 OCTOBER.**

Deadline for items for next week's Newsletter is **Tuesday 17th October**

**Thought for the Week:** Give and ask no return.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week in **Remembrance of Janie Patten** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for a **Special Intention**.



## Holy Hour, Marian Devotions & Benediction

Sunday 22 October, 3-4 pm

## 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 St Charles Borromeo

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

There will be Mass at 10am on the feast of St Charles Borromeo followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 3pm.

(Please sign up for watching at the back of the church).



## 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.

## MUSIC ON 22 October

9.30am MUSIC GROUP  
11.00am ORGAN



## OFFERTORY 7/8 October

Plate: £581.42 Envelopes: £576.96 S/O: £411.25

**Total: £1569.63**

Lourdes Tea Money: £14.00

Church Boiler Donation from Parish Social: £91.50

CAFOD: 519.05

Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS ATTENDANCE 30 Sept/1 Oct

5.00pm: 151 9.30am: 159 11.00am: 217

**Total: 527**

## Mass for Deceased Parishioners and their Relatives

On Thursday 2 November at 7.00pm, 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.



## PIOUS LISTS

Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Mass will be offered each day for their intentions. If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please fill in a Pious List and hand it in to the sacristy or parish office before 1st November together with your donation.

## New Altar Servers

We currently need more Altar Servers for our Sunday Masses. If your child is in year 4 or above and would like to serve at Mass, please bring him/her along 15minutes before Mass begins and they will start to receive training.



## Lucky Number Club – Assin Foso

Envelopes will be available at the back of church with details of your number for everyone who has joined the lucky number club. Please collect your envelope so you have your number for the first draw which will take place on Sunday 22nd October and will be drawn by Father Preston. We will print the winning numbers in the following week's newsletter.

Thanks again for everyone's support as the club should raise about £1,000 in its first year to support the parish and school in Ghana.

## PRAYER.

The Jesuits run two very useful websites: "**Sacred Space**", and "**Pray as You Go**" which provide a prayer and reflection for each day and a simple method of meditation. Could be useful for those few spare minutes you may have at lunchtime.

Visit: [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) and [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

## ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks (**NO CLOTHES**) to the Missionaries of Charity. The Mother Teresa sisters in Seel Street will give these items to the very poor and homeless in Liverpool over the Christmas period. Please leave items in the box at the back of church. Your generous donations are gratefully received.

## Christmas Fair

**After all Masses, Saturday & Sunday, 2nd & 3rd December**

in St Charles Meeting Rooms.  
Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle.

Admission adults 50p, children free.

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

## Knights of St. Columba Charity Walk

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have already generously donated so far to our chosen charity this year, the Nugent Crisis Fund. There is still plenty of time to hand in your donation and there should be plenty of spare envelopes at the back of church. We will let you know our grand total when all of the money has been counted.

Many thanks,

**David Linford, Grand Knight, Council 9, KSC**



## PARISH DAY OUT

**Saturday 11 November**

We have arranged a Parish Day Out to York, departing St Charles at 8.15 am and leaving York at 5pm. **Adults £10, children £6 paid in advance and not refundable.** Please contact the Parish office to reserve your seat.

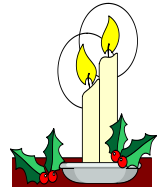


## 'SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS' AT THE LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC

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.

### TWO WEEKS LEFT TO BOOK!

Tickets £30 = a discount of £5 per head. **Contact Val at the Parish Office or Barbara Charles (728 7740) after 19 October. Bookings only accepted with payment.**



## EMBRACE LIVERPOOL - CALLED - "COME YOU WHOM MY FATHER HAS BLESSED"

**Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral  
25 November 9.30 - 6pm**



An exciting one-day conference for young Catholics in the heart of Liverpool. Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration, great talks and fantastic workshops! Bring your friends, let's pack out the Cathedral and show that the Church is ALIVE.

Register now [EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK](http://EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK)

## 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.

## MESSY CHURCH

**Saturday 21st October  
11-1pm  
in the Church Hall.**



This month at Messy Church we are celebrating Harvest, we have planned many crafts and activities for you to enjoy as well as a delicious lunch. Messy Church is for the whole community and all are welcome.

Also, we are currently hoping to recruit some new helpers. If you can spare 2 hours a month, each month, or a couple of times a year, and like crafts and messiness please come along, or get in touch, no other qualifications are necessary.

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

Thank you for your £519.05 very generous contribution to Cafod Harvest Fast Day (6<sup>th</sup> Oct). This year it was to benefit El Salvador: "We plant the seeds that one day will grow". And at harvest, we share God's abundance with our neighbours. Any gardener, or farmer, knows this instinctively: that nature is abundant, as God's love is abundant. But in El Salvador in recent years, farmers have bought foreign, hybrid seeds because they were told they will get a much bigger harvest for their hard work. Slowly, these commercial seeds have become widely used, supplanting stronger, native El Salvadoran seeds.

Some farmers say they might get a good harvest, but the seeds they keep from the crop won't grow a good second or third. So they have to keep buying these commercial seeds, instead of gathering their own seeds from their own harvest. Other farmers tell us that they've watched their crop rot on the stalk because the seed hasn't spent generations adapting to the heavy rains in their region.

But, in communities like Edelmira's, CAFOD's local partners have given farmers native seeds, which are well adapted to the area's climate and threats, and yield strong, fertile seeds at harvest. These strong, local seeds are restoring nature's abundance to these farmers' lives.

**CAROL SERVICE 7:30PM ON 21ST DECEMBER** Calling all choristers! Rehearsals will start very shortly for our annual carol service which will take place this year at St Charles and St Thomas More Church and we are looking to repeat the great involvement of the singers from our parish. More details will appear in next week's newsletter.

### SOME MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

Do you co-ordinate any type of group within our parish? Please send details to Martin, Barbara or Val and we will include them in this column. All meetings take place in the hall unless otherwise stated.

**MESSY CHURCH** Third Saturday of every month, 11 am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

**AFTERNOON TEA** We meet on Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** meets monthly, usually, but not always, in a member's home and on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us ring 727 2195 to check date and venue.

**PENSIONERS CLUB** Mondays at 2pm.

**PIZZA & PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP** meets once a month on a Sunday from 6:30 - 8 pm. Open to young people in High school. See notices for dates.

**JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** meets at 6 pm on the last Tuesday in every month.

**PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP** meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am - 11.30 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Parents/grandparents are invited to come along and join in.

**BINGO** Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** Thursdays 7.00pm. For more details, ring Brenda on 728 7048

**TEA AND COFFEE** is served on Sunday after each Mass. Proceeds to Lourdes Youth Fund.

**SOUP AND A ROLL** is served on the 1st Thursday of the month after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** meets monthly to plan and organise social activities within the parish community. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the parish office.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** Council 9 welcomes Catholic men to come and meet us and find out more about what we do. If you are interested please ring Aidan Carney on 0151 427 7126.

**BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM** aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35)** meets on the third Wednesday of every month for Mass and a Meal.

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS.** There is a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass. These are available at the back of church before Mass.