

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 15th January 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 14th Sun 15th	Vigil	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Ferguson Family (A) Parishioners Rose Edwards (RIP)
Mon 16th		No Mass	
Tue 17th	St Anthony of Egypt	7.00pm	Bob Roberts (A)
Wed 18th		12 noon	Fr Commins (Id)
Thu 19th		12 noon	Requiem: John Meade
Fri 20th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 21st Sun 22nd	Vigil 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	John & Maria McCarthy (A) Parishioners Thomas and Mary Cleary



'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is to baptise with the Holy Spirit.'

John 1:33

Confessions:

Tue. 6.15pm—6.45pm
 Sat. 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm

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: Thomas Barnes, Vera Williams, Tony Foran, James Nugent, John Codd, Edward Bernard, Henry Burquest, Neville Ashton, Bassim Saffar, George Davies, Peter Brooks, Kathleen Roberts, Pat Taylor, Ferguson Family, John & Maria McCarthy, Bob Roberts

LATELY DEAD: John Meade, Tony Walsh, Nora Harris, Eileen Burns.

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

PIETY SHOP open before, and after, all week-end 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.

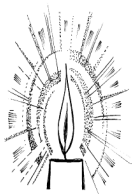


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in this section of the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact the Parish Office.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for a **Thanksgiving** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for a **Private Intention (JF)**



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.

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.**

CAN YOU HELP? There are two tea bars in the **Women's Hospital** which raise funds to support mothers and their babies. Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep them running? For more information phone Jacqui on 727-5961.

MUSIC ON 21 JANUARY

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 7/8 Jan

Plate: £603.70 Envelopes: £691.76 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1693.71

Tea money (Lourdes): £16.01

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 7/8 Jan

5.00pm: 160 9.30am: 161 11.00am: 184

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.

Life and Soul +



An evening of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament.

St Charles Borromeo (224 Aigburth Rd, Liverpool, L17 9PG) will hold an evening of praise and worship music with scripture and reflections before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday January 18th starting at 7:00pm and ending at 8:00pm with Benediction. The evening will be led by Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team. **All are welcome to attend.**

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP



St Charles and St Thomas More

Come and join us here at 6.00pm on Tuesday 31st January 2017 for our first monthly meeting of the New Year. Thank you for all your support .

Baptism Preparation Course

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



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

PASTORAL FORMATION EVENTS

The Art of Listening

a 2 session course for anyone involved in ministry, 19 Jan & 16 Feb 7:30-9pm in St Mary's Lowe House, Corporation St, St Helens WA10 1EF. To reserve a place email formation@rcaol.co.uk or Tel: 0151 522 1040.



Justice & Peace 2017 Annual Memorial Lecture

Sun 15 Jan 2-4pm
(refreshments from 1:30)



From Reformation to Revolution

with Rev Raj Patta, a Dalit Lutheran theologian, LACE L17 1AA. s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1080.

Children's Liturgy afternoon

with Jo Boyce and Friends of CJM Music, Sun 5 February, 2-5pm, LACE, Croxteth Drive L17 1AA. £10. For info 0151 522 1040 or email m.knight@rcaol.co.uk.



Irenaeus & CaFE

The Gift - A life in the Spirit Course

4 & 25 February at Christ the King Parish Club, L15. contact Sr Moira Meeghan, moira@irenaeus.co.uk.



Save the date for this joyous occasion:



Blessed Oscar Romero Centenary Celebration
19 March, 11am in the Cathedral. More details to follow!

Pastoral Area Ministry

St Wilfrid's 10th 'Living Christ' Retreat
Friday/Saturday 20th/21st January 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. We reflect on where we have met Jesus in the past, how we have responded to those meetings and to His message, and how we would like to respond in the future. Lay parishioners lead the reflections.

The heart of the Retreat lies in Gospel stories, which are amplified by personal remembrances, group discussions, communal prayer and private prayer. Maximum of 28 participants. Further information and invitations are available at the back of church. Alternatively, please telephone Stella or Maurus O'Donnell on 0151 427 3386.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

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.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

If you haven't already done so please contact the parish office and make an appointment for the next parents' meeting with Fr James.



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

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese requires all volunteers to be DBS checked before assuming roles. If you would like to be involved in any of the Parish ministries please contact Ann Firkins or Christina Reilly (the Safeguarding representatives). Information is also available from the Parish Office on Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 2:00 pm. Thank you.

Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ Sisters) Discernment & Vocation

A weekend retreat for young women, reflecting on the vocation to religious life 27th – 29th January, FCJ Community, New Cross, London.

For more information see poster in porch.

RETREAT WEEKEND AWAY FOR PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE

(of secondary school age 11-18)

17- 19 March 2017 in Keswick.

Transport to Keswick by parish minibus leaving the parish Friday, 17 March to arrive in time for supper in Keswick. Minibus returns to the parish in the afternoon of Sunday, 19 March. Cost is £45 per young person or £80 for two siblings.

All details will be confirmed closer to the date. Any questions? Please contact the parish office.

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.

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 Last 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.

CUPPA AND CHAT each Monday 10.30am - 12 noon. Young and old are invited, bring your toddler or baby along if you wish.

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP for children in Years 4- 6 meets on Monday evenings 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

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

PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP meets on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon 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.