

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 14th January 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 13th Sun 14th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Ferguson family Helen & Peter Kane (bd) Parishioners
Mon 15th		7.00 pm	Mary Kearney (A)
Tue 16th		9.30 am	Tom Poole (A)
Wed 17th	St Antony, abbot	12 noon	Bob Roberts (A)
Thu 18th		12 noon	Terry Reid (Id)
Fri 19th		No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 20th Sun 21st	<b>Vigil</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Katherine Welsh (bd) Parishioners Diane Scanlon (Enright) (A)



*The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."*  
 1 Samuel 3:10

**Confessions:**

Mon No Confessions  
 Sat 4.30 - 4.45 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:** Mary Kearney, Tom Poole, Bob Roberts, Diane Scanlon (Enright), Thomas Joseph Barnes, Veronica Williams, James Anthony Foran, James Nugent, John Codd, Edward Thomas Bernard, Henry Theodore Burquest, Neville Ashton, Bassim Munir Safar, George Davies, Peter Brooks, Kathleen Margaret Roberts, Arthur Higgins.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams,

**LATELY DEAD:** Rosalind Rita Connor, Michael D'Arcy, Elizabeth Grande, Joe Georgeson.

**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.

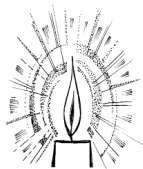
**DAILY MASS**

Weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Parish Hall this week as the work continues on the Church floor. Thank you for your co-operation.



to any visitors and new parishioners.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Tricia McDonnell** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Doreen Lavin.**



**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.

### Baptism Preparation Course

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



### MUSIC ON 21 JANUARY

9.30am ORGAN  
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



### GIFT AID - Offertory Collection

If you pay tax and have not already taken out **Gift Aid** on your donation and wish to do so, please contact the parish office on 0151 727 2493. Doing so increases your donation by 25% at no expense to you, as we claim that amount from the Inland Revenue.

### OFFERTORY 6/7 January

Plate: £486.76 Envelopes: £657.46 S/O: £426.25

**Total: £1570.47**

**Boiler Donation £25.00**

**Crib Offerings £35.30**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### MASS ATTENDANCE 6/7 January

5.00pm: 184 9.30am: 150 11.00am: 172

**Total: 506**

### Thought for the Week:

Love is an occupation from dawn to dusk.

### Divorced and Separated Catholics

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics starts in February 2018.

This course is for those who are separated, those who are currently going through a divorce, or those who are already divorced, whether recent or at any time in the past.

The small groups are informative, affirming, free & confidential.

To book a place on the course held in Aintree:  
Contact Maureen O'Brien 07967753371.

To book a place on the course held in South Liverpool:  
contact Frances Trotman 0151 727 2195

**POPS (Partners of Prisoners)** - The team at Walton Prison were delighted with the gifts donated at the Nativity Service. May thanks for your generosity and also to all who contributed to make the children's celebration of Christmas, and the gathering afterwards, so memorable.

### VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

If anyone can help serve in the Piety Shop after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 9.30am Mass on Sunday please contact the Parish Office.

### PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in 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.

### 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.



## Friends of Assin Foso Parish and School Update

Father Joseph Akono the parish priest at Assin Foso and Father Collins Quaidoo, Parochial Vicar, on behalf of the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church would like to pass on their best wishes for the New Year and their appreciation for the support received. Last year we sent £4,245 to support the building projects in the school and the parish hall. We especially welcome your support through the lucky numbers draw, which 90 people have signed up for and which provides a regular monthly income. It is still possible to sign up for a number so if you are interested please pick up a form from the back of church and drop it off to the office or the sacristy. We are trying to generate income from outside the parish by applying for grants from charitable organisations. We have also set up a Just Giving page where donations can be made, this is available at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anthony-wardale>.

The committee are putting together a programme of events for the coming year and we will provide more information through the newsletter about these. Thank you for your on-going support.

## SAFEGUARDING

**Just to remind all volunteers who were DBS checked in 2015 or before they will need to renew their certificates during 2018. Thanks in anticipation for your cooperation.**

## 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.



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



## WANTED: USED STAMPS

Please cut out stamps leaving a wide border before throwing the envelope away. There is a box at the back of church to collect them for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

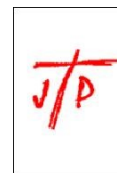


## Afternoon Tea on Thursdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room All are welcome!

There are lots of interesting activities suggested for this term including:  
Powerpoints of photos from The Holy Land, South Africa and Moscow.  
Health Issue information on hydration and exercise (Tai Chi).  
Crafts including embroidery and crochet.  
**COME AND JOIN US!**

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

Interested in the Christian and humanitarian work of welcoming a Syrian Refugee family resettle in a new home and begin a new life here?



Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked churches to help welcome Syrian refugees, after the Government decided to end its scheme for resettling refugee children.

Cardinal Vincent has urged parishes to join the **Community Sponsorship Scheme**, in which local groups can take responsibility for finding a house for a refugee family, and offering training, basic goods, and other help.

Dr Phil McCarthy, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, said "The UK has a duty to play its full part in providing sanctuary for such children. With this Christian duty of "sanctuary" in mind we are inviting you to an:

Open Meeting at St Charles on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7.30PM – 9.00PM.

This is to explore the Community Sponsorship Scheme with a positive view of taking forward an application to resettle a family within the shelter of parish communities of St Annes, Overbury St, St Charles, Aigburth and Anglican parishes already interested in the area.

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A big thank you to all the parishioners for their support for the various Christmas Card Greetings Campaign.

# L17 Messy Church

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 11-1pm  
St Charles & St Thomas More Church Hall

This month we will be celebrating all things Wintery & Frozen and discovering how love conquers all.

We have lots of fun and crafts planned, including den building, snowman cookies & craft, a messy ice tray and lots more as well as stories and lunch

All are welcome, Messy Church is free to attend, though your donations are welcome.



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'Happy New Year to you all from the Messy Team. Our next Messy Church is 20<sup>th</sup> January 11-1pm, as usual all are welcome to come along and join in our activities, crafts and enjoy a spot of lunch and a cuppa. The theme this month is Winter and all things Frozen we have lots of crafts and activities planned for you to enjoy.

We are currently looking for some Messy Helpers to come along on the day, we need people to run crafts, help prepare food and to clean away at the end of the session. If you can spare two hours, Saturday 11-1pm once a month come and see us or call Nickie on 07545 613590 we would welcome anyone with the will and want to get involved, it is also an ideal volunteering opportunity for Duke of Edinburgh Awards, etc.

## Film Night

### Hidden Figures

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

Hidden figures tells the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson – brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. This visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations.

Entrance will be by donation, so please be your usual generous selves. There will be a glass of wine - but feel free to bring your own bottle as well, and with nibbles and raffles it will be a great night for everyone. Please let us know if you are coming as places are limited.

