

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 2nd Sunday of Advent (A) - 4 December 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 3rd		5.00 pm	Harry Moorhouse and William James Weston (bd)
Sun 4th		9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Ruby Wedding: Eveline & Russell Grindley
Mon 5th	<b>Requiem</b> St John Almond	10.00 am	<b>Maura Leslie</b>
Tue 6th		7.00 pm	Special Intention (IP)
Wed 7th	St Ambrose	<b>12 noon</b> <b>Parish Hall</b>	Special Intention (NC)
Thu 8th	Immaculate Conception	<b>12 noon</b> <b>Parish Hall</b>	Louise O'Halloran (A)
Fri 9th	Church open for private prayer	No Mass	
Sat 10th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm	Parishioners
Sun 11th	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners in Thanksgiving (BC) Ryan Family



*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

*Luke 3:4,6*

**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.

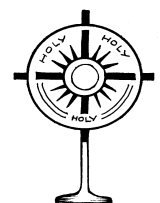


**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frances Roose, Anne Jackson, Patrick Joseph Rowlands, Margaret Dympna Peters, Laurence Dempsey, Mary Brady, Patricia Isobel Clark, Kathleen Carlisle, Anne Alley, Agnes Jessica Mooney, Catherine Joan Donoghue, Catherine Shields, Ann Green.

**LATELY DEAD:** Maura Leslie, Rita McIntyre, Conor Green

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday in Advent 6pm - 7pm with the opportunity for Confession during this time.



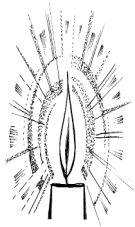
## TO OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

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.



**MASS on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December will be in the Parish Hall.**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Russell and Eveline Grindley, Ruby Wedding** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Skyla Jane Hewitson**.



## 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**.

## LOURDES FUNDRAISING

Three delicious Chocolate hampers are being raffled to raise funds for the youth to attend the Annual Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes in summer 2017.

Tickets are being sold at all Masses on the weekends of 4th and 10th of December, with the draw taking place at the 9.30 Mass on the **18th of December**.

We really appreciated your support this year and look forward to fund-raising next year.

Blessings from the Youth Group going to Lourdes.

## MUSIC ON 11 DECEMBER

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



## OFFERTORY 26/27 November

Plate: £596.47 Envelopes: £592.91 S/O: £398.25

**Total: £1587.63**

Cuppa and Chat (Lourdes) £40.20

Lourdes Tea Money £19.40

Donations for Ghana £300.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 26/27 November

5.00pm: 151 9.30am: 155 11.00am: 185

**TEA AND COFFEE** will be served after all Masses today. All proceeds to the Lourdes Fund.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2016

**Christmas Eve:** 5.00pm and Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 9.30am and 11am

**Boxing Day:** 12noon



## Children's Nativity with Carols



This will be held on **Sunday 18th December** at 3:00pm. This is a service for children, and by children, to help them celebrate the message of Christmas.

We need volunteers to read and take part in the tableau. Please put your child's/children's names on the two separate sheets at the back of church indicating their preference.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve, and during Christmas week, oil candles will be lit and left burning for 7 days around our church in remembrance of our loved ones. Each candle will have the name of the person in whose memory it is dedicated written on it.

If you would like a candle to burn in memory of one of your loved ones please place £5 in an envelope along with their name. Write 'Memorial Candle' on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.



## Christmas Day Mass Intentions.

Many parishioners ask for a Mass to be said on Christmas Day. To try to accommodate everyone, as in previous years, we will have a Novena of Masses. If you wish someone to be remembered please put their name and a donation in an envelope and hand it in to the parish office.

## ASSIN FOSO, GHANA FUNDRAISING

**TWIDDLEMUFFS AND KNITTED HATS** will be on sale at the back of church throughout Advent.

A **Twiddlemuff** is a double thickness hand muff with bits and bobs attached inside and out. It is designed to provide warmth and stimulation for restless hands particularly for people suffering from dementia.



## THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass will be celebrated at 12noon on Thursday  
8th December in the Parish Hall.

**The Roberts family** thank Father James, Paul McNicholl, the Music group, the Bereavement Team and all the parishioners for the beautiful Requiem Mass in celebration of Brenda's life. Also for the cards, Mass intentions, love and prayerful support in their loss.

**BAPTISM** We welcome to God's family **Michael Andizes Peter Ohajuru Jalowiecka** who will be baptised today. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** are at the back of the church, in street order per area. If anyone can take a set or two and deliver them it would be very much appreciated. Please return any spares to the church or the Parish Office. Thank you.

### 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.

### ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks 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.

**RUBY WEDDING** Please pray for Eveline and Russell Grindley who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding today, and will receive a blessing during the 11am Mass.

### 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** are on sale at the back of the church price £3.50. Please put money in the box marked 'Papers'. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 18th December, 6.00 pm**

at St Anne's CE Church, Aigburth Road  
(next to St Margaret's School)



### PASTORAL AREA CAROL SERVICE

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**  
**In St Charles Church**

Led by St Edward's College Choir. Please make every effort to come and support the young people who have prepared this service for us. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards.

### FIRST CONFESSION

**Please pray for the children in Year 4 who will make their first Confession on 8th December.**

Eva Darracott, Ethan Clinton, Grace Grimes, Freya Ghorbal, Patrick Delve, Cassie McCloy, Katie Wood, Luca Bedford Downey, Isaac Bedford Downey, Adam Fardelin, Lewis Hall, Joshua Aguiar, Maisy Harnick, James McNicholl, Daniel Hamilton, Lucas Gibson, Daniel Dillon, Erin Roberts, Ted Connole, Brooklyn McCormack, Harriet Mitchell, Lexi Savage, Luca Shelton, Ben Gray, James Azurdia-Hughes, Sonny Smith, Ava Edwards, Thomas Ellis, Amber Smith, Archie Woodcock, Daisy Odgear, Elizabeth Clements-Dunn, James Siva, Liam McDonnell, Ayrann Donnelly, Thomas Woods.



### 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](http://www.artofdyingwell.org).

Prayer cards at the back of the Church - please take one.

Invitation to a **half day of Advent Reflection**  
**The Cenacle,**  
**Tithebarn Grove ( off Lance Lane )**  
**Liverpool L15 6TW**  
**Saturday , December 10th,**  
**1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

**Theme : Journey to Bethlehem and beyond**  
*for more information phone Monica 0151 270 2128 ( answerphone).*

## **SAFEGUARDING**

This month our parish is to be audited by the Archdiocese to ensure our safeguarding procedures are in place. All volunteers are required to be DBS checked before undertaking roles involving children and vulnerable adults. Please check that your DBS certificates are up to date. (Renewal every 3 years) If necessary, self declaration forms can be collected from the office.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to a



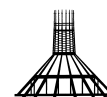
**Dementia Friendly**  
**Christmas Carol Service**  
**at the Metropolitan Cathedral on**  
**Wednesday 14 December at 2.00 pm.**



Featuring the students from St Teresa of Lisieux, Norris Green, English Martyrs, Litherland and Great Crosby Primary Schools plus the "Songs we Remember" choir and the Metropolitan Cathedral Junior Choir.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome to attend.

For further information please contact the Pastoral Formation Department  
0151 522 1046  
or [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk)



Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool

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

Thank you for your support last week-end for the Holy Land Christmas Greeting solidarity campaign.



This weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December, we invite you to participate in the Action by Christians against torture campaign. For this you are given an individual case study and invited to send a picture postcard or greetings card with simple words of hope to a prisoner of conscience-then you post it on to the victim.

Also, we want to flag up this simple Reverse Advent Calendar Idea that some of you or your family may like to take on as a challenge in your countdown preparation for Christmas day. *Grab a basket or box*, and every day leading up to Christmas, add something useful to the box (examples: tinned food, pasta, rice, cleaning stuff, toys, feminine hygiene items, toothpaste and tooth brushes ( really whatever items you think would be welcome to a family in serious need).

Then, on Christmas Eve (or ideally by the 22<sup>nd</sup> December), donate the entire basket and contents to your local charity like the Sisters of Mercy at 55 Seel Street Liverpool L1 4AZ who would also appreciate every warm item given particularly at this time of inclement weather. Drop off of your collected items can also be made to St Bride's by 22<sup>nd</sup> for distribution to the needy.

Finally, Pax Christi would welcome your support. Pax Christi International (70 Years of inspiring peace) is a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organisations worldwide that promotes peace, respect of human rights, justice & reconciliation throughout the world. Grounded in the belief that peace is possible and that vicious cycles of violence and injustice can be broken, Pax Christi International addresses the root causes & destructive consequences of violent conflict and war.

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