

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 2nd Sunday of Easter (C) - 3rd April 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	<b>Vigil</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter &amp; Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	7.30 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Peter Kelly RIP Maureen and Tommy McCarthy
Mon 4th	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	10.00 am	Jean Hirst RIP
Tue 5th		7.00 pm	Catherine Duffy (A)
Wed 6th		12 noon	Sophie Armstrong (Id)
Thu 7th	St John Baptist de la Salle	12 noon	Special Intention (MS)
Fri 8th		<b>No Mass</b>	Church open for private prayer
Sat 9th Sun 10th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Geoffrey Pellegrini Snr (A) Parishioners Tommy Brown & Tommy Smith



*Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."*

*John 20:29*

**Confessions:**

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm  
 Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

**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 Cowan, Kevin Wordsworth Edwards, Terence Barrett, Mary Craig, Michael Anthony O'Donoghue, John Caldwell, Helena O'Shaughnessy, John Clarke, Winifred May, Joan Murray, Patricia Cameron-Smith, Mary Upham, Linda Catherine O'Keefe, Edna Fraser, James Michael Gray.

**LATELY DEAD:** Michael Philpot, Betty Baylis, Kathy Furey, Jean Jones.

**SOUP & A ROLL**

will be served in the Parish meeting room after the 12 noon Mass on **Thursday 7th April**. Everyone welcome.

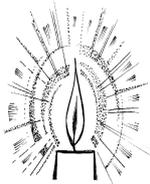


There will be tea and coffee after all Masses today.



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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Joan McAllister** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Tom Farrell**.



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to God's family **Alice Lark Glover** who will be baptised today. We ask you to pray for her and her family.



## 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.



**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** PLEASE NOTE that there will not be a meeting in April because of the Prayer Guide talks. The May meeting will be on the second Monday, 9th, to avoid the Bank holiday.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church [stcharles@church.org.uk](mailto:stcharles@church.org.uk) or Joe Champion-Williams [champij@hope.ac.uk](mailto:champij@hope.ac.uk).

## OFFERTORY 26/27 March

Plate: £1001.40 Envelopes: £ 472.55 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1842.45**

**Easter Offering £713.15**

**Holy Places £298.59**

**Lenten Alms £ 52.20**

**Lourdes Donations**

**Tea Money £ 11.20**

**Irish Night: £169.30**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 26/27 March

6.00pm: 181 9.30am: 231 11.00am: 535

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Are you interested in journeying with parents as they prepare for their child to be baptised?**



The Baptism Preparation Team accompanies parents as they approach the Sacrament which welcomes their child into the Church. It is a wonderful way to participate in, and sustain, the life of the Parish. If you think you might like to join in, come along to the Presbytery [on Monday 11th April at 7.00pm](#) to meet Fr. James and the team. All are welcome! No prior experience needed!

## TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS (TOOT) 2016

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

Apr 12th, May 10th, Jun 14th, Jul 12th, Sep 13th, 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](mailto:winniecenacle@mail.com)

## PATHWAYS

Four weeks on different ways of praying. The dates are **April 5th, 12, 19, and 26th** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. The meetings will last about an hour and hopefully we'll have time for a cup of tea as well.

Prayer is one of the ways we develop our own relationship with God. He speaks to us in a language we understand, so different ways of praying appeal to different people. Someone said, "Pray as you can, not as you can't."

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

There are still an number of envelopes that have not been collected. **If anyone else would like to use envelopes please put your name and address on the list at the back of church.**

In order that we can budget for the financial needs of the parish it is helpful to have offertory envelopes so that we can estimate our yearly income.

## MUSIC ON 10th APRIL

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP

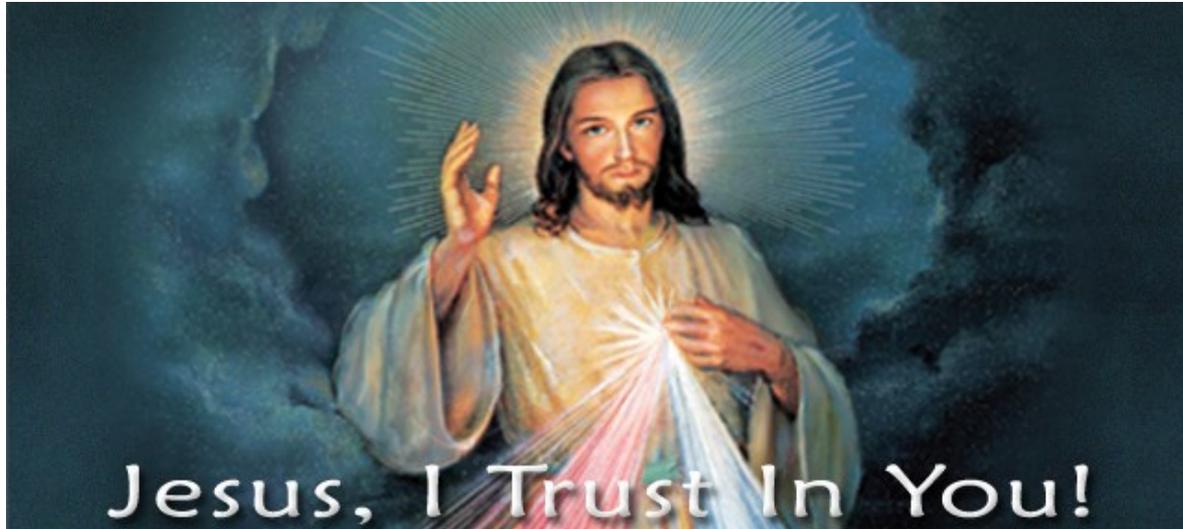
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# Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015 -2016

## Divine Mercy Sunday

3rd April 2016



**Divine Mercy Sunday**, celebrated this week on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, is a feast that was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Saint Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. Saint Pope John Paul II wrote his last and final statement from his death bed that he prepared to be read on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, which came to be the very day after his passing. In it he expressed to the world the great importance and the urgency to understand and accept Our Lord's incredible gift of Divine Mercy. He said to all the people of the world:

*'As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is **love** that converts hearts and gives peace.'*

Jesus said to Blessed Faustina Kowalska a Polish nun who died in 1938:

*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though it's sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy.*

It is no accident that Pope Francis is also a *Divine Mercy* Pope and that he has put, on the fore-front of his pontificate, the urgency to reach out to others and to get out of our comfort zones and go out and evangelize. Divine Mercy Sunday is God's greatest tool for the New Evangelization!



# St Charles and St Thomas More Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Led by Fr James Preston

Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017

Price: £680.00 per person - Ground Package Only.  
Flight price to be advised once available from Jet 2 Manchester.  
Estimated flight cost £220 - Minimum 30 passengers.  
Single Rooms £118 - only 6 available at this price - any further £190 pp.  
Travel Insurance £31 per person.



## Package includes:

- Full services of courier for the duration of tour.
- 4 nights half board accommodation in Rome - Hotel Domus Carmelitana
- 3 nights in Assisi HB - La Rocca.
- Full itinerary including Daily Mass and walking tours of local areas
- Half day Guided Tours of Rome and Assisi including coach.

Deposit: £200 per person (plus insurance premium if required)

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

## 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.

**YOUTH GROUP** every Sunday from 6:30 pm to 8.00 pm. Open to young people in Year 9 and above.

**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.

**BUSY BEES** knit 'n natter (or stitch) Wednesdays 2-4 pm.

**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 Barbara Charles, Email: barbaracharles50@gmail.com. Tel. 0151 728 7740.

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

**PARISH BOOKSHELF** It has a selection of prayer books for young children which they are welcome to use during Mass.