

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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Newsletter items to mart.wood52@gmail.com by 8pm on **Wednesday 26 April**

2nd Sunday of Easter (A) - 23rd April 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd	Vigil	5.00 pm	Frances Roose (bd)
Sun 23rd	Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)	9.30 am 11.00 am	David George Parry (ld) Parishioners
Mon 24th	St George, martyr	10.00 am	Patsy O'Shea
Tue 25th	St Mark, Evangelist	7.00 pm	80th birthday Cath Campsey
Wed 26th		12.00 noon	Heron, McKeivitt & Kelly families
Thu 27th		12.00 noon	Juanita Morris (A)
Fri 28th		No Mass	Church open for private prayer
Sat 29th	Vigil	5.00 pm	May Doogan
Sun 30th	3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am	Parishioners Thomas Rowan (ld)



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

John 20:29

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: Juanita Morris, Roberta Doris Linford, Elizabeth Michael, John Thomas Burquest, Elizabeth McGlynn, Albert Atkin, Thomas Pemberton, Ellen Smyth, Joseph Hall, Marie Celeste Hanlon, Maurice Beer, Anthony Terence Sarmin, Daniel Gerard Henderson, Michael William Lewis, Patricia Harwood.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Deicy Foran, John Hookes.

LATELY DEAD: Mary Boyle, Mrs Appolonia Ukawoko.

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.



Thought for the Week:

I have you, Lord. I have enough

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.

Becoming a Dementia Friendly Church

Friday 19th May 2017, 10.00am - 4.00pm at LACE Conference Centre, L17 1AA

Professor Emeritus June Andrews is the former Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre at Stirling University and author of *Dementia: the One Stop Guide*. Since she was last in Liverpool, Professor Andrew's expertise in dementia has taken her to Canada, the USA, Germany and Sweden as well as many parts of the UK and she has received an OBE for her services to people with dementia.

Gina Shaw, a former Nurse Manager living with dementia, is the 'poster girl' for the Dementia Friends campaign and a member of our diocesan Dementia Working Group. Gina's favourite work is visiting schools to help children understand dementia and learn how to support people living with dementia.

To book a place contact Maureen Knight at the Pastoral Formation Department
m.knight@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1046.

There is no charge for the conference and lunch will be provided, but please book early as places are limited and will be in great demand.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Vocations** and the **Marian Candle** is lit in **Thanksgiving**.



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.

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.

MUSIC on 30th APRIL

9.30 am ORGAN
11.00am ORGAN



Baptism Preparation Course

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



OFFERTORY 15/16 April

Easter Collection £747.61
Plate: £1140.11 Envelopes: £631.76 S/O: £368.50
Total: £2140.37

Cafod Lunch (Good Friday) £91.50

Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID

As the new Tax Year begins, and if you are a taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your contribution whether through envelopes or Standing Order. To do so, please contact the parish office. For every £1.00 given the parish can claim back 25p extra which is a great boost to our annual income. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Parish Finance Group.

MASS ATTENDANCE 15/16 April

8.00pm: 167 9.30am: 303 11.00am: 380
Total: 850

PIETY SHOP

We have a large selection of Holy Communion cards, rosary beads and prayer books now available for sale in the Piety Shop.

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 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.

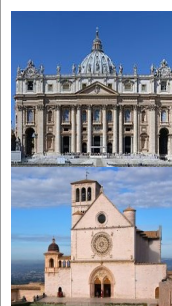
BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM aims to support families within the parish who have experienced bereavement. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you or anyone in your family would like support from this group, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

CUPPA AND CHAT

Following our break for Easter, the Cuppa & Chat group meet again on Monday 24th April, 10.30-12.00 in the Parish Meeting Room. Young and old are invited. Bring your baby or toddler along if you wish.



St Charles and St Thomas More Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi
Led by Fr James Preston
Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017

ONLY THREE PLACES LEFT!
Contact Fr James or Parish Office

The date for April's **Messy Church** is 29th April 11 -1pm and we are busy planning many crafts, activities and of course lunch! We hope you can join us.

We also would like to say thank you to everyone who has recently donated craft materials, they are much appreciated and we will be sure to make good use of them.

Best wishes from the Messy Team.

For more information follow us on Facebook or call Nickie 07545613590'

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.

Nugent is looking for a volunteer van driver / van driver's assistant to help support our Charity Shop with collections of donated items across Merseyside

You will need to commit to a minimum of 2 hours per week. The main collection day is Thursday.

For full details see the poster in the porch.

Contact Colin Pryor; 261 2041,
colin.pryor@nugentcare.org



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

All Volunteers need to be DBS checked before undertaking roles within the Parish.

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.

TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group reopens following the Easter holiday. We meet again on Wednesday 26th April, 2017, 9.30-11.30 in the Parish Meeting Room. Hannah and the Team.

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

FRIENDS OF ASSIN FOSO PARISH & SCHOOL (GHANA)

Thank you for the jewellery donations. We were able to raise £370 to assist the Assin Foso parish.

Thanks for your Support.

CAR PARK

Please note the car park is locked directly after Mass on Saturday evening and at 1pm on Sundays.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: THE JOY OF LOVE

The challenge of Amoris Laetitia in the home/school/parish context.

Have you booked your place for this interesting and exciting conference on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and the family?

When: Wednesday 26th April 2017
Where: LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA
Time: 10.00am tea/coffee
10.30am start
3.00pm end (Lunch included)

There is no charge for the day but booking is essential: please contact Maureen O'Brien 0151 522 1044 or m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk.

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.

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**

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.