

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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2nd Sunday of Easter (B) - 8th April 2018

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th	Vigil Mass with Neocatechumenal Community	5.00 pm 6.00 pm (Hall)	Mary Ion (bd) Special Int (J)
Sun 8th		9.30 am 11.00 am	Tom Connell (Id) Parishioners
Mon 9th	Annunciation of the Lord	7.30 pm	Mrs Jane Roberts (sick)
Tues 10th		9.30 am	Billy Harold (Id)
Wed 11th	St Stanislus	12 noon	Special Int (Thompson Family)
Thu 12th		10 am	John Sunners (Id)
Fri 13th	St Martin	No Mass	Private Prayer
Sat 14th	Wedding Service	2.00 pm	Sean McCann & Sara Buls
Sun 15th	Vigil 3rd Sunday of Easter	5.00 pm 6.00 pm (Hall) 9.30 am 11.00 am	George Hutchinson (RIP) Parishioners Elizabeth Green (RIP) Fr Pat Harnett (RIP)



Happy are those who have not seen, yet believe.

John 20:30

Confessions:

Mon 6.30 - 6.45pm

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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: Helena O'Shaughnessy, John Clarke, Winifred May, Joan Murray, Patricia Cameron-Smith, Mary Upham, Linda O'Keefe, Edna Fraser, James Gray, Dennis Reid, Margaret Symons, Geoffrey Pellegrini, Josephine Mellon, Veronica Bryan, James Bailey, Margaret McAteer, Mary Sexton.

SICK: Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Fr John Gildea, Sheila Greco.

LATELY DEAD: David Richter

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.



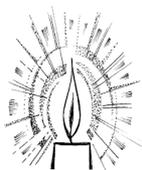
to any visitors and new parishioners.

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



Thought for the Week: When everything falls apart, only one thing sustains our hope: God loves us.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Jimmy Knott (RIP)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Adam & Anthony Knott**.



A HUGE THANK YOU from the Pizza & Prayers youth group to all our super generous parishioners. You kindly bought our raffle tickets for the 4 fantastic Easter hampers and we raised £449.23 towards our pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer.

Our prize winners are:

- 1 - Carol W
- 2 - Michaela Z
- 3 - Mrs Doyle
- 4 - Dileep K

Thanks also for your donations to our bacon butties weekend - we raised £76.57 and thanks to the kind person who made those tasty fine crafted cakes and donated the £25.00 too.

Blessings to you all from all of us.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family **Beau Sophia Harris** who will be baptised. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



PARISH PRAYER GROUP.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9th April** 8-9 pm, usual venue. All welcome. Further details from Frances, 727 2195 .



MUSIC ON 15 APRIL

9.30am ORGAN
11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.

The new offertory envelopes are at the back of church for all those who use them. They begin this Sunday 8th April (new tax year).

OFFERTORY 31/1 March/April

Plate: £940.22 Envelopes: £482.98 S/O: £426.25

Total: £1849.45

Donation Assin Foso: £300

Thank you for your generosity.

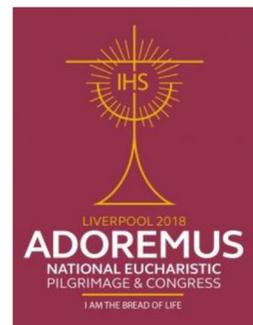
MASS ATTENDANCE 31/1 March/April

9.00pm: 131 9.30am: 303 11.00am: 327

Total: 761

Adoremus, National Eucharistic Congress

The Bishops of England and Wales have organised a National Eucharistic Congress which will take place in Liverpool on September 7th - 9th. This is being held in the Echo Arena, Liverpool, the Cathedral and various locations around the city centre.



Every diocese in the country will be sending delegates to Liverpool to take part in the various events. The main events will include a Theology Symposium on Friday 7th, the main Eucharistic Congress on Saturday 8th which will include the keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron from the United States and other presentations. On the final Sunday there will be special Masses in the Cathedral and a Blessed Sacrament Procession

Ways to be involved:

1. We have been allocated 5 spaces for the main Congress on Saturday 8th 9.30am - 5pm. If you would like to go, please contact the parish office and give in your name and phone number. If you have a ticket for Saturday you will also be given a ticket for the Masses on Sunday in the Cathedral if you wish to go.
2. There will also be a 'Parallel Programme' in various times and venues which will offer workshops, discussions, and presentations on different themes. These are free events and do not need to be booked in advance - we will advertise these when we have more details.

If you wish to be a parish delegate on the Saturday we need to know as soon as possible.



HOLY HOUR

The next Pastoral Area Holy Hour is at St Anthony of Padua Church, Allerton, Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm.

This will be led by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Some of us will be more familiar with the *Divine Mercy* devotion than others. The devotion, in which Jesus' Mercy is implored for the whole world, began after the mystic and visionary Sr. Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament received visitations from Our Lord. When praying in her monastic cell in the town of Plock, in her native Poland, Jesus appeared as 'King of Divine Mercy' to Sr. Faustina telling her, *'Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature 'Jesus I Trust in You'. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish'.*

This world-wide promise became a reality in 2002 when St. John Paul II, himself a devotee of the Divine Mercy, both canonised St. Faustina Kowalska and declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday across the universal Church.

By providential dispensation, St. John Paul II himself died on the vigil of the Divine Mercy Sunday ten years ago this year. Mercy was at the heart of his pontificate because it is at the heart of Jesus' ministry. By declaring the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday, John Paul II affirmed and deepened our awareness of the fundamental Christian belief concerning the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; Jesus is the Saviour who died to redeem fallen humanity from sin and death and thus opened the door to redemption and eternal life with God.

This truth is at the heart of our faith and is a message that our world, assailed by pain, suffering, and injustice, sorely yearns to hear. God's mercy is stronger than sin because God, as St. John tells us, is not only *loving* but is *Love* itself (1 John 4:8).

St. John also wrote, 'Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life' (Jn.3:16).

Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity for us to deepen our awareness of God's love, so movingly shown to us in His abundant, loving and unceasing mercy. The truth that God's disposition towards us is a duality of love and mercy, the latter flowing from the former, is deeply scriptural in origin. As Psalm 102 beautifully tells us, 'The Lord *is* compassion and love, slow to anger, abounding in love'.

With this comforting reality in mind, this Easter, let us renew our trust in God's loving mercy towards us. Let us rejoice in our salvation, ushered in by Christ's salvific Death and Resurrection which we commemorated last weekend.

Sin and Death are defeated: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Led by Fr James

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

Follow in the footsteps of St Bernadette. Enjoy a 4-night, 5 day Pilgrimage to Lourdes staying in the 3- star Hotel Beau Site situated an 8 minute walk from the Domaine on a full board basis.



English speaking guide for the duration of your stay and a full spiritual programme will be arranged for you.

To express an interest in this Pilgrimage, please contact Fr James or call 0151 727 2493.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



Congratulations to **Sean McCann** and **Sara Buls** who will be married here on Saturday 14th April at 2.00 pm. We wish them all the best for their future together and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Thomas Clarke. Please keep Thomas in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the diaconate which will take place Saturday 23 June at St Marys College Oscott College Birmingham.

Afternoon Tea

Our meetings resume on 12th April.
All are welcome on Thursdays

1.30 - 3.00pm

Activities for this half term:

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| 12 th April | Children's Voices of WWII |
| 19 th April | Balderdash! (Game) |
| 26 th April | Musical Memories (Bring your CDs!) |
| 3 rd May | Recipe Swap |
| 10 th May | Praying with Colour |
| 17 th May | De-stress! |
| 24 th May | Liverpool Quiz |
| 31 st May | Half Term Break |



Assin Foso Committee

Welcomes you to a talk by
The Outstanding Liverpool Historian

Steve Binns MBE

Ghana's long connection with Liverpool

"Liverpool's Infamous Past"

Monday 23 April 2018

In the Church Hall at 7.45pm (doors open 7.30 pm)

Cost £5 (admission by ticket to include light refreshments)

All proceeds will be in aid of our sister Parish in Ghana

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses today or from the Parish Office.

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 Third Saturday of every month, 11am - 1 pm. Fun activities: painting, crafts, stories, etc. All ages welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided.

AFTERNOON TEA We meet on Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00. Come and share a cuppa and an activity. All are welcome!

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.

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.