

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent (A) - 12th March 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 11th Sun 12th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Rosie Rooney (RIP) Helen & Peter Kane (A) Parishioners
Mon 13th		10.00 am	Hugh Halpin (A)
Tue 14th		7.00 pm	Tony McCarthy (Id)
Wed 15th		8.15am	<b>Mass in School Hall</b>
Thu 16th		7.30 am 12.00 noon	Thanksgiving (Adrian Dickinson) Kath Hamilton (sick)
Fri 17th	<b>St Patrick</b>	9.00 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Church open for private prayer Josie Mottram (bd) Stations of the Cross
Sat 18th Sun 19th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent (A)</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Nancy Ward (A) Parishioners Kathleen Dooley



*From the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'*

*Matthew 17:5*

**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:** Helen & Peter Kane, May Gray, Marie Mulhearn, Francis Hilliard, Terence Whitworth, Josephine Harris, Joseph Gough, Mary Deegan, Mary Janssis, Jackie Ball, Harry Halliday, James Fowler, Hugh Halpin, Thomas & Mary Jane Farrell, Nancy Ward.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Deicy Foran

**LATELY DEAD:** Christopher Scattergood, Sara Burquest, Baby Mickey Beatie, Rosalie Fitzgerald, Mary (Molly) Roscoe, Brendan McParland, Denise O'Halloran

### Masses to be Celebrated in Schools this week

Tue 14th	9am	St Edward's	William Gilbertson
Wed 15th	8.15am	St Charles	Thomas and Mary Jane Farrell (A)
Thu 16th	9am 10.30 am	Bellerive	Confessions Confessions

**Thought for the Week:**

*"We should be careful of each other. We should be kind while there is still time."*

**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 14th March.**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Special Intention (JO'B)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Anthony James Knott**.



## RESURRECTION CANDLES

During Easter there will be the opportunity to burn a candle in memory of a loved one. The candles will be lit on Holy Saturday Night during the Easter Vigil and will be left lit in church for 7 days. 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 write 'Memorial Candle' together with their name on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.



## PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

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

## LENTEN HOUSE VISITS

During Lent, I would like to begin to make time to visit parishioners in their homes. I have set aside **Wednesday evenings from 5pm till 8.30pm** commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like me to visit your home, please contact the parish office during the next few weeks. I look forward to meeting you during Lent.

*Fr James*

## MUSIC ON 19 MARCH

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



## OFFERTORY 4/5 March

Plate: £550.66 Envelopes: £815.12 S/O: £368.50

**Total: £1734.28**

Tea money (Lourdes): £29.53

Lourdes Donation £30

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 4/5 March

5.00pm: 165 9.30am: 205 11.00am: 197

Total: 567

## SPRING FAIR

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10.30am in St Charles Parish Hall. Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle. Admission adults 50p, children free.

If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BOOKS or BRIC-A-BRAC) and would like to donate them to the Fair, please put them in the box at the back of the church or bring them to the parish office between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Thank you.



**EASTER RAFFLE** tickets on sale after all Masses today. Proceeds to Church Funds.

- 1st Prize: Hamper
- 2nd Prize: £20
- 3rd Prize: Cuddly Toy (Flipper)
- 4th Prize: Box biscuits



## IRISH NIGHT

**Fri 17 March 2017, 7.30 PM**

Heath Hall, Heath Road

Tickets £7.50 Buffet Included

Dancing to Gerry Jones Country Dance Band

This event is strictly entry by **TICKET ONLY** and tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets for sale on the night.

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

**Tickets are available from the Parish Office or after Mass from members of the Social Committee.**



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

**Led by Fr James Preston**

**Mon 12th - Mon 19th June 2017**

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

**ONLY THREE PLACES LEFT!**

## WHAT IS GOING ON IN LENT

Lent is that special time for renewing our Faith. It is a time to turn back to God and the things that are really important. Below are some suggestions that might help you use this time well.

**The Mass:** For we who are Catholics, it is a very special. It is the place where we meet Jesus Christ in His Word, in the Eucharist and in His people gathered together. During Lent why not try to get to one of the daily Masses in Church. See the newsletter for times of Masses.

**The Stations of the Cross:** Lent is a journey, it is a pilgrimage of faith with Our Lord to God the Father. On each Friday of Lent at 7.30pm the Parish will celebrate the Stations of the Cross. Come and unite yourself with Jesus in His journey to Calvary and to God. Alternatively, you could make the Stations by yourself in the quiet of the Church, just spending a few moments at each Station remembering Our Lord's journey.

**Visiting the Church:** Of course, we can call into Church during the morning to spend quiet minutes in prayer. A Lenten objective would be never to pass the Church without calling in for a moment's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Recitation of the Rosary:** This is a Gospel Prayer, it takes place before the Thursday midday Mass.

**Spiritual Reading:** In Lent we are called to nourish our minds with wholesome reading. You could always settle down with one of the Gospels, or some other Bible reading.

**A thought or two for parents:** Lent is a good time to do Spiritual things with children. They understand the importance of the Spiritual when they see that it matters to their parents and when the whole family can take part. There are many things that you can do together as a family: a short time of prayer each night, a family visit to Church, going together to Mass during the week, reading a Bible story etc.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

<b>9th April, Palm Sunday:</b>	Blessing of Palms at all Masses, 5pm, 9.30am and 11am
<b>13th April, Holy Thursday:</b>	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of feet followed by 'watching' until night prayer at 9pm.
<b>14th April, Good Friday:</b>	10am Morning Prayer
	11am Stations of the Cross for Children
	3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
<b>15th April, Holy Saturday:</b>	8pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter
<b>16th April, Easter Day Mass:</b>	9.30am and 11am

## 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.



## 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.

# THANK YOU

The Lourdes young people say a big thank you to the Parish for eating our bacon butties last Sunday! We raised £110.37 towards our Pilgrimage.



**THE GHANA COMMITTEE** would like to thank everybody who attended the Quiz Night. Everybody had a wonderful evening. The amount raised was £205. Thank you very much.

**PIETY SHOP** open before and after all week-end Masses. We now have a selection of St Patrick's Day cards and Mother's Day cards on sale.

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

## CAR PARK

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

**URGENTLY NEEDED** Volunteers to help serve the tea and coffee after the 11am Mass on Sundays. If you can help please ring the Parish Office.

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

## 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).

## Justice and Peace Group



## St Charles and St Thomas More

*Here are some very important dates for your diary from our local Justice and Peace group and we would very much appreciate your continued support for these various activities.*

**1. J&P members will be collecting CAFOD FAST DAY envelopes after Masses this week-end. Please return them with your details and Gift Aided, where possible.**

**2. Lent Reflections with Laudato Si (7.30 pm in Parish Meeting Room):**

14th March: Session 2 - Transformation.

Angela Howarth.

21st March: Session 3 - Conversion to Solidarity.

Margaret Thelwell.

28th March: Session 4 - Opening Our Eyes.

Mel Connell and Messy Church.

4th April: Session 5 - Keeping Faith in Times of Disaster. Pippa Dawson and J&P.

**3. 37th Blessed Oscar Romero Centenary Mass: Sun 19th March at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 11am.**

**4. Syrian Refugee Programme "Welcoming" others means welcoming God in person!" - Pope Francis.**

Find out more about COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP. **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12.30: LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive L17 1AA**

For further details see posters in hall.