

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 23th October 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd Sun 23rd		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Shane Halpin (A) Parishioners Special Intention (SS)
Mon 24th		10.00 am	John Dalton Jnr (A)
Tue 25th		7.00 pm	Thanksgiving
Wed 26th		12 noon	Kathleen Thomas (A)
Thu 27th		12 noon	John Stanley Roberts (bd)
Fri 28th	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles Church open for private prayer		No Mass
Sat 29th Sun 30th	Vigil 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Fred Ferguson (bd) Parishioners Michael Amuah (ld)



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 18:14

Confessions:

Tues. 6.15pm - 6.45pm

Sat. 5.15pm - 5.45pm

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: Frances Dyson, James McCarthy, Veronica Gray, James Montgomery, Marian Gunning, Kathleen Thomas, Rosemary Edwards, Elizabeth O'Riordan, John Norris, Maureen Thornton, Elizabeth Watt, Gerard McAlindin, Shane Halpin, John Dalton Jnr.

LATELY DEAD: Frank Hardy, Juan Gonzalez

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. There will be a collection after all Masses this weekend for World Mission Sunday.

PIETY SHOP. We now have a selection of Christmas Cards and gifts for sale in the Piety Shop.

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.

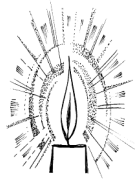


WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Fr Sean O'Connor who will preside at our Sunday Mass whilst Fr James is attending a Vocation Conference.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Joseph Ennis** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Paul Farrell**.



PIOUS LISTS

Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Mass will be offered each day for their intentions. If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please fill in a Pious List and hand it in to the sacristy or parish office before 1st November together with your donation.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIETY will be making a collection after all Masses next weekend.



MASS TIME COUNT. The result of the vote last weekend was as follows:

5.00pm - 71, 5.30pm - 12, 6.00pm - 63

From Saturday 26th November (1st Sunday of Advent) the new Mass time is 5.00pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB There will be no Youth Club for the next two weeks Monday 24th and 31st October.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

This year we are teaming up with St Anne's CE Church to hold our annual ecumenical carol service. Choir rehearsals have started: Tuesdays at St Anne's Church, Aigburth Rd (next to St Margaret's school) from 7-8pm. The choir will perform a lovely list of festive classics at the service in December. Rehearsals are open to all and there is ample car parking space outside the church.

MUSIC ON 30 OCTOBER

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 15/16 October

Plate: £541.98 Envelopes: £707.02 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1647.25

Ghana Donations £100.00

Lourdes Tea Money £ 23.70

CAFOD Harvest Fast £594.71

Thank you for your generosity.

Retreat Weekend Away for Parish Young People

(of secondary school age 11-18)

17- 19 March 2017 in Keswick.

Transport to Keswick by parish minibus leaving the parish Friday, 17 March to arrive in time for supper in Keswick. Minibus returns to the parish in the afternoon of Sunday, 19 March. Cost is £45 per young person or £80 for two siblings.

All details will be confirmed closer to the date. Any questions? Please contact the parish office.



FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 1st November
in the Parish Meeting Room.

"Risen"

starring Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton ("Harry Potter" films), Peter Firth and Cliff Curtis.

Entrance will be by donation, so please be your usual generous selves. There will be a glass of wine - but feel free to bring your own bottle as well, and with nibbles and raffles it will be a great night for everyone. Please let us know if you are coming as places are limited.

Call the Parish Office 727 2493. Proceeds to Ghana.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND THEIR RELATIVES

On Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm, Holy Mass for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed will be offered in a special way. We will remember those who have died in the past two years along with our deceased priests, friends and family members. All are welcome to attend this Mass and are asked to bring along a photograph (in a stand-up frame) to place before the Altar preceding the Mass. ALL are welcome and please invite bereaved friends and family to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after Mass.

ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE

Autumn Charity Concert

Saturday 22nd October 2016 7pm

@ St Anne's, Overbury Street L7 3HJ

Tickets £5 on door, or 709 1713 or

illainfo@asylumlink.org.uk

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

MASS ATTENDANCE 15/16 October

6.00pm: 159 9.30am: 163 11.00am: 192

Parish Dinner Dance

Friday 18th November 2016

at Liverpool Cricket Club

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Ticket Price: £25

Dress Code: Black tie (optional)

We have booked the very popular Gerry Jones Band who played for our St Patrick's Night Ceilidh earlier in the year. Tickets are now available from the Parish Office. There is a limit on numbers so tickets will be issued strictly on a 'first come first served' basis with



Knights of St Columba Council 9

Charity Social Evening



at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Club, High Park Street, Liverpool L8 8DX, on 12th November 2016 at 8.30pm, featuring Freddie Lloyd, Bingo and Raffle.

Tickets £5.00 from Pat Mc Gann phone 07825 236064 or pay at the door.

Sponsored Walk

Many thanks for the very generous donations we have received for our " Steve Dooley Memorial Walk" in aid of the children's charity "Chics" you have raised over £6,100 we have also secured a £3,000 donation from Barclays Bank, when we add in gift aided donations we should be able to reach £10,000, a magnificent achievement and it is down to you all.

Thank you so much.

David Linford, Grand Knight Council 9

MESSY CHURCH

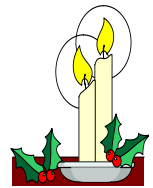
Come along to Messy Church
Saturday 29 October 11-1pm.
Our theme this month is 'Messy Memories', lots of messy crafts, activities and stories followed by a tasty lunch for us all to enjoy.
For more info ring Nickie on 07545 613590



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT THE LIVERPOOL PHIL

Thursday 22nd December, 7.30 pm

A wonderful evening of Christmas music by the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, Orchestra and Youth Choir conducted by Ian Tracey and hosted by Classic FM's John Suchet.



ONE WEEK TO BOOKING DEADLINE

9 SEATS LEFT

Tickets £28 per person. This is at a considerable discount. If you would like to go please give your name and payment to Val at the Parish Office by **Monday 31st October.**

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.



Christmas Fair

Sunday 20th November

10.30am

in St Charles Meeting Rooms. Tombola, home bake, toys, raffle. Admission adults 50p, children free.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

1st Prize - Food Hamper
2nd Prize - Bottle Bourbon
3rd Prize - £10.00

Tickets £1.00 per strip will be on sale after all Masses today.

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

Pope Francis and the Holy Rosary

Twelve hours after his election as the 266th successor of St. Peter, Pope Francis made a quiet visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major to venerate the famous icon of Our Lady known as *Salus Populi Romani* (protectress of the Roman people). The Holy Father placed a small bouquet of flowers before the icon and sang the *Salve Regina*. Cardinal Abril y Castelló, the archpriest of St. Mary Major, explained the significance of the Holy Father's veneration:

"He decided to visit the basilica, not only to thank the Blessed Virgin, but, as Pope Francis said to me himself, to entrust her with his pontificate, to lay it at her feet.

Being deeply devoted to Mary, Pope Francis came here to ask her for help and protection."



Pope Francis' Devotion to Our Lady

Pope Francis didn't always have such a deep devotion to Our Lady, or to praying the Rosary. Father Jorge Bergoglio was 49 when he fell in love with Our Lady. Two encounters with Mary in the 1980s transformed the future Pope Francis' devotion to her; witnessing Pope St. John Paul II praying the Rosary, and discovering the sacred painting of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. To understand why Father Bergoglio's devotion to Mary underwent a radical transformation, it is important to know something of the traumatic events that led up to this moment in his life. He had served as the Jesuit provincial during Argentina's 'Dirty War', when the military and paramilitary death squads conducted state-sponsored terror, resulting in the killing of as many as 49,000 civilians. Left-wing guerrillas also killed 6,000 military, police and civilians. The death squads singled out for execution anyone working with the poor, including priests, religious and catechists. Father Bergoglio used his position to publicly criticize the violence of the junta and the guerrillas. But more than this, he put his own life at risk by rescuing people from the death squads and helping others to evade arrest, providing them with the means to flee the country. He personally drove through the streets of Buenos Aires with men and women in his car who were being hunted by the regime. It has been estimated that Father Bergoglio saved at least 100 people during the 'Dirty War'. Pope Francis has admitted that the stress of living through those times resulted in personal problems for him: *"I had to deal with difficult situations, and I made my decisions abruptly and by myself. My authoritarian and quick manner of making decisions led me to have serious problems and to be accused of being ultraconservative."*

Like countless Catholics before him, Father Bergoglio turned to Our Lady in his pain and suffering.

Two years after the end of the 'Dirty War', Father Bergoglio witnessed Pope St. John Paul II praying the Rosary. This encounter most probably took place during Pope John Paul's apostolic visit to Latin America in 1985. Following Pope John Paul's death, Cardinal Bergoglio gave this personal testimony on the impact this had on his life:

"I felt that this man, chosen to lead the Church, was following a path up to his Mother in the sky, a path set out from his childhood. And I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego: 'Don't be afraid; am I not your mother?' I understood the presence of Mary in the life of the Pope. That testimony did not get forgotten in an instant. From that time on, I recited the 15 mysteries of the Rosary every day."

It's as if, at that moment of inspiration, St. John Paul's deep devotion to Our Lady was passed on to the man who would succeed him as successor of St. Peter 28 years later.