

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 30th October 2016

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 29th Sun 30th		6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Fred Ferguson (bd) Parishioners Michael Amuah (ld)
Mon 31st		10.00 am	Heron, Kelly and McKeivitt (A)
Tue 1st	All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	12.00 noon 7.00 pm	Margaret Farrell (A) Gilbert Fyles (ld)
Wed 2nd	Mass at St Charles School All the Faithful Departed	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Pious List Deceased Parishioners & relatives
Thu 3rd	Healing Mass	12 noon	Pious List
Fri 4th	St Charles Borromeo	10.00 am	Pious List
Sat 5th Sun 6th	Vigil 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Bridget Buckley (RIP) Parishioners Fr Strowbridge (60 yrs Jubilee)



"Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham."

Luke 19:9

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: Mary Kavanagh, Frank Morris, Maureen Norris, William Fraser, Barbara Pratt, Eileen Quinn, Elliot Price, William Dunn, Heron, Kelly & McKeivitt families, Margaret Farrell, Doreen Sinnott.

LATELY DEAD: Sr Bernadette (Bernie) Gannon, John Hutchinson, Gilbert Fyles, Katherine Howard.

ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 1st November the Feast of All Saints it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, Masses will be at **12 noon and 7pm.**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIETY will be making a collection after all Masses today.



SOUP & A ROLL

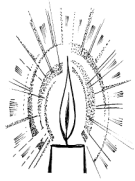
will be served in the Parish meeting room after the 12 noon Healing Mass on Thursday 3rd November. Everyone welcome.



FUNERAL MASS

Sister Bernadette (Bernie) Gannon's Funeral Mass is on Friday 4th November at 1pm in Birkdale. If any Parishioners are planning to attend, please contact the Parish Office, so we can inform the Convent of how many will be attending.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Janey Patten** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Michael Marney**.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The second session for group 1 will take place on Thursday 3rd November at 6.30pm.

The second session for group 2 will take place on Saturday 5th November at 1pm.

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB There will be no Youth Club on Monday 31st October. Recommences next Monday 7th November.

CHANGE OF SATURDAY MASS TIME

The result of the recent vote 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.

MUSIC ON 6 NOVEMBER

9.30 am MUSIC GROUP
11.00am ORGAN



OFFERTORY 22/23 October

Plate: £489.71 Envelopes: £727.92 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1615.88

Lourdes Tea Money £27.02

World Mission Sunday £264.13

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE 22/23 October

6.00pm: 138 9.30am: 184 11.00am: 173

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.



THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE will be on the Altar during the month of November.

ASSIN FOSO, GHANA UPDATE

A small committee has been formed to take forward the development of links between the parishes and schools in the coming months. The committee members are Julie Devine, Jim Doyle, Jacinta Hardman, Sean Morgan, Susan Murray and Tony Wardale and we will be telling you a bit more about the work we have started after communion today.

We have some fund raising activities organised:

- Sunday 13th November a sale of pictures painted by Ossie Jones including scenes from Liverpool and Ghana. The pictures will be £20 each and there are some examples available to see today.
- Twiddlemuffs and knitted hats will be sold during Advent.

Money raised (and also at the Film night) will be used to send some items to the school for Christmas.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

SAMUEL GROUP for YOUNG ADULTS starting in Liverpool

Samuel Group is an experience of reflection and prayer for young adults aged between 18 and 30 who are seeking to discern God's will for their lives.

The programme includes:

- * Monthly meetings in Liverpool
- * Sharing with other young adults
- * Guest speakers sharing their story
- * Time of Silent Prayer (Adoration)
- * One to one spiritual direction

The first meeting is on the 27th November at 4pm in **St Charles' Church Aigburth**, Liverpool, L17 9PG

For more information and an application form, contact SamuelGroupLiverpool@gmail.com

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 payment required in advance.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2016

We would like to thank the parishioners of St Charles and St Thomas More for their very generous collection of £692.55. It will enable Nicanora's community of farmers in the high Andes of Bolivia to journey from poverty to a brighter future. We will keep you updated. **Justice & Peace Group.**

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. Rehearsals are open to all and there is ample car parking space outside the church.

PARISH MINIBUS

The minibus has become a reliable asset of our parish. It enables elderly parishioners to get to Sunday Mass, provides supplementary transport for our school, takes parish and youth groups to various activities and facilitates the work of the SVP with furniture deliveries. It's been a way of turning the framework of the Beatitudes into practical outcomes.

However, the parishioner who has undertaken the maintenance management is no longer able to do so. No particular mechanical aptitude is required but volunteers should be capable of patience, thoughtfulness and consistency: standard drivers' qualities!

More details of what's entailed via the Parish Office. It's too useful an asset to lose . . .

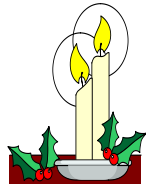
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT THE LIVERPOOL PHIL

Thursday 22nd December, 7.30 pm

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

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.**



FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 1st November

7.30pm

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 Assin Foso, Ghana**

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 on sale after all Masses today.

Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015/2016

November: Month of the Holy Souls

On Tuesday 1st November, the Church celebrates the *Solemnity of All Saints*, a Holy Day of Obligation when we honour all the Holy Souls who are now with God in heaven. The following day, on 2nd November, we remember and pray for the *Holy Souls in Purgatory* and all the 'Faithful Departed'. Later this month, on Sunday 13th November, we have *Remembrance Sunday* when we pray for, and remember, victims of war and those who have given their lives in battle for the peace and freedom that we value today. The need and duty of praying for the departed souls has always been recognised by the Catholic Church. This duty has found expression not only in public and private prayers, but especially in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of souls. We should pray for the dead not only in November, but throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death. In this month of the Holy Souls, it is beneficial to devote some time every day to remember and pray for the deceased. We could start with those closest to us, our mother and father for instance, and our family and friends, but we should also offer prayers for all the souls in purgatory, especially for those most forsaken or forgotten; those who have no loved ones to pray for them.



'From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.' [CCC: 1032].

During his homily on All Souls Day 2014, Pope Francis shared the following prayer of hope and encouragement:

God of infinite mercy,

We entrust to Your immense goodness all those who have left this world for eternity, where you await all humanity, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ Your Son, who died to save us from our sins.

Look not Lord, at our poverty, misery and human weaknesses when we present ourselves before You to be judged.... Gaze upon us with pity, born of your tender heart and help us to walk the path of purification. May none of your children be lost to the eternal fires of hell, where repentance is no more.

We entrust to you Lord, the souls of our beloved departed, of those who died without the comfort of the Sacraments or who did not have the opportunity to repent, not even at the end of their life.

May no one fear the encounter with you at the end of their earthly pilgrimage, in the hope of being welcomed within the embrace of your infinite mercy. May sister death find us in prayerful vigilance, and full of all the good we have done during our existence, be it long or short.

Lord, may nothing distance us from you on this earth, may everything and everyone support us in our ardent hope to serenely and eternally rest in You. Amen.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts through prayer, works of mercy, almsgiving and the Holy Mass, to release their souls from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day; one for visiting a church, and another for visiting a cemetery. A plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery can be obtained every day from 1st to 8th November. Since a plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment for sin, it means that souls to whom the plenary indulgence is applied are released from Purgatory so that they may finally enter the fullness of Heaven. The Church devotes the whole month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is certainly a good way to begin this month.

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.

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.