

THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 6 November 2016

| DAY | FEAST | TIMES | MASS INTENTION |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Sat 5th Sun 6th | | 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | Bridget Buckley (RIP) Parishioners Fr Strowbridge (60 yrs Jubilee) |
| Mon 7th | | 10.00 am | Pious List |
| Tue 8th | | 7.00 pm | Pious List |
| Wed 9th | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 12 noon | Pious List |
| Thu 10th | St Leo the Great | 12 noon | Pious List |
| Fri 11th | St Martin of Tours | 11.00 | George Garnell Funeral Service |
| Sat 12th Sun 13th | Vigil 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am | William Brady & Betty Webster (RIP) Mary Margaret Owens (A) Parishioners |



Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.

Luke 20:38

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: Elliot Price, Alex Price, William Dunn, Ruth Ryan, Frederick Harrison, Mary Johnston, Anne Glavisky, George Fitzsimmons, Francis Hourston, Monica Hanratty, Ann Dolphin, Rosemary Braga, Josephine Atkin, John McDonnell, Alice Seddon, Sally Lewis, Christopher Kelly, Mary Margaret Owens, Tony Lonergan

LATELY DEAD: Mary Gill, Rhona Cullen, George Garnell

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

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.



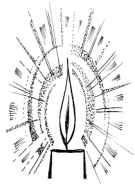
PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets on Monday 7th November. All welcome. Contact 727 2195 for information.



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.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Tony Lonergan (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Michael David Marney (Int)**



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.**

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.

SATURDAY MASS TIME

As a result of the recent vote, from 26th November (1st Sunday of Advent) the new Mass time will be **5.00pm.**

MUSIC ON 13 NOVEMBER

9.30 am ORGAN

11.00am MUSIC GROUP



OFFERTORY 29/30 October

Plate: £487.66 Envelopes: £607.27 S/O: £398.25

Total: £1493.18

Lourdes Tea Money: £23.02

Film Night (Ghana): £136

St Charles School donation (Ghana): £152.20

Thank you for your generosity.

YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

I would like to invite all the young adults (18-35) in our parish to join me for Mass and a meal on **Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm.** If you are able to attend please contact St Charles Church stcharles@church.org.uk.

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB re-commences Monday 7th November.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE 29/30 October

6.00pm: 138 9.30am: 160 11.00am: 197

Parish Dinner Dance

due to be held at the Cricket Club on Friday 18th November has had to be cancelled because of lack of support.

POSTCARD EVENT to mark the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act

The Union of Catholic Mothers and the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are working together to commemorate the lives of unborn children lost by abortion since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act.

There are postcards at the back of the Church if you wish to complete it asking your MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please support this initiative which gives us an opportunity to make voices heard on behalf of unborn children.

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 has 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 is too useful an asset to lose . . .



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

SAFEGUARDING

This month our parish is to be audited by the Archdiocese. The purpose of the audit is to ensure our safeguarding procedures are in place. All volunteers are required to be DBS checked before undertaking roles involving children and vulnerable adults. Please check that your DBS certificates are up to date. (Renewal every 3 years) If necessary, self declaration forms can be collected from the office.



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.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

If you can help at the Christmas Fair please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

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

Tickets on sale after all Masses today.

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.

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.

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS (TOOT) 2016

At the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane L15 6WT

Nov 8th & Dec 13th

These days are for anyone involved in ministry or the service of others. With time for silence and personal reflection they help to re-charge our energies.

Days begin at 10am, with coffee, and end about 4pm. Please bring your own food, tea and coffee provided. Offering for the day is £10 per person.

For further information contact Sr Winnie Morley, 0151 722 2271, winniecenacle@mail.com.

Can you help? There are two tea bars in the **Women's Hospital** which raise funds to support mothers and their babies. Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep them running? For more information phone Jacqui on 727-5961.

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 10am - 12 noon 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.