

# THE PARISH OF ST CHARLES AND ST THOMAS MORE

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## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - 12th November 2017

DAY	FEAST	TIMES	MASS INTENTION
Sat 11th Sun 12th	<b>Vigil</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Joseph Ennis (A) Rhona Cullen (A) Parishioners
Mon 13th		7.00 pm	Pious List
Tue 14th		9.30 am	Pious List
Wed 15th		12 noon	Pious List
Thu 16th	St Margaret of Scotland	12 noon	Pious List
Fri 17th		No Mass	
Sat 18th		10.00 am	Joan Sunners (ld)
Sat 18th Sun 19th	<b>Vigil</b> <b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	5.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Mary Margaret Owens (A) Peter & Helen Kane (A) Parishioners



*The bridegroom replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."*

*Matthew 25:13*

**Confessions:**

Mon 6.30 pm  
 Thur 11.30 am  
 Sat 9.30 am

**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:** Christopher Francis Kelly, Patricia Burns, Ellen McCann, John Patrick Connolly, Elizabeth Edwards, Frederick Williams, Albert Edward Williams, James Lawton Charles, Philip Edward Thompson, Dorothy Margaret Cowan, Mary Anne Byrne.

**SICK:** Elizabeth Reid, Russell Grindley, Paula Williams, Harry Sheridan

**Please prayer for all those on the Pious List.**



to any visitors and new parishioners.

**PRAYER INTENTION BOOK**

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

Please note the deadline for the next Parish Newsletter is

**8.00 PM TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit this week for **Harry Mason (A)** and the **Marian Candle** is lit for **Calie Ledgeway (Id)**



## 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.

## 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**

## New Altar Servers

We currently need more Altar Servers for our Sunday Masses. If your child is in year 4 or above and would like to serve at Mass, please bring him/her along 15 minutes before Mass begins and they will start to receive training.



## MUSIC ON 19 November

9.30am MUSIC GROUP

11.00am ORGAN



## OFFERTORY 4/5 November

Plate: £587.33 Envelopes: £647.81 S/O: £411.25

**Total: £1646.39**

**LAMP SUNDAY £93.18**

**Tea Money Lourdes £36.26**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## MASS ATTENDANCE 4/5 November

5.00pm: 172 9.30am: 182 11.00am: 171

**Total: 525**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Today, we remember all service men and women who have died defending our country in the two world wars and all recent conflicts.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
we will remember them.*

In this season of Remembrance, James Finnegan, who is living here in the House of Discernment, will deliver a talk on the role of British Christianity in the commemoration of those who have died in war. This will take place in the Hall after the 7pm Mass on Monday 20th November. Refreshments will be provided.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve, and during Christmas week, oil candles will be lit and left burning for 7 days around our church in remembrance of our loved ones. 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 along with their name. Write 'Memorial Candle' on the front and post it through the letterbox at the Presbytery or leave it in the sacristy.



## PRAYER.

The Jesuits run two very useful websites: "**Sacred Space**", and "**Pray as You Go**" which provide a prayer and reflection for each day and a simple method of meditation. Could be useful for those few spare minutes you may have at lunchtime.

Visit: [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) and  
[www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

## ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Once again we ask if you would like to donate toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks (**NO CLOTHES**) 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

**After all Masses, Saturday & Sunday, 2nd & 3rd December**

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

**If you have any unwanted gifts, or bottles for the Tombola (NO BRIC-A-BRAC or TOYS)** 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

If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 1.30-3.00pm in Parish Meeting Hall  
All are welcome! Come and meet us!

This month's activities:

Thursday, 9th November - Musical Memories  
Thursday, 16th November - Local History  
Thursday, 23rd November - Quiz  
Thursday, 30th November - Christmas Crafts



**Thought for the Week:** I ask that God, through my freedom, may orchestrate my desires in a vibrant, loving melody, rich in harmony.

## EMBRACE LIVERPOOL - CALLED – “COME YOU WHOM MY FATHER HAS BLESSED”

**Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**  
**25 November 9.30 – 6pm**



An exciting one-day conference for young Catholics in the heart of Liverpool. Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration, great talks and fantastic workshops! Bring your friends, let's pack out the Cathedral and show that the Church is ALIVE.

Register now [EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK](http://EMBRACE-LIVERPOOL.ORG.UK)

## LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

The weekend of the 25/26<sup>th</sup> November is to be the beginning of the LiveSimply journey for all of us in the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More. As a parish and as individuals we are already doing many things to live more simply. To recognise what we do and to develop it further, the Justice and Peace Group has applied to CAFOD to become a *LiveSimply Parish*



**CAFOD**  
just one world

We are hoping that many of you will become involved with this Parish initiative. *Watch this space!*



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

- 1st Prize - Food Hamper
- 2nd Prize - Wine Hamper
- 3rd Prize - Bottle of Whisky



Tickets on sale after Mass.

## Carol Service 7.30 pm Thursday 21st December

### Calling all choristers!

Rehearsals have started for our annual carol service each Wednesday in the church starting at 7.00 pm and lasting about an hour. All ages and levels of ability welcome. Please contact Jeremy Mitchinson for more details.



## WANTED: USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of church for used postage stamps, cut out from envelopes with a wide border please, for the Marie Curie Centre in Woolton.

## A Vocation Prayer

Almighty God,

You have given me the gift of life and the gift of your Holy Spirit. For these incredible gifts, I thank you. Help me to use them well. Deepen within me a desire to do your will.

Help me to hear and answer your call to serve you.

Guide me to the vocation you have chosen for me.

As a loving spouse and parent in the Sacrament of Marriage. As a single person living a life of generous service, or through a special call to serve you in Religious life or the Priesthood.

May your Holy Spirit keep me close to your Son, Jesus, and help me to say Yes to Him with the gift of my life.

## PIZZA AND PRAYERS YOUTH GROUP

Exciting new start for the **Pizza & Prayers youth group** working as a team to discuss what 'Church' means to us. We were thinking about all the people who support our church in the many diverse ways that keep us together as a church family. Our next meeting will be the 19th of November 6.30-8 pm in the meeting room. All secondary school age pupils welcome.

## SATURDAY MORNING MASS

There is now a morning Mass every Saturday at 10am.

NB: This Mass **does not** fulfil your Sunday Obligation

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

You are invited to submit the names of any relatives or friends (with their permission) to be published in this section of the Newsletter. Upon request, names will be listed for a period of 4 weeks from the date of submission, unless otherwise requested. Please contact the Parish Office.

## Christmas Services



**Sunday 17th December**

3.00 pm Children's Nativity

**Thursday 21st December,**

7.30 pm Carol Service

**Saturday 23rd December, Vigil Mass**

5.00 pm Mass

**Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve**

9.30 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

4.30 pm Carols

5.00 pm Family Mass

(First Mass for Christmas for children and young families)

12.00 Midnight Mass

**Monday 25th December, Christmas Day**

9.30 am and 11.00 am

**Tuesday 26th December, Boxing Day**

12.00 noon

## Date for your diary:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm Advent Reconciliation Service

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

7.30pm Parish Carol Service

## 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).